

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission  
Meeting: July 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. at the Elkader Genealogy Office.

Attending the meeting were Chairperson Lee Embretson and commission members David Beck, Ellen Collins, and Bruce Collins.

### **Agenda**

The agenda for this meeting was presented. A motion was made by Ellen Collins to accept the agenda as presented. That motion was seconded by David Beck; the motion passed unanimously.

### **Minutes**

The chairperson asked if everyone reviewed the minutes and if there were any additions or corrections. Everyone read the minutes and there being no additions or corrections, David Beck made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Ellen Collins seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bruce Collins said for the county funds the beginning balance for the period was \$1,034.88 and during the period there were disbursements totaling \$1,008.78, which were approved for payment at our last meeting. These disbursement included a payment to Monumental Restoration for \$800.00 and reimbursements to Bruce Collins of \$208.78 for mileage and various other expenses, leaving an ending balance of \$26.10 as of 6/30/24.

For the commission's funds at Freedom Bank, during the period since our last meeting, there was a deposit of \$40.00, which was from commission member Sue Meyer as a memorial for our deceased commission member Lee Lenth. There being no other activity on this account, the ending balance is \$1,510.64.

## **Old Business**

Related to the easement agreement for the Barnum Cemetery discussed at our last meeting, Lee Embretson said he has not as yet followed up with Trace Bolsinger from Hertz Management related to having this signed by the property owners.

Related to the driveway for Barnum Cemetery, Lee Embretson said he has had no further discussion with the county engineer about this since our last meeting.

Fencing for the Barnum Cemetery was discussed: do we not want fencing, if we want fencing-what type of fencing and where do we want it, were among the topics discussed.

It was decided and a motion was made by Ellen Collins, seconded by David Beck to install fencing along the roadway perimeter of the cemetery space. That motion was passed unanimously.

Ideas for the type of fencing to install are to be brought to our next meeting.

Regarding a metal fabricated sign for the Barnum Cemetery—Ellen Collins said that Zach Marmann will do such a sign.

Related to the status of headstones in the possession of Monumental Restoration, Ellen Collins said she would follow-up with Sarah

Gunderson on status—repair status, when will they be returned, her ideas on installation, etc.

For the Meenan Cemetery—Ellen Collins said the fabricated metal sign has been removed from the cemetery to be repaired and painted.

Bruce Collins presented a draft of the wording on another sign for the Meenan Cemetery---a 3 mm aluminum sign with information about those buried there. That draft was reviewed and revised. The revised draft will be presented to thINK Signs for a quote to produce.

Discussion related to the Hartman Cemetery in Cox Creek Twp was tabled until our next meeting for commission member Sue Meyer to provide her expertise related to title and related legal questions about this cemetery.

On the Graham/Griffith Cemetery in Millville Twp. --there was some discussion. *(In an email subsequent to this meeting, Sarah Gunderson wrote that she would like to discuss the stones she found there.)*

## **Other Business**

A discussion was brought up related to the Winkowitsch Cemetery in Farmersburg Twp. David Beck said he would do some research related to those buried there for a proposed sign that our commission may place there.

Related to the Wolf Cemetery on Linda Hauschild's property, David Beck will follow-up for more information about this cemetery.

At 10:40 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Ellen Collins, seconded by Bruce Collins and passed unanimously.

Bruce Collins  
Secretary/Treasurer