

Minutes of Emergency Board Meeting April 7, 2020

Call to order: 1:00 pm

Roll call--Richard Phipps, Doris Morgan present, Sandra Van Dyke by phone

Pledge of Allegiance

This Emergency meeting was called due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the State of Emergency orders declared by Governor Newsom, and the Riverside County Health Department.

Manager Susie Forrest reported on the current orders issued by the State, and County Health Department; measures taken by other Districts, as well as advise and resources provided by attorney Steve Quintanilla.

Forrest's research prompted her to ask the board to consider proclaiming a Local State of Emergency. In doing so she would be granted the ability and authority to respond immediately to the order changes created at the city, county, state and federal governmental entities and Health Departments. Streamlining the endeavor to keep the District in compliance, maintaining the healthiest environment for the community and employees.

The manager outlined the contents of the Emergency Order she will put in place effective immediately. Ratification of the order will take place at the next regular board meeting.

Doris Morgan moved to declare a Local State of Emergency, granting the manager the authority to act in the best interest of community and the District, while keeping in alignment with the orders from Governor Newsom, and the Health Departments. Richard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Van Dyke", written in a cursive style.

Sandra Van Dyke

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001

STATE OF EMERGENCY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PALO VERDE CEMETERY DISTRICT PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Palo Verde Cemetery District (the "District") is an independent special district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the California Public Cemetery District Law, codified in Health and Safety Code Sections 9000 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 9020 provides that the Board of Trustees (the "Board") shall serve as the legislative body of the District, govern the District, and establish policies for the operation of the District; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was presented at a meeting called and conducted on April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has requested the Board of Trustees proclaim a State of Emergency based on the following:

1. That threatened existence of conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons in the District are present as a result of the increasing spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) across the state; and
2. That the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has confirmed multiple cases of individuals who have severe respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus, called COVID-19, as well as deaths caused by this illness; and
3. That the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and
4. That on March 4, 2020, California Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19; and
5. That the increase of reported cases and deaths associated with COVID-19 has also prompted the County of Riverside to proclaim a local and public health emergency; and
6. That a proclamation of a State of Emergency will assist in a coordinated public health response to reduce transmission and illness severity, provide assistance to health care providers, coordinate and mitigate public services

that may be disrupted from this emergency, and mitigate any other effects of this emergency on the citizens of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PALO VERDE CEMETERY DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals.

That the Recitals set forth above are true and correct.

Section 2. Proclamation of the Existence of a State of Emergency

That it is hereby proclaimed, that a State of Emergency now exists throughout the District and the Board of Trustees further proclaims and orders that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the District shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of the District.

Section 3. Necessary Actions

That the Board of Trustees hereby directs and authorizes the District Manager and designee and other appropriate staff members and District officials to take all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution subject to any modifications as may be approved by the Board of Trustees from time to time during the State of Emergency.

Section 4. Severability.

That should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of the Resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.

That all the provisions heretofore adopted by the Board of Trustees that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date.

That this Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.


Section 7. Certification.

That the Secretary shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 7th day of April, 2020.


Richard Phipps, Board Chair

ATTEST:


Sandra Van Dyke, Board Secretary

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Sign In Sheet

John Doe
Jacqueline Hume

PALO VERDE CEMETERY DISTRICT

AGENDA

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

343 W. 10th Ave, Blythe, California

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this part of the meeting, the public is invited to address the Board of Trustees only on the matter listed on this Emergency Meeting agenda. Unless additional time is authorized by the Board of Trustees, remarks on Agenda items shall be limited to 3 minutes.

If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please wait to be recognized by the Presiding Officer when that Agenda item is opened for public comments.

4. RESOLUTION 2020-001 DECLARING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

5. ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA IS HEREBY CERTIFIED TO HAVE BEEN POSTED AT OR BEFORE 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 7, 2020



Susie Forrest, District Manager