

Hinckley-Deseret Cemetery District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 07, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Hinckley Lions Building

In attendance:

Hinckley-Deseret Cemetery District: Matt Eliason, Dianne Greener, Rick Moody, Chris Palmer, Skip Taylor –
Sextons: Mark Talbot – **Secretary:** Deb Wagner.

Absent: Daryl Dutson, Kell Manis – **Guests:** Gary Greener

Matt Eliason, Board Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM by leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Skip made a motion to accept minutes as presented from the October 16, 2024, meeting; Rick seconded the motion – the motion passed unanimously without changes.

Millard county offers a courtesy printing of public budget meetings on the property tax notices. This year there was an error for the Hinckley Deseret Cemetery District Meeting. Rather than Wednesday, December 4th it was advertised for Saturday, December 7th. Is the board available for the Saturday 7th date? It was determined that there are conflicts with company Christmas parties so we should hold the meeting on Wednesday, December 4th. To help assure that the public is aware of the change we will run the public notice for three weeks rather than two.

The replacement building, (*A-frame, 14 ga, 20'x25', leg height 9', man door and 10'x8' roll up door*) for the Hinckley Cemetery is on order. The mowers are currently being stored at Mark's and the aerator is being stored at Skip's. The old buildings have been moved and the area smoothed. Dutson's supply has agreed to provide a discount for the road base and cement. The road base has been delivered. Travis Stanworth will complete the cement work consisting of a monolithic footing and pad to include an 8 foot work pad.

The aerator, which has a Honda motor, seems to be in great shape. Do we want to keep it or sale it? We will keep it to use in the spring and then determine if we want to sell it at a later date. The sod cutter has been repaired but is in pretty bad shape. There is no guarantee how much longer it will hold up. Matt found a used sod cutter for \$1,800 if the board felt it is a good investment. Skip made a motion to purchase a second sod cutter for \$1,800, Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Matt will follow up with the purchase.

There is a 5'x8' piece of duct work at Hinckley that was used last year with a small torch to thaw the ground for winter burials. It would be a more efficient heating tool during the winter is we had a concrete blanket to place over the duct work with low heat to help prepare for winter burials. Dan Harris has a used blanket that he would be willing to sell the cemetery for \$120.00. Matt made a motion to purchase the concrete blanket and Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Power for the new building in Hinckley is available. Some modifications will need to be made. The meter will be on the south side of the building. The power will be run underground and enter through the corner of the building.

We need to build another plot frame like the one in Hinckley for Deseret. The old mower at Deseret will also be kept for now.

Both cemeteries need lime fines to repair road access in the cemetery. Chris can secure the fines at no cost, but we would need to purchase delivery of the fines. Fjord can usually deliver on a backhaul at a reasonable price. Hinckley also needs to remove damaged benches to mitigate any liability associated with a bench collapse. Replacement benches will be determined at a later date.

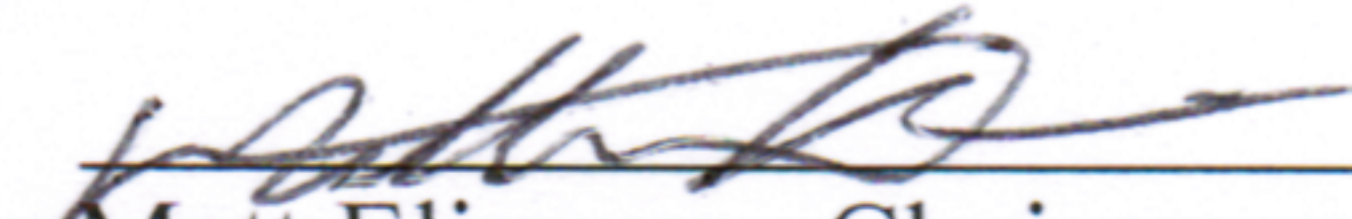
Matt talked to Trevor about the Truth and Taxation process. The district needs to schedule time at the next commission meeting to propose and discuss a tax rate increase.

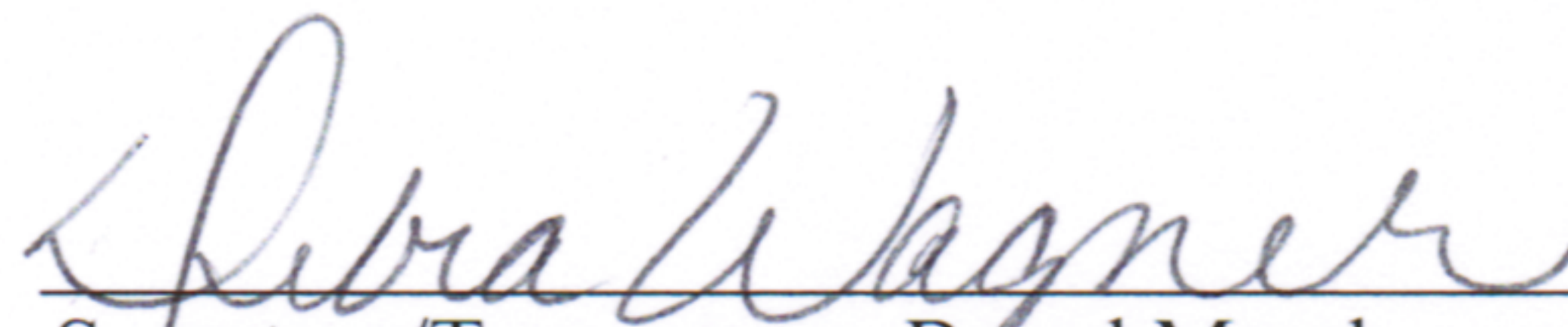
Deseret will get measurements and determine power availability for a new building. We will need to secure a loan from the county for the building and a small contingency to cover any costs associated with the project.

A 2025 proposed budget was prepared resulting in a 26% overall increase. The increase to the operating budget was approximately 13% due to wage and insurance increases. The increase to the maintenance budget was approximately 4% due to increased costs for equipment, parts, utilities, and gas/oil costs. The increase to the capital budget is due to the expense of replacing the equipment/storage shed at the Deseret cemetery. The District Board Chairman will address the county commission meeting to review the revenue shortfall and discuss a loan from the county to help with the Deseret equipment/storage shed. Chris motioned to pass the proposed 2025 budget as discussed. Skip 2nd the motion. The motion passed by majority.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4 – 7:00 PM at the Hinckley Lions Club Building, 240 West Center Street, Hinckley, Utah. This will be a public meeting. The public notice will run for three weeks rather than two.

Chris motioned to adjourn at 8:35 PM, Matt 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.


Matt Eliason – Chairperson


Secretary/Treasurer or Board Member