

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes August 19, 2023

The scheduled meeting was called to order about 10:30 a.m. at the Eastman Pioneer Cemetery in Mendon Township near McGregor. Attending this brief meeting conducted while standing under a tree at the cemetery were Chairperson Lee Embretson and commission members Bruce Collins and Ellen Collins. Also in attendance was friend of the commission Dave Beck.

Prior to the meeting there was a work session by those at the cemetery meeting and they cleared brush and trimmed tree limbs, tall grass and weeds that were growing in a portion of the cemetery that was not maintained. The brush and limb branches were loaded on a trailer and removed from the cemetery.

On the agenda, a motion was made and passed to approve the agenda as presented.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the prior meeting as presented.

The Treasurer's report was given. On the county funds, for this fiscal year the balance available is \$1,937.25 and the commission funds in the account at Freedom Bank is \$1,470.64 with \$220.64 restricted to be used at the McClelland Cemetery and the balance is available to be used at the commission's discretion.

The commission members discussed the need for help with some of the physical work we want to do at cemeteries---clearing brush, installing grave stones and signage etc. as well as making forms to hold gravestones. It was agreed that it was okay to check with handyman, Charles Jaster to see if he would be agreeable to helping the commission with this work for a fee. Ellen Collins will followup with Charles Jaster on helping and learning the process for making gravestone forms from Frank Phippen.

There was some general discussion related to the Chinese railroad workers buried in Giard Township. More followup on this is needed.

The next meeting was scheduled for the second Saturday in September and it will be a work meeting installing a sign, gravestones and fencing at the Garretson Cemetery in Sperry Township.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Bruce Collins
Secretary
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