

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission
Meeting: March 08, 2025

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

In attendance were all commission members: Sue Meyer, David Beck, Ellen Collins, Bruce Collins and Chairperson Lee Embretson.

Agenda and Minutes

Both the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously. For the agenda, David Beck made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Sue Meyer. For the minutes, Sue Meyer made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Ellen Collins.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce Collins reported that there was no activity in the cash accounts since our last meeting. The county funds balance remains \$1,427.86 and the commission's bank balance at Freedom Bank remains \$2,010.86. David Beck made a motion to approve, Ellen Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Since our last meeting in January, related to the easement dimensions for the Barnum Cemetery, there have been discussions between Chairperson Lee Embretson, our county attorney, Zach Harrmann, the landowners, the Coulters, and their attorney. In an email dated March 05, 2025 from the Coulter's attorney, the Coulters said they would agree to a triangle easement of 90×90, (which is much bigger than the 10×30 agreement in their January easement proposal.)

After discussion by our commission, it was agreed that a counter proposal be made to the 90×90 triangle proposal made by the Coulters. Our proposal is

for a rectangular area of 180×20, which is less area than the 90×90 proposal, and also providing more viability to the gravestones that we have to display. (The 180 side runs parallel to the county road.)

During the meeting David Beck sent an email to our county attorney with our counter proposal noted above. (*Subsequent to this meeting and email was received that the Coulters accepted our counter proposal.*)

911 Signs at Pioneer Cemeteries

The county will install 911 signs at the Pioneer Cemeteries that we designate for \$75 per sign. David Beck made a motion to have this done for 10 cemeteries our commission designated. Bruce Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

David Beck and Sue Meyers are working on providing directions to the locations of these cemeteries for county employees to install the signs.

Allison Hockey

Allison Hockey was scheduled to attend our meeting to talk about cemetery mapping and how to apply for grants, but a call was received from her during our meeting and she said she was unable to attend because of personal family matters. She asked about attending our next meeting.

Winkowitsch Cemetery Sign

Bruce Collins presented a design for an 18"x 24" aluminum sign for the Winkowitsch Cemetery prepared by thINK Custom for \$105.00. David Beck made a motion to have this sign made as it was presented. Ellen Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Watkins Pioneer Cemetery

Bruce Collins presented a draft for a sign for the Watkins Cemetery near Osborne. David Beck is going to work on refining some of the wording in that draft.

Next Meeting

Because of scheduling conflicts, our next meeting is scheduled for the 1st Saturday of April, April 05th, and the time is one hour later than usual, 10:00 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting about 10:45 a.m.

Bruce Collins
Secretary/Treasurer