MINUTES
South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board
Conference Call Board Meeting
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 107
Columbia, South Carolina
3:00 p.m., November 23, 2010

Call to Order
J. W. Russ, chairman, of Conway, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Other members participating during the meeting included: Russel Floyd, vice chairman, of Spartanburg; John Bartus, of Mauldin, Roger Finch, of Honea Path; Thomas Johnson, of Charleston, Jacquelyn Petty of Union; and Rick Riggins of Lancaster.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Doris Cubitt, Administrator; Amy Holleman, Administrative Specialist; Michelle Sims, Administrative Assistant; Sheridon Spoon, Assistant General Counsel; and Michael Teague, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Russ announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Perpetual Care Cemetery Board office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. He noted a quorum was present.

Unfinished Business
Finalizing Cemetery Regulations
The Board reviewed the revised proposed regulations.

Discussion ensued in regard to allowing embalming on armed services personnel asking for green burial. It was noted during the discussion that Ramsey Creek does not make exemptions to burying decedents who have been embalmed and that those decedents must first be cremated. It was also noted that Ramsey Creek believes an individual joining the armed forces completes a form stating they do not wish to be embalmed.

The Board agreed to revise the definition of nature preserve by stating:

‘B. Decedents are not to have been embalmed, or embalmed only with approved non-toxic chemicals.’

‘E. Land criteria: A conservation burial ground nature preserve cemetery must.’

‘F. Start-up criteria. A conservation burial ground nature preserve cemetery must.’

‘G. Operations and management criteria. A conservation burial ground nature preserve cemetery must.’

The Board also asked that the definition for nature preserve state for the purpose of this regulation is a conservation burial ground.

MOTION
Mr. Floyd made a motion nature preserve, for the sake of this chapter, is a conversation burial ground for the interment of human remains. Mr. Bartus seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Russ asked if a plan or a policy would be developed for dealing with unauthorized grave decoration and landscaping in regard to 21.2(G)(4). Mrs. Cubitt stated it would be a policy.

Mr. Floyd stated 21.7 should read ‘The Board may permit cemeteries with multiple locations to maintain records at its primary instate location.’ He also stated line 191 under Regulation 21-13 should read withdraw or transfer all of or any portion.

**MOTION**

Mr. Floyd made a motion the Board approve the revised proposed regulations with changes as noted. Mr. Finch seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cubitt stated the changes would be made and sent to the members electronically for their review. The members should contact staff with any further changes no later than Monday, November 29, 2010. The regulations will be pre-filed on November 29, 2010.

**Finalizing Nature Preserve Policy**

The Board agreed to remove the reference to Green Burial Council from the policy.

Mrs. Cubitt stated the policy would contain the first five items as listed and staff would insert the nature preserve items from the proposed regulations. She noted the policy would reflect the proposed regulations.

**MOTION**

Mr. Floyd made a motion the Board approve the proposed nature preserve policy. Mr. Bartus seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION**

Mr. Bartus made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The November 23, 2010 meeting of the SC Perpetual Care Cemetery Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.