

**Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission  
Meeting Minutes, 23 March 2015**

The Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission met in meeting room A at the Burlington Public Library on March 23, 2015. Chairman Herb Price called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Commission members present were: Paul French, Herb Price Mike Allen, Stacy Bliesner, Kenton Klenk, Alan Mohr. No members of the public were present.

**Public Input:** None

**Approval of the Agenda:** Without dissent

**Approval of 26 Jan 2015 meeting minutes:** Without dissent

**Communication:** Paul French announced his plans to attend the Cemetery Preservation Training session 6 Jun 2015 at Corydon, IA.

**Old Business:**

- A. Dravis tree removal status -- hasn't yet happened, but is still anticipated.
- B. Avery Cemetery gravestone resetting -- hasn't yet occurred.
- C. Old Danville grassland project status -- Will contact LaVon Worley and Steve to explore our options.

**New Business**

- A. Current contractor can no longer mow Johnson Cemetery due to poor health. Joe Doss would mow it for \$300/yr, an increase from \$110/yr. Moved to approve by Mike Allen, seconded by Kenton Klenk. Approved. Revised contract will be prepared and sent out.
- B. Future work sessions:
  - Install pioneer cemetery sign at Mathis. We (Steve?) need to check with the land owner for permission.
  - Old Middletown. We need to work on grave markers, including evaluation for the need for new bases for some.
  - Clear brush at Berry Cemetery, a follow-up to last year's work.
  - Discussed weeds at Porter. Mike cleared around the fence last year. We need to clear a patch of brambles and poison ivy within the cemetery as well as maintain around the fence. The gate at the west end is reportedly in poor shape and should probably be replaced.
  - Spring Creek and Avery -- new bases at Avery are a priority, evaluate stone at Spring Creek for possible repair.
- C. All materials have been transferred from Fred.
- D. Next meeting 27 Apr 2015 combined with work session, 5:30 Old Middletown.

Motion to adjourn 6:15. Alan Mohr/Mike Allen