

Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 5:30PM, Burlington Public Library-Burlington, Ia

1. **Call to order:** 5:35 PM by Chairman Herb Price.
2. **Present:** Wendell Biggs, Herb Price, Steve Stoller, Alan Mohr, Paul French, Kenton Klenk and Mike Bloomer
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of current agenda:** Ok by all
5. **Approval of minutes taken 12/13/18 meeting:** OK by all
6. **Communication/correspondence:** Gerald Janssen resigned **due to health issues**
7. **Old Business and updates:**
 - a. Avery-stone straightening. No activity- Open. More D2 needed also.
 - b. Sourwine-gate need 53" opening. No activity- Open Discussed. Need a metal post driven and then a chain or cable across the opening. Herb has post.
 - c. Hukill-bring in stones and repair. No activity- Open
 - d. Ingram-Alan reports one stone might need repair in the future. Paul will examine D2 stones needed.
 - e. **Old Middletown-Paul repaired stone. Update-4/21/19 Paul, Herb replaced stone--Done**
 - f. Spring Creek- To do-Finish Stone straightening.
 - g. Berry-Cemetery Inspection No Activity- Open
 - h. Jackson-we still have one stone to repair in 2019. Cemetery looks good. D2 application, stone repair and stone straightening 2018--looks good.
 - i. Kingston- tree work? Needs lots of work with cedar tree problems. Been too muddy. Have talked to mower. Open
 - j. Old Danville-Controlled burn was done this fall with limited success. DNR will mow this winter. Burn again fall of 2019.
 - k. Hazel Grove-(High priority) Kenton will talk with Henry Thie to come up with fencing solution. We will help as needed. Joe Doss to be informed (mower for cemetery)
 - l. Driskell, Siefken, and Meyer Family- Weed/Brush control. Open
 - m. **Pleasant Grove holes- Wendell will investigate. Get mower inputs if needed. Some holes were filled this spring. Update-Wendell and Mark filed approx. 6 holes. Done**
 - n. **Butcher-Paul and Herb will cut brush by end of Dec. Done**
 - o. Millersburg-12/8 confirmed old fallen tree needs removed but can be done by members and no immediate urgency.

- p. Northfield- Stone straightening, possible tree limbs down. Update: Work session 4/25 rained out. Another scheduled for 5/2/19.
- q. Gallaher and Round Prairie-stone straightening. Open

8. New business

- a. **Gerald Janssen (Mower Contractor) resigned because of health issues. We thank him for many years of mowing cemeteries! 6 good mowers were interested. Decided by members that all 6 cemeteries to be bid out as one package to lowest bidder. Motion by Paul, second Steve, approved by all. Existing contract was for \$4635. Update: since meeting. Lowest bid was from Joe Doss at \$3950. Joe is a present contractor and I am certain he will do a good job. Bids only varied from lowest to highest by \$250 and we had excellent mowers bidding. 4/29 revised contract was prepared by Terri Johnson, signed by us and sent to Joe for his signature. Done**
- b. **Aspen Grove Cemetery offered meeting site. Approved by all. Meetings will be held there in the future. Done**
- c. Financial status-Wendell will get April ending summary and pass it along to all members. No surprises are expected. April will include the Dravis tree cutting expense by Jason Fidler.
- d. Tree work--sheet was prepared by Herb of all cemeteries and we are listing tree work needs and priority by cemetery. Since meeting Herb has looked at 9 cemeteries.

9. Adjournment: 6:20pm All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

10. Next Meeting: No future meetings were scheduled. Work sessions are planned and one scheduled 4/25, which was rained out and one rescheduled for 5/2/19. Work by members during the day will continue as weather permits and their schedule allows.