

Minutes of Meeting
Rose Lake Cemetery Discussion
February 11, 2014
3:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee, Commissioner Dan Green and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were County Surveyor Rod Jones, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes, and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions made.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**
The attendees met to discuss the Rose Lake Cemetery and options for maintaining this property.

Parks and Waterways Director Nick Snyder, residents Bob Strickland and Barney Layton, and Attorney Scott Ross joined the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

County Surveyor Rod Jones provided the attendees with a summary of his survey findings for the property line boundaries of the cemetery. Mr. Jones explained that there is a discrepancy on three sides of the property where the cemetery is encroaching on land that is owned by private residents. The Board acknowledged that these issues will need to be rectified prior to any further actions being taken with the cemetery land.

Once the property line issues are resolved, the Board will need to consider the options for maintaining the cemetery. The attendees discussed the option of the Rose Lake Cemetery being gifted to the group of volunteers that have been maintaining this land, but Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes advised that the land can only be gifted to appropriate public entities, such as a Historic Preservation Society. The attendees also discussed the option of this property being auctioned, but the Board explained that, as the property was deeded to the public as a public cemetery, that any individual that may purchase the property would need to maintain it as such. If at any time it was not maintained as a public cemetery the property would then revert back to the control of the County, which may present a challenge.

The Board inquired if any documentation existed that diagrams the burial plots at the cemetery and the attendees advised that there are markers, but no actual documentation. For this reason, the group agreed that until all of the issues are resolved, no further burials should take place.

The Board asked Mr. Jones and Ms. Holmes to work with Mr. Strickland, Mr. Layton and Mr. Ross to first begin the process of resolving the property line issues and then later determining which entity will be responsible for maintaining the grounds and conducting any new burials that may occur at the Rose Lake Cemetery.

F. Staff Reports: There were no staff reports.

G. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk
