

1 **MINUTES**

2 South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board
3 Conference Call Board Meeting
4 Synergy Business Park
5 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 107
6 Columbia, South Carolina
7 **3:00 p.m., November 23, 2010**
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10 **Call to Order**

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

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16 Staff members participating in the meeting included: Doris Cubitt, Administrator; Amy
17 Holleman, Administrative Specialist; Michelle Sims, Administrative Assistant; Sheridan Spoon,
18 Assistant General Counsel; and Michael Teague, Administrative Assistant.
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20 Mr. Russ announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C.
21 Perpetual Care Cemetery Board office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, provided to
22 all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of
23 the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. He noted a quorum was present.
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25 **Unfinished Business**

26 Finalizing Cemetery Regulations

27 The Board reviewed the revised proposed regulations.
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29 Discussion ensued in regard to allowing embalming on armed services personnel asking for
30 green burial. It was noted during the discussion that Ramsey Creek does not make exemptions
31 to burying decedents who have been embalmed and that those decedents must first be
32 cremated. It was also noted that Ramsey Creek believes an individual joining the armed forces
33 completes a form stating they do not wish to be embalmed.
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35 The Board agreed to revise the definition of nature preserve by stating:
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37 'B. Decedents are not to have been embalmed, or embalmed only with approved
38 non-toxic chemicals.'
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40 'E. Land criteria: A ~~conservation burial ground~~ nature preserve cemetery must:'
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42 'F. Start-up criteria. A ~~conservation burial ground~~ nature preserve cemetery
43 must:'
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45 'G. Operations and management criteria. A ~~conservation burial ground~~ nature
46 preserve cemetery must:'
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48 The Board also asked that the definition for nature preserve state for the purpose of this
49 regulation is a conservation burial ground.
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51 **MOTION**

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

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56 Mr. Russ asked if a plan or a policy would be developed for dealing with unauthorized grave
57 decoration and landscaping in regard to 21.2(G)(4). Mrs. Cubitt stated it would be a policy.
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59 Mr. Floyd stated 21.7 should read 'The Board may permit cemeteries with multiple locations to
60 maintain records at its primary instate location.' He also stated line 191 under Regulation 21-13
61 should read withdraw or transfer all ~~of~~ or any portion.
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63 **MOTION**

64 Mr. Floyd made a motion the Board approve the revised proposed regulations with changes as
65 noted. Mr. Finch seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
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67 Mrs. Cubitt stated the changes would be made and sent to the members electronically for their
68 review. The members should contact staff with any further changes no later than Monday,
69 November 29, 2010. The regulations will be pre-filed on November 29, 2010.
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71 **Finalizing Nature Preserve Policy**

72 The Board agreed to remove the reference to Green Burial Council from the policy.
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74 Mrs. Cubitt stated the policy would contain the first five items as listed and staff would insert the
75 nature preserve items from the proposed regulations. She noted the policy would reflect the
76 proposed regulations.
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78 **MOTION**

79 Mr. Floyd made a motion the Board approve the proposed nature preserve policy. Mr. Bartus
80 seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
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82 **Public Comments**

83 No public comments were made during this meeting.
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85 **Adjournment**

86 **MOTION**

87 Mr. Bartus made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion which
88 carried unanimously.
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90 The November 23, 2010 meeting of the SC Perpetual Care Cemetery Board adjourned at 4:30
91 p.m.