

Fountain County Cemetery Commission
Minutes for meeting on 4-3-2008

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Meeting started at 6:08 pm

American Pledge was recited.
Valerie Runion led the prayer

Roll Call: Present were Jasper Fogleman, Valerie Runion, and Ed Moyer.

Visitors present: Kim Martin, Loretta Livengood, and Sharon Roberts.

Jim Webber, Richard Rogers, Dale Cushman, and Terry Hardin were excused.

Chairman opened the meeting by reading a news release that has yet to be publicized.

It was noticed at the last meeting of the FCCC, that not one elected trustee of Fountain County was present. The FCCC was established to help trustees clean up the mess that old cemeteries have gotten into because a few trustees could not function. Plenty of money was set into the taxes to take a slow but purposefully clean-up. Trustees are not given the full amount collected by taxes and they have to beg/request to get funds. The FCCC is to try to do as much as we can without added taxes.

Indiana Code 23-14-67-3

A county cemetery commission may request the levy of an annual tax for the purpose of restoring and maintaining one (1) or more cemeteries described in section 1 of this chapter that are located in the county. The tax may not exceed fifty cents (\$.50) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of property in the county.

The FCCC so far has no budget to operate from. Small donations are arriving from private citizens, but not near enough. We still believe the trustees are collecting taxes (in their behalf but not budgeted enough to date). Additional taxes are not the answer we are seeking. We are seeking interest and participation of those we elected to do their jobs.

Ed Moyer clarified that the FCCC can only request a tax levy. The County Commissioners must make the final decision.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved unanimously, and signed.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved unanimously.

Donations: Leaf Rake, 2 probes, and a 3-prong garden claw (All tools will be painted fluorescent orange for quick identification).

FCCC received a donation of \$200.00 from the Genealogy Society.

Genealogy Society will also allow FCCC to use their gluing compound under supervision.

Mail Call: Welcome letter from Centre Bank

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Cain Township:
 - a. Old Town Cemetery-Tree removal did not begin because of the rain. Will resume at a later date.
 - b. Ellis Cemetery needs to be cleaned up.
2. Davis Township:
 - a. Maysfield Cemetery-FCCC will examine cemetery at a later date.
3. Jackson Township:
 - a. Jackville Cemetery-Town meeting will be held during the month of April to try to release some of the funds for cleanup. Walt Wilson to spray weed killer.
4. Logan Township:
 - a. Trustee has been called but FCCC has not received a return call.
 - b. Hatton Cemetery needs work.
5. Mill Creek Township:
 - a. Someone claims to have a couple of stones on their property. Ed Moyer to investigate.
 - b. Lee and Betty Williams have located a stone belonging to Peter Weaver on their property. Kim Martin of the Genealogy Society will investigate.
6. Shawnee Township:
 - a. No report.
7. Troy Township:
 - a. DeHaven Cemetery-Clean up has been done. FCCC to inspect.
 - b. Ed Moyer requested that a load of gravel be brought to Ward Cemetery so clean up can begin.
 - c. Milk Cemetery is also referred to as Long Cemetery and Meek Cemetery.
8. Van Buren Township:
 - a. Birch-Colvert Cemetery-Mrs. Hunter provided proof of cemetery's location with deeds. Location of the cemetery was staked. Clean up to begin on April 19, 2008 at 1:00 pm.
 - b. FCCC was informed of a cemetery located east of 70 West. FCCC has made three unsuccessful attempts to locate it but will continue to seek. Word of mouth claims 2 to 3 stones located there.

Chairman defined the Yucca plant and the Mulberry tree as detrimental to cemeteries.