

Fountain County Cemetery Commission
Minutes for meeting on 5-1-2008

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Meeting started at 6:00 pm

Valerie Runion led the prayer

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

Visitors present: Jim and Barb Short, Robert Shelby, Virginia Bennett, and Donald Shelby.

Dale Cushman was excused.

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

Treasurer's Report was read and approved unanimously.

Donations: Rick Roberts made and donated stakes for Birch-Colvert Cemetery.

Mail Call: Received letter from DNR inviting FCCC to first annual County Cemetery Commission Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Cain Township: No report
2. Davis Township: No report
3. Jackson Township:
 - a. Jackville Cemetery-Boy Scouts to begin clean up this weekend. Clifton Sharp is the troop leader.
4. Logan Township: No report
5. Mill Creek Township: No report
6. Richland Township:
 - a. Short/Murry/Dry Run Cemetery-Accident in March resulted in destruction of several stones. Photos were taken as evidence and turned in to insurance. Insurance to pay for repair and/or salvage of stones.
 - b. A cemetery has been located in this township but has not been named. No remains left. Currently being farmed.
7. Shawnee Township: No report
8. Troy Township:
 - a. Bend Cemetery-Pine tree needs to be trimmed. Other trees have already been removed.
 - b. Ward Cemetery-Walt Wilson will repair the drive to the cemetery. William Ward's military marker was discovered and given to Robert Shelby. It will be returned to FCCC and placed back in cemetery.
 - c. Poor Farm Cemetery-Road will be made leading to the cemetery. Next step will be to re-route the creek.

- a. Rob Roy Cemetery-Cleanup has begun on the cemetery.
6. Jackson Township:
 - a. Jackville Cemetery-Town meeting will be called at a later date to try to release some of the funds for cleanup.
 - b. Owner around the cemetery wants to use the brush to build a bird sanctuary.
 - c. Owner will allow access to cemetery as long as the number of people is kept to a minimum and in accordance with the law.
 - d. Sprague, a.k.a. Indian Bend Cemetery-Possibly located. This is an Indian Burial Site with possibly a few white people.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. By-laws were changed, voted on unanimously, and unanimously approved.
 - a. Change from second Thursday of the month to the first Thursday of the month.
 - b. Change location from American Legion Post 288 to D'Arlier Cultural Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Telephone call received from Mr. Burke. He claims to have located a cemetery North of Covington between Trojan Complex and Portland Arch Road. This cemetery was inspected by the FCCC and discovered it to be Milk Cemetery. The cemetery is one acre and believed to be 50 to 60 stones. There was a previous recording of this cemetery in the latest John Grubb deed. This cemetery is dilapidated and FCCC is currently planning reconstruction.
2. Ed Moyer is working on the budget for next year's funds. He spoke with Mr. Mallors from the Local Government and Finance Department in Indianapolis. He is seeking answers for FCCC regarding budget while the FCCC is trying to get local donations from Fountain County.
3. One idea for budget was given to Ed Moyer to establish collection points at local merchants for people to donate badly needed used tools, i.e. shovels, rakes, pruners, and hand saws.
4. Ed Moyer will talk to local hardware stores to see about weed killer donation and storage from their suppliers.
5. Ed Moyer has an acquaintance that is currently writing a grant for Underground Radar Equipment. If the grant is awarded then the FCCC will have access to the equipment that will help to locate stones and graves.
6. Kim Martin, president of the Genealogy Society, asked the FCCC for help with Ward Cemetery and Richardson Cemetery. They are requesting help with clean up and access permission.
7. It was reported to the FCCC that a car accident at Dry Run Cemetery resulted in the destruction of several stones. Hopefully insurance will help restore the stones.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.