

Fayette County Cemetery Commission
October 2, 2024

Those Present: Amanda Stevens, President, Kristy Vest, Vice President, Aimee Brumfield, Secretary, Donna Schroeder and Jarrod McGlothen, At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Amanda Stevens

The June minutes were read as there was no meeting in July or August. Kristy made the first motion to accept and Donna second. All in favor. Motion carried

Old Business:

The Woods family are asking again to move their ancestors' graves back to where they belong. They are currently in our old building up by the animal shelter. We will look into getting them back to where they belong.

Donna discovered an obituary for Alice Willcox, who was buried at "Bunker Hill" which is now known as Martin cemetery. She added her to the Find A Grave website as she doesn't have a headstone to mark her grave.

On the topic of Martin cemetery, Amanda mentioned that the fence is in bad shape all the way around the cemetery. We are considering removing the fence line in front and repairing the back and the sides. Most of the wooden fence posts are rotten.

Simpson cemetery has a groundhog or mole issue that is making a mess of the cemetery and has made a hole in a grave. We get some dirt to fill in the hole.

New Business

We have used the last of our funds at the VFW and will need flags for spring. We should talk to the VFW to ask if they will do a fundraiser for us again.

Chad Ripburger said he would build and paint the fence that goes between the field and the Kirkwood plot on CR 550 W. if we supplied the wood.

Jarrold was able to make a deal with Gillman to get the wood in exchange for an advertisement in the newspaper.

Amanda went to the budget hearing. She kept everything pretty much the same as last year.

Jarrold took a couple of buckets of dirt to Simpson cemetery. We believe a groundhog is the culprit. It will need more dirt as the hole is getting bigger and he is making more holes in the cemetery. We will look into options for eviction.

There is a mole at Robinson Chapel that is tunneling, and there is a large multi-layered stone in danger of falling over. We decided to plan a workday on Sunday Sept. 15th at noon to get it straightened back up and proper drainage put underneath before it falls.

Nancy Ruf contacted Donna about the cemetery on their property that they would like to have restored. It is located in a crop field that is used to pasture cattle during the winter months. Amanda and Aimee have expressed concern about there not being a fence around the cemetery area. Donna believes there might be a connection to the poor farm. We will have to use the GPR and probe the area to find the perimeter and stones under the soil. Donna will talk to Nancy and discuss their intentions on the fence and if October would be a good time to come out.

It was discussed that if the Museum becomes the Visitor's center we could move our meetings there. Donna will discuss with HCI and let us know.

The cups for our volunteers are in and need to be delivered to them.

First Motion to adjourn was made by Kristy and second by Aimee.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting: October 2, 2024 at 9am

Submitted by: Aimee Brumfield, Secretary