



Minutes of the Cemetery Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
REGULAR MEETING 4:00 P.M.

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 and Resolution 25-28.

A. Call to Order

Vice president, Jim Bloodhart, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Committee members present: Jim Bloodhart, Jeremy Hurley, Jake Trujillo, and Heidi Huckabee.

Staff present: Ruben Esquivel, Cemetery Superintendent, and Daisy Diaz, Cemetery Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Kyler Silva, Lara Daugherty, Angelica Taylor, and Doug Sadler.

C. Approval of Agenda

1. Mr. Jake Trujillo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Huckabee seconded. A voice vote was as follows: Jim Bloodhart- yes, Jeremy Hurley- yes, Jake Trujillo-yes, and Heidi Huckabee-yes and the motion to approve the agenda for February 17, 2026, passed 4-0.

D. Approval of Minutes

2. Mr. Hurley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Trujillo seconded. A voice vote was as follows: Jim Bloodhart- yes, Jeremy Hurley- yes, Jake Trujillo-yes, and Heidi Huckabee-yes and the motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026, passed 4-0.

E. Non-Action Items

3. Sexton's Report-

Superintendent Ruben Esquivel reported the burial services for South Park Cemetery and General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery as 24 services for January.

4. Bookkeeper's Report-

Mrs. Diaz reported total activity for January: 6 lot sales, 8 pay-offs, and 2 contracts.

5. Columbarium Panels at South Park Cemetery-

Doug Sadler of Sadler & Son Monument Works presented sample images showcasing the various engraving styles his company offers and has completed for other cemeteries. Families will be responsible for arranging and covering the cost of engraving after the placement of cremains in the columbarium. The estimated turnaround time for engraving is approximately 30–45 days.

6. Columbarium Fees at South Park Cemetery-

Mr. Esquivel presented the cost of single and double niches in town to get an idea of the cost. As the completion of the columbarium gets closer fees would have to be determined.

7. Burial for unclaimed veterans at General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery-

Mr. Esquivel stated he spoke to City Manager Yntema about burying unclaimed veterans that are currently at our local funeral homes. The burial would be done at no cost and they would be interred in the inground cremation area at the General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery. Funeral homes must be able to obtain the proper documentation to show unclaimed veterans were honorably discharged to be able to qualify. An Honorable Interment Ceremony for qualifying unclaimed veterans will be held in May. More information will be made available once all details are finalized.

F. Public Comments

None

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2026