

CLEARWATER CEMETERY DISTRICT

Clearwater Cemetery District
Board Meeting
April 9, 2026
6:30 PM, City Hall

1. Call to Order

Board member Ussery called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Burt Ussery, Mayor City of Clearwater and , Tim Erwin, Trustee Ninnescah Township, David Loos, Trustee Ohio Township were present. Mike Weakley was present via GoTo Meeting.

Others present: Gary Mast and Carol Reitberger, Cemetery Secretary.

3. Approval of Agenda

Ussery stated that he would like to make the #6 Business item a. Public Forum as a patron was present and wanted to address the Board.

MOTION: *Ussery* moved, *Loos* seconded to approve the agenda as modified. Voted and passed unanimously. 3-0

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes 3/12/2026
- b. March Accounts Payable
- c. March Receipt Report
- d. April Payroll

MOTION: *Ussery* moved, *Erwin* seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voted and passed unanimously. 3-0

5. Reports

- Workers Compensation Policy requires an update due to the hire wages paid to the Sexton. There is no limit change to the policy. The policy cost is increasing by \$14.00. The total Workers Compensation policy renewal price is \$932.00.
- 1 Burial was held in March, 1 marker was placed and lots were sold.
- Triple B has completed the grave opening and will deliver it to Mike as soon as he can.
- Mowing has started.

6. Business

a. Public Forum-

Gary Mast from Derby Kansas addressed the Board about a monolith he would like to put on his grave upon his death. He owns several lots in Section 7 south of the flagpole. A monolith is a large single upright piece of stone, one shaped into or serving as a pillar or monument. Mast will be cremated and wants the headstone on that lot or the lot that will remain empty. Before he talked to monument experts or Webb Shinkle, Mast wanted to check with Cemetery Board and see if it was even possible. Mast would put names of the people buried around him on the monolith.

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The Board read the rules and regulations. Monuments cannot exceed one-half of the width of the position (s) or a six-foot maximum, if it's going over two positions. The foundation must be at least 5 to 6 inches thick. Memorials shall be set in accordance with the general plan of the cemetery. Not more than two (2) memorials (headstones or foot stones) may be placed on a grave, one at the other at the foot, unless otherwise approved by the Cemetery. The one at the foot MUST be flat to the ground.

Ussery advised Mast to bring a drawing to a cemetery meeting with gravesites marked with measurements of bases and height of monolith and anything else that he wants to add. It can all be approved or denied at the time.

b. SB 396 Approved by the Governor 3-27-2026

Ussery received from the Secretary of State the Senate Bill No. 396. (a) The Board of Trustees of the Clearwater cemetery district is authorized to reorganize such Cemetery District by adoption of a resolution of reorganization to remove Ohio township from the district. Such resolution shall be adopted by a majority vote of the trustees.

(b) The reorganized cemetery district shall have 3 members as follows: The member from the city of Clearwater shall be the mayor, the member from Ninnescah township shall be the township trustee and one member shall be elected at-large. The resolution shall provide for the election of the at-large member of the board of trustees by the board of trustees at the next meeting of such board following the adoption of the resolution. The at-large member shall reside in either the city of Clearwater or Ninnescah township and shall represent the entire district. The at-large member shall stand for election by voters of the district on a nonpartisan basis at the 2026 general election and every four years thereafter. Ohio township and the reorganized Clearwater cemetery district may enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement regarding the future care of cemeteries and sharing of tax funds.

(c) A copy of the reorganization resolution shall be mailed to the Sedgwick County clerk. The reorganization of the cemetery district shall be deemed effective on January 1, 2026.

c. Other Business

David Loos asked if the mowing had started. Ussery stated that mowing had started and was going well. Ussery also stated that the road at Tracy and Diagonal was open.

7. Executive Session – No Executive Session

8. Comments – Erwin pointed out the County Clerk reminded the Ninnescah Townships that townships must pay monthly and in order to receive pay the members must be participating in business.

9. Adjournment

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.