The meeting of the Board of Cemetery Regents was held on April 10, 2019 at Highland Lawn Cemetery at 1:15 P.M. Those in attendance were B. Michael McCormick, C. Don Nattkemper, Cliff Stephens, Eddie Bird, Superintendent and Roxe Anne Kesner, Clerk. Kathy Dinkel was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Cliff Stephens. Cliff welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

The claims were reviewed. Don motioned to approve the claims. The motion was seconded by Mike, and the motion was carried.

The Collections from March 2018 through December 2018 were reviewed.

The Minutes were reviewed. Mike motioned that the Minutes be accepted as read. Don seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Ellis contract was reintroduced as Mike Ellis wants to make some changes to his original plans. He would like to add small sections of fencing in place of the bushes along the borders to the property. He found that he would lose burial ground with the placement of the bushes and it could be avoided with the placement of wrought iron or some type of ornamental fence. The request was tabled until Mr. Ellis can furnish a sample of the material and size of fence he would like to use.

Eddie informed the board of some staffing changes that have occurred as there is another position available for grounds maintenance. Hiring will also begin for Summer Hourly positions to do the trimming.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eddie is in the process of accepting applications and interviewing applicants. The new person hired will be with the title of Cemetery Supervisor instead of Foreman. The person should be hired within the next couple of weeks.

The fence repairs have been completed along Wabash Avenue where the car accident occurred. Some other fencing will be straightened as needed.

The contract sale for two graves in Section 11 block N graves 11 and 12 to Jack E. Arnett dated April 20, 2016 was brought to the attention of the board by Roxe Anne. Mr. Arnett was to have the contract paid in full by March 2017. His down payment paid for one of the graves where his wife was interred. The other grave he was making regular payments with the last one received April 3, 2017. He has a balance of $28.00. Roxe Anne had regularly been sending letters and had several telephone calls to him to pay the balance. He had been ill and had been hospitalized several times. She is no longer able to reach him at the number she has on file, and the mail goes unanswered. With such a small balance due, Roxe Anne asked if she could issue a deed to Mr. Arnett, but hold the deed here. Don motioned that we issue a deed, but keep it in the deed book, and when Mr. Arnett passes to see if we can collect the $28.00. Mike seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

There were eight deeds presented for signatures for the sale of graves at Highland Lawn Cemetery for Rex A. and Carla A. Henry, Darrell E. and Phyllis A. Morning, Jo Lynn Huckelberry, Beverly B. and David W. Grubb, Clayton and Bethany Steward, Allyson E. Newport, M. Ebrahim Fakouri and Konnie L. and Roy Melville Mix. There were no contracts. All deeds were approved and signed.

Don motioned to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.