

September 26, 2005
Special SMCHA Meeting at 4:15 P.M. at Citizens State Bank

Meeting opened by Arnold Wedel

Present: Arnold Wedel, Roger Juhnke, Jim Goering, Wayne Stucky, LaVera Schrag, Lowell Goering, Melvin Graber. Also present was Ozzie Goering.

First item: Use of SMCHA Endowment Fund. The following motion was presented by Jim Goering.

It is hereby moved that the body of this account be established as the "Hopefield Cemetery and Monuments Endowment Fund" and that only the interest accruing to that account be used for the maintenance in perpetuity, and any future expansion and improvement agreed to by the SMCHA Board, of the Hopefield Cemetery and related monuments at Hopefield Church. Neither the body of this account nor any accrued interest to the account shall be used for the renovation of Hopefield Cemetery proposed to take place over the next few months.

It is recognized that Hopefield Cemetery is in urgent need of renovation as soon as adequate funding can be provided. Therefore, it is further moved that a separate fund be established for this purpose. This fund would be identified in SMCHA accounts as the "Hopefield Cemetery and Monuments Current Renovation Account". The recent generous 1-for-1 matching grant of \$5,000.00 from the Citizens' Bank of Moundridge is to be deposited into this account when matching requirements have been met. Interest accruing to the Endowment Fund shall be available for maintenance after the current renovation is completed. After completion of current renovation activity the renovation account will cease and remaining money will go into the "Hopefield Cemetery and Monuments Endowment Fund".

Motion was passed unanimously by the 7 voters present.

Second Item: Von Peterson will begin work on Friday the 30th.

Motion for a Plan of Work to Guide the Immediate Renovation of Hopefield Cemetery was presented by Jim Goering and seconded by LaVera Schrag.

A credible and transparent plan of work for the proposed renovation is essential for effective fund raising and implementation of this initiative. It is therefore moved that a memorandum of understanding be prepared in advance of any further renovation work to guide implementation of this work. This document, drafted with assistance from SMCHA Board members and approved by the Board, will be signed by the SMCHA President and the responsible individual of the entity chosen to do the work. It would include the following components:

- Precise definition of the term "renovation" including, e.g., straightening, raising and realignment of tombstones, possible refinishing of some tombstones, etc.
- "Specification of renovation already completed, including the number and names of tombstones renovated and associated expenditure;

- Specification of the task yet to be completed, including the number and names of tombstones to be renovated;

- A stated limit of total funding to be made available for this task;

- A time frame during which the renovation will be undertaken, including beginning and completion dates;

- A system in which the renovator provides periodic/regular reports to the SMCHA Board on progress/problems toward completion of the agreed task;

- A schedule of payment to the renovator, based on work completed, including provision to provide final payment only after the work has been completed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Motion was passed unanimously by the 7 voters present.