

**Towns of Doty, Mountain, and Riverview
Cemetery Committee Meeting April 30, 2025
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at Mountain's Bill Lazansky Community Center by Andy Dryja (Doty). The Pledge of Allegiance is said. Roll call was taken with Andy Dryja (Doty), Jody Wydeven (Mountain), David Szepanski (Riverview), Sexton Leah O'Barski and Assistant Sexton Wayne O'Barski present. Mountain Town Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Kauzlaric, present to record minutes. There are no others in attendance. The agenda was posted by each of the three (3) towns, as certified by Clerk Kauzlaric.

Agenda – reviewed and no change in agenda order. Motion to approve the agenda as posted by Dryja. Second by Szepanski. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes – of the Cemetery meeting held September 18, 2024, were available for review. Motion to accept the minutes as printed by Szepanski. Second by Dryja. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointing Chair for Cemetery Committee (April 2025 – April 2027) – Motion to make Andy Dryja chair of the Cemetery Committee by Szepanski. Second by Wydeven. Dryja abstained. Motion carried.

Cemetery Sexton's Report (by Sexton Leah O'Barski & Assistant Sexton Wayne O'Barski) –

- 2024 activity report:
 - o 18 burials (5 – traditional; 13 – cremations)
 - o 4 lots sold and 6 vaults.
- 2025 activity to date:
 - o 1 burial (cremations)
 - o 3 scheduled intermits.
 - o 4 lots sold and 1 vault.
- Preventative maintenance completed; tractors are ready
- New tractor – 12" bucket digs too deep for ~~traditional~~ cremation burials; looking for 9" bucket instead; snowblower worked well this winter; had some issues but were repaired next day; Dryja inquired about an extended warranty.
- Szepanski stated he has several citizens inquire about the removal of decorations (spring / fall clean up per Cemetery Ordinance).
- They have cleared the back berm this spring.

Old Business –

- a. **Cemetery Ordinance review / updates** – members reviewed current ordinance; discussion about possible allowance of ATV/UTV's on pavement, information about no personal digging of gravesites, sale of vaults. Will review at fall meeting.
- b. **Equipment update / needs –**
 - The small equipment is good
 - New JD tractor could use a broadcast spreader
 - Old JD X300 was not ~~sued~~ used last year (no bagger)
 - Kubota has no issues; needs a bagger
 - Could use a dump trailer for hauling brush and storage of dirt for burials
 - Need more storage space; provided information on a Conex box to put next to storage building
- c. **Additional land needs (continue to monitor)** – will continue to monitor.

New Business –

- a. **Green Burial Process** – Sexton Leah O'Barski provided information regarding green burials; they are not allowed next to traditional burials (so would not work in our cemetery)

- b. **Ground Penetrating Radar** – discussion regarding that the unit has not been successful in our cemetery due to amount/type of rock; dealer would be able to broker the sale of it should the towns agree to sell; possibly use this money towards a dump trailer that would be more useful.
1. Motion that the cemetery through the Sexton offer to sell our ground penetrating radar (500M single frequency system) for highest obtainable price (not less than \$8,500) through the broker by Dryja. Second Szepanski. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Motion to purchase a dump trailer using funds from sale of radar by Dryja. Second by Szepanski. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Motion to purchase a Conex box to use for storage (8' x 20') by Dryja. Second by Szepanski. Motion carried unanimously.

Any and all other Business of Interest – there are two (2) high school students for summer help.

Fall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Hearing no other orders of business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for approval by,
Lynn Kauzlaric, Clerk

Posted this ____ day of October 2025

_____, Clerk
Town of _____