

# The North Burns Cemetery Association

July 1, 2015

Dear Association Members:

The annual meeting of the North Burns Cemetery Association was held on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the Senior Citizens facility, 602 S McDonald, Dill City, OK 73641.

The 2015 annual meeting was attended by four board members and four members. Low attendance may be partially attributed to the recent stormy weather. However, with recent rains and mowing the cemetery looked better than in many years. An amendment to the cemetery rules has been approved to change the annual meeting to once a year and to occur on the Saturday 1 week before the National Memorial Holiday. This change is intended to allow those who might otherwise attend but are busy over the holiday weekend with family and events.

Also resulting from the heavy rains, several graves have settled needing filling. Some may be a result of vaults failing. Normal grave maintenance is the responsibility of the family, however the board has authorized for filling and grading of some seventeen graves identified. Following the meeting, the board agreed to purchase a load of sand and to level and grade those graves in need. As of this letter, Beverly Wall has already completed this work.

The perimeter fence has been the topic of discussion for some years now. The fence is aging and in some places allows debris to blow under. Given that life of the existing fence is reaching an end, a proposal has been put forth to expand the platted graves to include all cemetery land. A new fence would then be installed to surround the entire cemetery as well as rerouting roadways within the cemetery. Attached are proposals with cost estimates. Before any work can begin, a review of the deeds and encumbrances is required in preparation for the surveyor.

Open discussion yielded an interest in creating a veterans memorial at the cemetery. A motion was put forth to solicit family input to insure all US Military Veterans buried at North Burns Cemetery are included. We are asking that these names be forwarded to a board member and added to the list if not already identified. That list can be viewed on the Cemetery website. [http://www.cottonboll.com/north\\_burns\\_cemetery/North\\_Burns\\_Master\\_List\\_Veterans\\_.pdf](http://www.cottonboll.com/north_burns_cemetery/North_Burns_Master_List_Veterans_.pdf)

A committee will explore design and site options as well as estimated cost to be presented at next years meeting to be held on **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 1:30pm at the Senior Citizens facility, 602 S McDonald, Dill City, OK 73641.** A full member vote will be required to approve such an expansion and funding.

The cemetery has been running a deficit for the last few years. With interest rates at all time lows, reserve funds are not generating enough interest income combined with contributions to meet operating expenses.

Contributions can be mailed to:

North Burns Cemetery  
PO Box 25  
Burns Flat, OK 73624

We appreciate your support and hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Shinn  
Secretary  
North Burns Cemetery Association.

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