

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 1, 2004

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met for a public hearing with Commissioner Anthony Hyde and, by conference call, Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Hyde noted the purpose of this hearing is to consider the removal of the dedication for cemetery purposes of a portion of the Hudson Cemetery near Rainier, Oregon.

John Knight stated that the County received a petition for removal of a dedication that was filed with the County and signed by Tom Greer, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Rainier Cemetery District. The petition asks that a certain portion of the Hudson Cemetery have the dedication for cemetery purposes removed so that they can use that portion for other purposes. The petition includes a description of the property where the cemetery is, it states that the district is a duly appointed cemetery authority and entitled to bring in the petition. They affirm that the portion of the cemetery which they seek removal of the dedication has not been previously used for internment of human beings. They would like to use that portion of the cemetery for burying pets. The statute that applies is ORS 97.440 which provides that property dedicated to cemetery purposes shall be held and used exclusively for cemetery purposes until the dedication is removed from all or any part of it by an order and decree of the County Commissioners in a proceeding brought by the cemetery authority for that purpose. It requires a finding that either/or that portion of the property from which the dedication is sought to be removed is not being used for internment of human remains. The statute also requires that notice of the hearing be given by publication once a week for four consecutive weeks and posted in three conspicuous places, describing the portion of the cemetery where they are removing the dedication and state that all remains and markers have been removed or no internments have been made in that area and specify the time and place of the hearing. We do have a notice of public hearing which was published in the Chronicle for 4 consecutive weeks and in the Oregonian for four consecutive weeks. That is the procedure that will be followed.

With no questions by the Board, the hearing was opened for public testimony.

Tom Greer, Rainier Cemetery Board member, stated that this portion of the cemetery has not been previously used for human interment.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the removal of the dedication for cemetery purposes of a portion of the Hudson Cemetery near Rainier, Oregon. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTIONS TO CFTLC BOARD:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the

nomination of Tim Josi as Chair to the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Further, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the nomination of Sam Patrick as Vice-Chair to the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties Board. The motion carried unanimously.

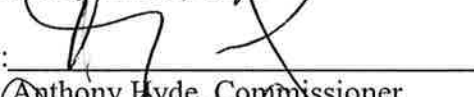
With no further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1st day of December, 2004.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh