

## **Clyde Park Cemetery Board Meeting March 4, 2026 - Draft**

The Clyde Park Cemetery Board met on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at the Town Hall. Bill Sarrazin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Present were Bill and Lori Sarrazin, Marcia Leffingwell, Delores Davis, Cathy Romey (council member representative), and Don and Barb Elliott (on the phone.)

Bill welcomed new council rep, Cathy Romey. Lori read the minutes of the last meeting. Barb moved to accept the minutes as read and Marcia seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Barb reported on her work on the Park County Community Foundation application for a grant she made up a budget for our projected expenses. Total expenses estimate is \$6339. The grant available for us is possibly \$4000. Barb is asking for \$3839 (this is 61% from Park County and then 39% from CMR). She will need to contact Stacy Mills for the financial reports needed to send with the application.

Bill reported on the Veteran's Memorial. There are four names to be added at this time. He asked about a few names given but he couldn't find any information on them. Delores stated that they are relatives of hers and will get the information sheet filled out and pay for them. That would bring the total to seven to be added this year before Memorial Day. Marcia said she would contact Goose Ridge Monuments to make sure we can get this done before Memorial Day.

Bill reported that he attended the County Commissioner meeting at Crazy's to ask about road maintenance to the cemetery. It seems noone knows if the road is actually a county road. We will need to check with the Clerk and Recorder to find out. Bill showed the sign from the county to put up at the cemetery stating that all burials need to go through the Town of Clyde Park.

Lori showed the examples for the highway sign to show where to turn for the cemetery. The examples were made by a student in an Ag class at Shields Valley High School. We chose parts of each to put together for the sign. Lori will send this information to Mr. Pierce and ask that the student make up an example with these changes and send it back to her to show the board.

No new information for the Catholic side.

Marcia reported that she had talked to members of the Shelhamer family.. This is a family issue that will need to be resolved so the remains may or may not be brought to this cemetery.

Lori reported that a thank you note had been sent to the Club at the Crazy Mountain Ranch for the grant money.

Marcia stated that as to the request of placing benches at the cemetery, if/when we do they need to be made of concrete or metal for lasting projects. Also, she was at the cemetery and the gophers were out.

#### New Business:

Lawn Maintenance equipment was discussed. It was agreed that we want to purchase a zero-turn mower with 42"-48". Marcia moved and Delores seconded that we purchase a zero-turn mower around \$3900 (cap at \$4000) and not wider than 48". Barb set the budget at \$289 for a gas weedeater, suggesting an Ego brand. We will also need to purchase extra string for the weedeater. Marcia suggested the idea of purchasing a trailer to keep the mower on wherever we store it. She also stated that the push mower behind the storage shed does not work. It was mentioned that maybe next year we can build on to the storage shed at the cemetery to provide a locked place to keep the mower and equipment there so it doesn't have to be hauled around. Cathy stated she would talk to the Town Council about approving the purchase of these items, and find out how it works for someone to actually go purchase them.

Bill reported that he had talked to Audrey Dodge. She has all the boxes of information from Carol Woodley's research for the Clyde Park Cemetery. She told him that she could make an electronic copy of the information on a thumb drive to give us. He will try to meet with her to get that information.

Bill reported that he had talked to Don Oberquell. He stated that the cemetery did not have the flags up on July 4th. Bill said he didn't know we were supposed to. Delores stated the small individual veteran flags are placed only for Memorial Day. If we want to put the large flags up for the 4th of July and/or Veterans Day, that will have to be up to us. Marcia stated the flag is in bad shape. Delores said she would look into getting a new one.

The tentative date for the cemetery clean up is Saturday, May 16. Marcia will call for the port-a-potty for the month of May.

Barb stated that to be part of Give-A-Hoot for donations we would need a website for the cemetery. It would have to be separate from the Town website. This may provide a way to obtain donations online and then money from Give-A-Hoot.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Marcia moved to adjourn the meeting and Delores seconded the motion. Motion carried.

