



# MINUTES

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY CEMETERY PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

The Douglas County *Cemetery Preservation Commission* convened at 5:30 p.m. for the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting.

**Board Members Present:** Cheryl Brannon, Roseanne Foley, Erika Harris, Harry Moody, Teresa Noles, Sandy Whittington

**Board Members Absent:** Marcia Atkins, James Campbell, Gwen Leathers, Don Scarbrough, Suzanne Sammons (non-voting technical advisor)

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of June 3, 2014. Motion to approve was made by Cheryl Brannon and seconded by Teresa Noles. Vote was unanimous.

## **AGENDA**

Group reviewed cemetery work accomplished since the June meeting – including a total of 26 cemeteries.

Tentative schedule through October was discussed – to include Liberty Grove, Miners, Sweetwater Town, Ferguson, McLarty, Pioneer, Hallman, Hembree, Keaton, Thomasson, and Holly Springs.

Chairman gave a status update on markers still in need of repair – one at Jones-Cook, one at Ergle-Hix, one at Winn-Watson, a couple at Old Providence, five at Liberty Methodist (plus whatever is found there as they are located underground due to bush-hogging forty years ago). Liberty Methodist will be an on-going retrieval process for the foreseeable future.

Chairman reviewed amendments that need to be formulated for the cemetery ordinance, including current Georgia Open Meeting Act (OMA) requirements, burial disturbance permit expiration and transferability, and inappropriate use of cemeteries. Chairman and archaeologist will draft amendments and circulate to cemetery commission members and Director of Community Relations for review, hopefully to be discussed and voted on at the October meeting, assuming the presence of a quorum. Once approved by the cemetery commission, they will be forwarded to Planning and Zoning and the Board of Commissioners.

The next regular meeting of the cemetery commission will be on October 7, 2014. Field work continues every Thursday, weather permitting.

## **ADJOURNED AT 6:35 pm**

**APPROVED:** Marcia Atkins/Roseanne Foley/Sandra Whittington