

Superintendents Report December 7, 2022

By Darin Edmonds

SPACES										
ITEM	MOUNT PISGAH	BETHLEHEM	E.R.	FOUR MILE	KINTZ	ROZET	SAVAGETON	WRIGHT	TOTALS	REVENUE
YTD 2021	131	3	0	2	1	0	1	2	140	\$53,475.00
YTD 2022	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	\$27,875.00
NOVEMBER 2021	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	\$900.00
NOVEMBER 2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00

SPACES SOLD NOVEMBER 2022		
QUANTITY	LOT PRICE	TOTAL
0	\$50.00	\$0.00
0	\$100.00	\$0.00
0	\$200.00	\$0.00
0	\$400.00	\$0.00
0	\$600.00	\$0.00
0	\$800.00	\$0.00
TOTAL:		\$0.00

BURIALS									
ITEM	MOUNT PISGAH	BETHLEHEM	E.R.	FOUR MILE	KINTZ	ROZET	SAVAGETON	WRIGHT	TOTALS
YTD 2021	133	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	140
YTD 2022	122	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	126
NOVEMBER 2021	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
NOVEMBER 2022	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

CREMATION GARDENS			
DATE	GARDEN	ITEM	REVENUE
NOVEMBER 2022	Inspiration Garden	0 Products Sold	\$0.00
	Unity Garden	0 Products Sold	\$0.00
		NOVEMBER 2022 Monthly Total Items Sold:	0
		NOVEMBER 2022 Total Revenue:	\$0.00
NOVEMBER 2021	Inspiration Garden	2 Products Sold	\$8,200.00
	Unity Garden	0 Products Sold	\$0.00
		NOVEMBER 2021 Monthly Total Items Sold:	2
		NOVEMBER 2021 Total Revenue:	\$8,200.00
CREMATION GARDENS TOTALS			
		YTD 2022 Total Items Sold:	29
		YTD 2022 Total Revenue:	\$50,200.00
		YTD 2021 Total Items Sold:	27
		YTD 2021 Total Revenue:	\$38,300.00

Grounds Report

We are fully engrossed in fall work which mostly looks like mowing of leaves. We've had a beautiful fall, so the leaves are falling slowly. Almost painfully slowly... Brandon is nearly done blowing out the sprinkler system here at Pisgah, and the tank is drained and wells shut off for the season. October was a busy month for funerals, and we're on pace to have our second busiest year ever for funeral services. 2021 was our busiest year. The nice weather has given us some extra time to accomplish a bit more tree trimming this fall also.

Wright Cemetery Utility Pole

I had a direct conversation with Mr. Roth from Sheridan regarding the estimate for the relocation of the utility pole at the Wright Cemetery. It had fallen through the cracks, and he assured me that he initiated a job ticket to produce a more accurate quotation for that service. Hope to have a firm number for the January meeting.

Structural Roof Insurance Claim

Two weeks ago, Mountain West Farm Bureau (our insurance company) remitted the last \$78,000 of the funds related to our claim. The total payment by them for the claim was: \$221,593.25. Our total expenditures for the project were: \$235,625.74. The additional \$14,000 or so, was for our upgrades that were done at our request, that didn't involve the structural roof repair. (Carpet, flooring, lighting upgrade).

Remaining CD purchases

I have finally purchased the remaining CDs for Mt. Nebo as well as the O&M reserve. All three CDs are invested at rates of 4.5% to 4.75% with 6 month or 1-year terms. The \$500,000 in the O&M reserve will throw off about \$16,000 in interest alone. For perspective, that rate of return will pay for a new mower in its first year. It is my opinion that the district should consider committing reserves earlier than June to take advantage of these higher rates. Because of the way we're collecting levy funds now, we have a lot of unassigned cash built up earlier than we usually do. We could commit O&M and Mt. Nebo reserves earlier and invest them immediately at these high rates.

Employee Health Insurance Rate increase

The employee health insurance premiums are increasing on January 1 by about \$3,600/month. Our premium will rise from \$12,658 to approximately \$16,200/month. Rates for employees and spouses over 50 increases significantly. We now have four employees, over 50, whereas last year we only had 3, and before that, only 2. It is also dependent on the claim history of our employees as well and the cost to insure them and their dependents based on their health conditions. In comparison, the government exchange rates (only other option than Blue Cross) offer less of a benefit to employees and the best rate is what we are currently paying now. Those rates have crept up also over the years, and lag behind Blue Cross. Historically, they have continued to rise at about the same rate, just a year or so behind the private sector.

WASD Board Appointment

I was offered an opportunity to serve on the board of the Wyoming Association of Special Districts to represent Cemetery Districts in the organization. As you know, the association is an important voice for districts at the state level (legislature, Dept. of Audit, etc.) Most of the meetings are Zoom, with one or two in-person meetings each year.