MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CEMETERY BOARD
August 12, 2026

Call to Order by Cemetery Superintendent Bowen Yoder at 4:01 p.m. on August 12, 2026.
Board Members present: Bowen Yoder, Randy Carney, Allison Schlabach, John Hinshaw. Not Present: Jennifer Olson. Quorum declared by Yoder.
Members of the Public Present: Lynn Schmidt.

Open Forum

Carney asked Bowen about markers for the Catholic cemetery side.

New Business

a) **Consideration: Update the Deeds to Include Single Plots**
Yoder stated that the deeds needed updated after adding the ability to purchase single lots. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Yoder, Carney, Schlabach, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Consideration: Filling Lots in Order in the Cemetery**
Yoder stated that it is hard to accurately mark the sites when there is random picking. Motion by Carney to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Yoder, Carney, Schlabach, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Consideration: Final Approval for the Request for Planting of Trees, Lynn A. Schmidt**
Schmidt stated that he is trying to setup a time to have the trees marked out so the board can see where they would go. He would like to have them all come out and look at where the trees would go. Motion by Hinshaw to Table. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Yoder, Carney, Schlabach, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Consideration: Cemetery Management Software**
Yoder stated that we did not receive the grant but there is an opportunity to apply again. There were two quotes received but only one of the quotes covered everything we were looking for. Bowen recommended that we go with Allison Hockey from Spatial Agency with a quote of $28,500. Carney is going to talk with the board for the Catholic side of the cemetery about funding their portion. O'Rourke stated that we would need to take the recommendation to the City Council for final approval and funding. Motion by Schlabach to approve going with Spatial Agency and taking it to City Council. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Yoder, Carney, Schlabach, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e) **Consideration: Remove the Driveway Markers**
Yoder stated that they were falling over and looked terrible. He would remove them from the cemetery so there would be no cost for removal. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Yoder, Carney, Schlabach, Hinshaw. Nayes: None. Motion carried.

f) **Discussion: Mausoleum**
Yoder stated that the mausoleum needed some major repairs, starting with the roof. Hinshaw asked if it could be repurposed. Yoder said prices for repairs are going to be substantial due to it being a concrete structure. He suggested tearing it down and looking at putting in a cremation niche. Carney suggested putting a garden of some type around the niche. Hinshaw asked for more information and numbers on tear down. Schlabach agreed that we need to start discussions on what the next steps are for the mausoleum. No action taken.

Adjournment

Motion by Hinshaw. Second by Schlabach to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Ayes: Yoder, Carney, Schlabach, Hinshaw. Nayes: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Clerk/Administrator