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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney 
DATE: December 12, 2018
SUBJECT: Oslo Cemetery

BACKGROUND.

On December 4, 2018, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners authorized County staff to move forward with the process of accepting a quitclaim deed for the Oslo Cemetery from Michael W. Gregory, MD d/b/a Oslo Cemetery and developing a plan for the light maintenance and limited burial of those related to the families currently buried at the Oslo Cemetery.

Dr. Gregory will enter into the attached agreement, in which he will quitclaim, at no cost to the County, the Oslo Cemetery, and the County will agree to use and maintain the Oslo Cemetery as a cemetery for the burial of deceased persons, which will be limited to those families who have relatives buried at the Oslo Cemetery. Additionally, two of Dr. Gregory's family members will be permitted to be buried at the Oslo Cemetery, the location of which is indicated on an attachment to the agreement.

Once the County obtains the Oslo Cemetery, which is approximately 1.17 acres in size, County staff will work to develop a plan for the light maintenance of the Oslo Cemetery in conjunction with assistance from interested citizens and local organizations.

By obtaining the property, the County is able to resolve the issue of allowing Jape Peacock to bury her mother's ashes at the Oslo Cemetery.

FUNDING.

Dr. Gregory will pay for the cost of recording the quitclaim deed. Mowing of the Oslo Cemetery will be provided by the Road and Bridge Division of the Public Works Department. The City Manager of Fellsmere, who maintains the Brookside Cemetery in Sebastian, has stated that the cost to run the cemetery annually is de minimis.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve the agreement with Dr. Michael W. Gregory and accept the quitclaim deed for the Oslo Cemetery and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents.

ATTACHMENTS.

Agreement with Dr. Michael W. Gregory
Quitclaim Deed