

August 15, 2023
ITEM 14.B.1

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: August 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Oslo Cemetery

FROM: Susan Adams
Commissioner, District 1

At the October 4, 2022 BOCC meeting we discussed setting up rules and regulations regarding the Oslo Cemetery. This process has taken longer than anticipated due to the need to conduct a survey of the burial sites. We do have historic documentation of who is buried in the cemetery, however an update for accuracy is needed in the future. Mr. Ron Meadows, whose twin brother is buried at the Oslo Cemetery, attended the meeting and asked that we move the process forward so he could settle his affairs and plan to be buried with his family. Mr. Meadows would like to work with the County Attorney's office to secure 6 burial plots for he and his family. However, since we do not have final policies in place, I would like to ask my fellow Commissioners for consideration of interim policies that would allow Mr. Meadows to work with the County Attorney's office to settle his affairs. As noted in past discussions regarding the Oslo Cemetery, the intention is to keep it as a Pioneer Cemetery, therefore, the number of people eligible for burial at the site is limited.

In the interim, the following policies have been proposed to address the need of our pioneer families to settle their affairs, prior to the survey being conducted.

- 1) Only direct descendants of families buried in the Oslo Cemetery will be eligible for burial. *see attached
- 2) The family/deceased is responsible for coordination and cost of burial.
- 3) The family/deceased understands that Oslo Cemetery is not a perpetual care facility and is minimally maintained as a Pioneer Cemetery.

Once a survey is conducted, I anticipate final policies and procedures to be adopted that reference current and future available burial plots.