

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS,  
CEMETERIES, AND BURIAL SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**GREENWOOD CEMETERY,  
LICENSE NO. 11859**

**CASE NO. 19PCC-026**

**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP**

The State Board of Embalmers, Funeral Directors, Cemeteries, and Burial Services (“Board”) held a meeting on February 4, 2020. Among the matters considered was an application submitted by Raven KS Investments, L.L.C. (“Raven”) and Greenwood Properties, Inc. (“Greenwood Properties”). The application seeks to transfer ownership of Greenwood Cemetery from Greenwood Properties to Raven. L. Guy Dillahunty appeared on behalf of Greenwood Properties and Steve Pegram appeared on behalf of Raven. Upon consideration of the statements made and all other matters presented, the Board hereby finds and concludes:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Greenwood Cemetery is a perpetual care cemetery located in Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas. Greenwood Cemetery is licensed by the Board as a perpetual care cemetery defined by the Cemetery Act for Perpetually Maintained Cemeteries, codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 20-17-1001 *et seq.*
2. Greenwood Cemetery is operated by Greenwood Properties.
3. Greenwood Properties and Raven filed an Application for Change of Ownership of Greenwood on or around August 21, 2019, in which they seek authority to transfer ownership of the cemetery to Raven.

4. The application contains the required information and documentation as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 20-17-1012, and the Board's Rule 12. The application also meets all statutory and regulatory requirements necessary for the change of ownership of a perpetual care cemetery.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 20-17-1012(b)(1)(A) and the Board's Rule 12, when there is a proposal to change the controlling interest or ownership of a perpetual care cemetery or any cemetery company, the cemetery company that holds the current permit and the individual or organization proposing to gain the controlling interest shall file an application for the issuance of the new permit. Greenwood Properties and Raven have complied with these provisions.
2. Pursuant to Rule 12.07, should the Board determine that the seller or transferor and the purchaser or transferee have complied with the statutes and rules, then the Board shall order that a new permit be issued. The new permit shall supersede the old permit.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application to transfer ownership of Greenwood Cemetery is APPROVED. Funeral Services Division staff is authorized to issue the new permit to Raven, which shall supersede the existing permit. Raven is ordered to record the new permit with the Garland County Clerk's office, and to mail a copy to the Arkansas Department of Health.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



---

**BILL BOOKER**

**CHAIR, STATE BOARD OF  
EMBALMERS, FUNERAL  
DIRECTORS, CEMETERIES, AND  
BURIAL SERVICES**