County approves new cemetery district (KNZA)--The Brown County Commission Tuesday approved a resolution establishing a new cemetery district.

The action followed a hearing drawing no public comment.

The district will consist of the city of Hiawatha and most of Hiawatha Township.

It will provide for the continued viability and care of the Hiawatha Cemetery, Mount Hope Cemetery, Brown County Poor Farm Cemetery and an unnamed cemetery located west of the intersection of 260th and Kestrel Roads.

Representatives of Hiawatha's two cemeteries met with the Commission March 25 to request that the cemetery district be formed.

The resolution must be published twice in the official county newspaper and will take effect 30 days after the final publication unless a valid protest petition is filed signed by 10 percent of the registered voters in the district.

An organizational meeting for the new district will take place June 4 at 7:00 in the evening at the Hiawatha City Hall, which will include the election of five members to the board of directors.

The Board would have the authority to levy up to two mills to fund the upkeep and maintenance of the cemeteries.

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