Skagit County Cemetery District 3 Edens Cemetery, Guemes Island

Purpose: Regular Monthly Public Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Location: Guemes Island Fire Station

Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2025

Commissioner Veal called the **Regular Cemetery Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:01 pm. **Present**: Commissioners Leech and Veal, Secretary Davelaar. Absent: Commissioner Meyers.

Approve minutes: Commissioner Leech made the motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2025; motion seconded; motion carried.

Open: As Memorial Day Remembrance Service is Monday, May 26, we will schedule the May meeting for Friday, May 23, at 7 pm. See Resolution #106.

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

March Beginning Cash on Hand	\$40,795.26
March Taxes Collected	1,079.88
March Deposit: Evans Funeral	300.00
Timber Excise	.41
March Miscellaneous Disbursements	215.41
March Ending Cash on Hand	\$41,960.14

March Expenditure: Expenses \$0

Payroll \$244.53

Grand Total Expenses \$244.53

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Payroll Voucher PR042025 \$244.53

Grand Total Payments \$244.53

Commissioner Veal made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, motion seconded; motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Mid-term/long-term future projects—see previous list created by Commissioner Leech
- New cemetery liability insurance: State Farm Insurance remains unpaid; Commissioner Leech will use his credit card to pay for this and Secretary Davelaar will submit a reimbursement transmittal for this expense.

- Public places to post district minutes: LineTime.org has been shuttered and all info has been archived. What's Up Guemes has not responded to inquiries. Commissioner Leech has researched purchasing a weatherproof display case for posting minutes and cemetery events, which can be installed at the cemetery entrance. Purchase will be delayed until the ferry returns to service. Secretary Davelaar will begin to post the minutes at the ferry waiting area bulletin board on the Anacortes side.
- Correction of cemetery sign, re: "burrial". Objective NLT Memorial Day, 2025
- Commissioners financial compensation—Commissioners opt out; waiver form available from the State auditor; Linda will check on obtaining this document
- Commissioner Leech is working to bring job descriptions and procedures up to date

New Business:

- Memorial Day Observance (Monday, May 26, 2025): publicity, responsibilities, ...very short Commissioner's meeting will be held Friday, May 23, 7:00 pm to sign documents for Skagit auditor; cemetery preparations will take place afterwards, placing of flags, program prep, etc.
- Lawn maintenance contract: Resolution 107 will be prepared detailing the cemetery lawn service
- June meeting date will be changed to Tuesday, June 17, 7:00 pm; Resolution 108 will be prepared for this change
- Green burial inquiry has been made; recommendation was made that they check with the Ferndale cemetery that has acreage dedicated to this type of burial
- A person was found trying to remove several headstones from the cemetery; he is known by several people on the island; Commissioner Veal will contact this person and make sure they understand he has no authority to do this. A call to the county sheriff will be made to report vandalism and to create a history in case anything further happens.
- Chronicle RIP website information discussed; Veal and Meyer will be designated
 Managers; Leech is Administrator; Davelaar listed as Owner, and as such will receive the annual invoice
- Motion was made by Commissioner Veal to open a Capital Fund account of \$5,000, motion seconded, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. Next regular meeting will be Friday, May 23, 2025 at 7 pm.

Next Resolution is 109.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

Skagit County Cemetery District #3, Chairman