

Skagit County Cemetery District 3
Edens Cemetery, Guemes Island
Purpose: Regular Monthly Public Cemetery Commissioners Meeting

Meeting Minutes - February 25, 2025

Commissioner Veal called the **Regular Cemetery Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Commissioners Leech and Veal, Secretary Davelaar; guest Scott Parker

Open: Welcome our guest. Description of the cemetery district's role as a junior district and Skagit County's oversight; a short history of the last 12 years of the district shared with our guest. The state auditor ordered that there needed to be a greater separation between Adam Veal, commissioner and Adam Veal, groundskeeper, and from Angie Veal, the district secretary; it was deemed a potential for conflict of interest. This will eventually lead to Adam's resignation as commissioner, leaving another position open on the board. Commissioner Burnett's resignation was briefly discussed. A discussion was held involving the process the district follows in furnishing the gravesite (Right of Internment) to prospective purchasers, and the burial process from funeral home to closing the grave.

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

January Beginning Cash on Hand	\$40,297.76
January Disbursements	- .82
January Taxes Collected	<u>2.03</u>
January Ending Cash on Hand	\$40,298.97

January Expenditure:	Expenses	\$ 8.87
	Payroll	<u>\$190.19</u>
Grand Total Expenses		\$198.87

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Cemetery Payments	CP02-001	\$ 8.87
Payroll Voucher	PR022025	\$190.19
Grand Total Payments		\$198.87

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

New Business:

- Appointment of a commissioner to fill Commissioner Position #3: Term 2024-2029; we currently have two interested parties: Scott Parker and Diane Coey.

- Future projects—new flagpole; 240 niche columbarium; clearing two acres for expansion, including pedestrian and vehicle access; access to water, electricity, eventual replacement of lawn care equipment, new storage shed. We need to give some thought to the expansion of the cemetery and updating several of these items on the property over time; do we want to set some of the money aside for these projects, investing some of the funds we receive from plot sales, etc., lots of possibilities to discuss and decide on in the future. A community meeting to inform folks about these projects, receiving their input and ideas was proposed.
- A Capital Investment Fund was suggested; Linda will investigate what needs to be done for this and report at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Commissioner Burnett's resignation: Resolution prepared for signatures.
- A Change of Meeting Date was cancelled; meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
- New cemetery insurance: Brownyard Insurance information briefly discussed. Commissioner Leech will explore insurance options.
- Sexton proposal—Commissioner Veal: this will be fleshed out once Adam is assured of new commissioners being appointed so that he can resign as commissioner.
- Website, contact list with names and phone numbers: Angie Veal is attempting to contact our current website's designers to obtain sign on information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday March 25, 2025 at 7 pm.

Next Resolution will be 104.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

Skagit County Cemetery District 3, Chairman