

WEST POINT CEMETERY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 2026
MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Cemetery Office

Chairman Julio Guerra called the meeting to order. Trustees Guerra, Robert Stanford, Judy Garcia and Brian Smith were present. Also present were Groundskeeper Ritchey Garrison and Trustee Applicant Vicky Weatherby. Clerk Jill Jenkins phoned into the meeting.

The Minutes of the prior meetings held on 9/1/26 and on 9/14/26 were reviewed. Bob made the motion to adopt the Minutes as written. Judy seconded the motion. Both sets of Minutes were adopted with 4 votes.

Correspondence for the month was reviewed. Julio stated he'd received an email from Daniel Viera inquiring about placing a curb on his Grandfather's grave. Kenny Link and Eldie Bartlett were recommended, as well as contacting Danieri's Mortuary for their recommendation.

Julio introduced Vicky Weatherby and stated she was the only applicant to fill the Board vacancy. He said by her presence at the meeting, she is committed to uphold the position. He said she must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors. Vicky gave information regarding the search for her Uncle, who has been missing since his military service during WWII. She said she's recently traveled to Europe to inquire about his remains, which she hopes she will someday place in his plot at the WP Cemetery.

Brian stated he's been told that Kirk Smith's wife will give him Kirk's research and historical writings.

Julio informed everyone he has received information from County Council regarding the establishment of a "Scattering Garden" within the WP Cemetery boundaries. He said there are no restrictions other than State regulations as addressed in the Health and Safety Code. Brian said he's wondered about establishing a scattering garden for families that can't afford to bury their loved ones and pay for a plot and headstone. Bob said he's concerned about the scattering of multiple cremains and how they will be affected with wind and rain conditions. Bob said he's like to test the situation by scattering wild flower seed to get a scientific determination of where they will end up. Julio said the charge is typically \$100 - \$500 to scatter ashes. Judy liked Bob's idea to scatter wild flower seed. Ritchey said he could create a boundary of rock to prevent the trickle down of ashes and also chain to prevent anyone walking through the area. He said he thinks the area above Section O, under the live oak tree might be the best area. Julio stated the record keeping and permitting would still apply. This matter was carried to the November meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the ground penetration of Section C and D of WP Cemetery. Bob estimated the cost to scan both sections would be approximately \$1000.00 - \$1200.00. He said there are some areas that may not have been included in the scanning performed last year. Ritchey questioned if the reason to scan would be to locate more plots to sell. He said he's spoken with someone who would like to purchase a 10' x 10' plot right now and would pay \$1500.00 for it. Bob said we need to know what we have. He said he'd talk with Tom Nicholson, who had performed the GPS for us last year. Bob made the motion to hire Tom with a maximum bill of \$1500.00. Brian seconded the motion. The ground penetration of Section C and D and any other questionable areas passed with 4 votes. The payment will come from expense code 5201, Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds.

The discussion to purchase a Ground Penetrating unit was dropped after the vote to hire Tom Nicholson.

Julio said the Baptist Church hired Kevin Welsh to repair their long-standing leak. Ritchey said Kevin found our line was cracked so he fixed it right away for \$500.00. The payment to Kevin is on the list of payables. Brian made the motion to hire and pay Kevin to repair the water line. Bob seconded the motion. The repair was approved with 4 votes.

Ritchey reported that the tractor is safe and no gas has been stolen. He said all equipment is running well. He reported the Workers Comp training was prepping for an earthquake.

The District's monthly payables were reviewed in 2 transmittals: \$1543.68 for the regular payables and \$257.75 for the Cal Card purchases. Judy made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Bob seconded the motion. The bill was paid with 4 votes. Jill said she will be depositing refunds totaling \$480.93: \$62.56 overpaid to the EDD and \$418.37 overpaid to the Worker's Comp carrier, SDRMA. Judy said there were no new interment reservations.

Judy asked the procedure to help people sell plots back to the cemetery. She was given the necessary form that must be completed to comply with the County Auditor's office for payment.

Bob said he'd like to add 3 or 4 yards of gravel. Brian will call someone he knows that can deliver to us.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Jenkins, Clerk