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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER The February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:00 pm at the Mechling residence.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD-Trustees present were Mechling, Arch, Walker and Smith

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented

Voucher nos. 42-47 were approved for payment.

Bank balance: \$3,091.32

Budget Report submitted

Plot sales: \$20,250

Trustee Arch gave the Board a viewing of the work that he, Mike Neri and Arlo Reeves have been doing on the cemetery mapping system. Caspar, Evergreen and Hillcrest mapping is now completed. Little River will be the next cemetery to be entered into CIMS. Jeff distributed suggestions for Little River Interpretive panels, along with information on permits and the application process. After having spoken with Erica Fielder, Jeff had substantial information on how to proceed with the project. That printed information was also given to the Board.

Carl Mechling reported on the status of the lock at Caspar cemetery. There has been difficulty in finding the proper locks so the gates are still open. He also reported on the status of the new Hillcrest sign being made by Rick Sacks. Vacation plans and other events have temporarily slowed down the project. Meanwhile the tree where the new sign is to be placed will be cut down to accommodate the sign and protect it.

Guest speaker Becky Curtis of Grave Geeks <https://www.gravegeeks.org> a headstone cleaning group she has organized, came as a guest, along with her mother to our meeting from Pt. Arena. She gave a very enthusiastic presentation on work she is involved in restoring and cleaning headstones. Her group does not charge and they are willing to help

us on a cleaning project. She recommended-2 Biological solutions for cleaning. She also mentioned that there are grants available for restoration but did not elaborate.

Meaghan reported on her findings on the possibility of a Caspar land acquisition for Caspar Cemetery expansion. The property is now under the stewardship of State Parks and acquisition would be difficult if even possible. Tania spoke about using community service workers for projects, possible Halloween events, cinema nights.

After discussion about the additional cost of green burials to the District for refilling sunken plots, the Board, on motion by Trustee Walker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Arch (?) the Board approved an increase of \$500 per green burial plot. Resolution #2/26 Formal resolution to be signed at next regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Hill