

CEMETERY DISTRICT OF THE REDWOODS
P.O. BOX 153
WILLITS, CA 95490

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The meeting, held at Willits Cemetery, was called to order at 10:37am. Directors Verlan Strock, Karina McAbee, Skip Lucier, Ed Scott, and Board Secretary Erica Kroesen were present. Dave Montes, Groundskeeper was not in attendance.

There were no members of the public nor guests and there were no public comments made.

Skip moved to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting, seconded by Karina, carried.

The meeting of July 15 did not have a quorum; page in minutes book records attempted meeting.

REPORT OF GROUNDSKEEPER:

Dave was on vacation; Erica reported what she knew. Sarah Minson, Research Geophysicist, with the U.S. Geological Survey Earthquake Hazards Program came to Little Lake Cemetery to do a survey after the June 24th earthquake for research purposes. Dave indicated which headstones had fallen, and in which direction they had fallen, as part of the data (correspondence with Ms. Minson is attached).

Erica also updated the Board on the invoices paid towards the landscaping of the south area of Little Lake Cemetery, fences found, property lines, etc. Dave will report on his meeting with the County official when he returns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Need of a Board President: After discussion, Ed nominated Karina as Board President. She accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Vote. Verlan, aye; Skip, aye; Ed, aye. Karina is elected as Board President for the 2026-2027 year.

Sign at Willits Cemetery. Board wants the new Willits Cemetery sign's font to be very visible, using bold, block lettering. Some trees need trimming back to make the sign more visible. Dave has permission from the Board to trim tree branches that are on "our" property. If trees are on Duncan's property (east side of cemetery) he is directed to ask Duncan before trimming branches.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Need for another signer on checking account held at Savings Bank of Mendocino County: After discussion, Skip volunteered to be a signer. Vote. Verlan, aye; Karina, aye; Ed, aye. Skip is elected to be an additional signer on the checking account. Erica is directed to find out what is needed by the bank to add Skip.

CLOSED SESSION: At 11:10 closed session began. Reopened meeting at 11:40.

NEW BUSINESS, Cont:

Proposed budget was presented by Erica. Copy attached. Discussion. Ed moved to accept the Proposed Budget as presented, seconded by Skip, approved.

NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2026 @ 10:30. To be held at the Willits Cemetery.

Ed moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:11pm, Skip seconded, carried.

Submitted by,

Erica Kroesen, Board Secretary
Cemetery District of the Redwoods