

Meeting Packet

OREGON COMMISSION ON HISTORIC CEMETERIES, OREGON HERITAGE

Packet Items:

- Agenda - Action
- 2024 Oregon Historic Cemeteries Awards List

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

MEMBERS

- Lisa Sears, Cloverdale (Chair)
- Johnny Edwards, McMinnville (Vice Chair)
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- Peggy Drake, Sutherlin
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WORK

The members of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries meet four times a year in communities around the state. The purpose of the commission is to document and support the preservation of historic cemeteries in Oregon. Any cemetery that includes the burial of at least one person who died before the date that is 75 years before the current date and is listed with the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries is considered historic.

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Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Canby City Hall, Council Chambers

220 2nd Avenue

Canby, Oregon

Online

AGENDA

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Zoom Meeting - https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BCtlwOfkSoSktIFDYe6c_g

Business Meeting: 9:00am

1. Commission Business

- a) Welcome and Introductions (Information)
- b) Approval of October 16, 2025 Agenda (**Action**)

2. Public Comment: *This is the time for the public to address the Commission. If you wish to make public comment on an item on the agenda you can choose to make your comment either when the item is heard, or during this allotted time. **Speaking time is limited to 3 minutes.***

3. OPRD & Oregon Heritage Update

- a) Oregon Heritage Update (Information)

4. Association for Gravestone Studies (Information) – Perky Beisel

- a) AGS board member will share information about the national organization supporting historic cemetery preservation and scholarship. Association for Gravestone Studies [website](#).

10:15-10:30 Break – Great Shakeout

5. Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grant Report (Information) – Kuri Gill

- a) The results of the 2024 Oregon Historic Cemeteries grants will be presented.

6. Project Updates

- a) Cemetery Stories – Themes between now and the next meeting. Hispanic Heritage Month, Archives Month, Historic Cemeteries Month, Native American Heritage Month, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.
- b) SOLVE Historic Cemetery Cleanup Days follow up discussion (Discussion)
- c) Oregon Heritage Conference content input (Discussion)

7. Upcoming Cemetery Resources (Information)

- a) Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grant <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx>

b) SOLVE Historic Cemeteries Cleanup Support <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/tools.aspx>

8. Items for Future Meetings (Discussion)

9. Reports: Commissioner Actions and Issues (Information)

10. Commission Planning Calendar (Information)

- a) February 6, 2026 – Online
- b) April 29, 2026 – Woodburn with Oregon Heritage Conference
- c) May TBA, online grant approval
- d) July 16-17, 2026 – TBA, somewhere in the gorge
- e) October 22-23, 2026 – TBA

11. Adjourn Business Meeting

See Joint Commission Committee meeting agenda for remainder of OCHC schedule

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2024 Cemetery Grants

Heritage and Community Programs, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Approved

Applicant	Project Description	County	Grant Request	Grant Award	Match
Antelope Community Church	Install a secure entry gate and at 4-foot person gate and repair markers at the Antelope Cemetery in Wasco County.	Wasco	\$10,900	\$10,900	\$5,800
Blue Mountain Kees Cemetery	Complete Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey interpretation and complete the annexation of the private cemetery to public tax district ownership at Blue Mountain Kees Cemetery in Umatilla County.	Umatilla	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,500
City of Lebanon	Repair nine headstones and purchase materials for headstone cleaning at Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery in Linn County.	Linn	\$8,000	\$5,025	\$300
City of Medford	Repair, restore and level about 22 monuments at the IOOF Eastwood Cemetery in Medford.	Jackson	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300
Jordan Cemetery Association	Install a fence at the Shelton Jordan Cemetery in Linn County.	Linn	\$6,515	\$6,515	\$6,049
Lee Mission Cemetery Association	Repair and/or level 25 headstones in Lee Mission Cemetery in Salem.	Marion	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,884
Logtown Cemetery Association	Trim or remove dead or dying trees at Logtown Cemetery in Jackson County.	Jackson	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$1,000
Luper Cemetery, Inc	Complete marker repair and hold a cleaning workshop at the Luper Cemetery in Lane.	Lane	\$3,476	\$3,476	\$1,738
North Powder Cemetery Maintenance District	Survey the North Powder Cemetery in Union County.	Union	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,900
Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery	Remove up to 12 hazardous trees in the Phoenix Cemetery in Jascckson County.	Jackson	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$5,645
Rock Creek Cemetery Association	Repair about 22 headstones at Rock Creek Cemetery in Clackamas County.	Clackamas	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$1,500
Number of Applications: 11			\$64,031	\$60,556	\$31,616
Grand Totals: (all applications)			\$64,031	\$60,556	\$31,616