



Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries
Thursday July 16, 2026
Rockford Grange Hall
4262 Barrett Drive
Hood River, OR

Agenda

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Zoom Meeting – Register https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-IVOkqrRRT6H6udQX6F10g

Business Meeting: 1:00 pm

1. Commission Business

- a) Welcome and Introductions (Information)
- b) Approval of July 16, 2026 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. Although written testimony is not required, it is suggested that 15 copies be provided to the Commission Assistant prior to the meeting. **Speaking time is limited to 3 minutes.***

3. OPRD & Oregon Heritage Update

- a) Heritage Update (Information)
- b) Legislative Session Update (Information)

4. Cemetery Tales (Information)

- a) Lisa Commander, Executive Director of the History Museum of Hood River County, and museum volunteers, will share information on their formal Cemetery Tales program.

5. Cemetery Landscapes (Information)

- a) Lindsay Reva Smith, Commissioner, will share information on the historical development of cemeteries as landscapes.

6. Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grant Report (Information)

- a) Kuri Gill, Heritage Grants & Outreach Manager, will share the results of the 2025 grant funded projects.

7. Project Updates (Discussion)

- a) Cemetery Stories – Themes between now and the next meeting. Hispanic Heritage Month, Archives Month, Historic Cemeteries Month, Indigenous People's Day, Independence Day.
- b) Remote Sensing Project – Shawn Steinmetz

8. Upcoming Cemetery Resources (Information)

- a) Oregon Heritage MentorCorps – Applications are open now to be connected with a mentor to assist with priority setting, volunteer management planning, project planning, etc.
<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/mentorcorps.aspx>

9. Items for Future Meetings

10. Reports: Commissioner Actions and Issues

11. Commission Planning Calendar (Information)

- a) October 22-23, 2026 – TBA
b) Feb 5, 2027 – online
c) April 8-9, 2027 – TBA

Friday, July 17, 2026

Tour: 10:00 am

Great River Natural Burial Site Visit – Russell Hargrave

2350 Carroll Road, Mosier, Oregon. Meet at the picnic table by the entrance. Transportation is not provided.

Directions to Great River:

1. Take exit 69 off of Interstate 84 and drive into Mosier.
2. Turn right onto Washington St, and then take the first left onto Third St.
3. Proceed up the hill and turn right onto Carroll Road just after the bridge.
4. Great River is about 3 ½ miles up Carroll Road. Our driveway is on the left about ½ mile after the road turns to gravel. It is a paved driveway with our number, 2350, on a red sign near the road.

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