

East Kern Cemetery District

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

June 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yaw at 4:26 pm.

Roll Call: Chairman Victor Yaw and Vice Chairman Owen Carder were present. Trustees Harold Smith, Leslie Swindler & James Crocoll were present. Manager Paul Holzer was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Yaw.

Public Presentations: None

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: Vice-Chairman Carder made a motion to approve the Agenda & Minutes as presented. Trustee Smith seconded. Ayes – Yaw, Carder, Smith, Swindler & Crocoll. Motion carried.

Approval of the Monthly Budget & Vouchers: Trustee Swindler made a motion to approve the monthly budget and vouchers #'s J060826. Trustee Crocoll seconded. Ayes – Yaw, Carder, Smith, Swindler & Crocoll. Motion carried.

Manager's Report: The Manager informed the Board that:

- The District performed 2 interments since the last meeting (1C – CCMP / 1C – MC)
- KMI Columbaria will be here next Thursday to install the top and end caps on the old CB @ CCMP to match the style of the new columbaria.

Safety Report: The Manager assured the Board that there have been no incidents of safety to report and that every effort is made to ensure a safe work environment.

New Business: **A. Review / Adopt / Approve 2026-2027 Budget:** The Manager's proposal to the Board adds new equipment and improvements to Capital Outlay and a 10% increase to Payroll, that would give the Board flexibility with any wage increases and/or COLA's. Vice-Chairman Carder made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented. Trustee Crocoll seconded. Ayes – Yaw, Carder, Smith, Swindler & Crocoll. Motion carried. **B. Approve Veteran's Day Ceremonies – MC:** The Manager reminded the Board that the MC used to host the Veteran's Day services as well as the Memorial Day services, until about 10-15 years ago. Cathy Hansen had taken over Veteran's Day from the local VFW, when they disbanded, and moved the ceremony to the Mojave Airport (Tami Kelley now organizes). If the Board approves, it would require personnel to be present on an observed holiday @ time and a half. Trustee Smith made a motion to approve hosting Veteran's Day ceremonies at the Mojave Cemetery. Vice-Chairman Carder seconded. Ayes – Yaw, Carder, Smith, Swindler & Crocoll. Motion carried. **Closed Session:** Trustee Swindler made a motion to go into Closed Session @ 4:40. Trustee Crocoll seconded. Trustee Smith made a motion to come out of Closed Session into Open Session @ 4:50. Trustee Swindler seconded. Chairman Yaw informed the Manager that the Board is pleased with his performance and has received many compliments from residents, regarding the Manager. Vice-Chairman Carder made a motion for a 3.5% COLA. There was no second. Trustee Smith Made a motion for a 3.5% COLA and a \$2.00 meritorious raise. Trustee Swindler seconded. Chairman Yaw noted there was no second to Carder's motion and asked for a vote to Smith's motion. Ayes – Yaw, Carder, Smith, Swindler & Crocoll. Motion carried.

Board Member Announcements: Yaw – A Rosamond energy co. has paid for a bus to go to The Hard Rock Casino in Tejon. Please check with Yaw or the Mojave Seniors if interested.

Oral Communications: Meeting times

Adjournment: Trustee Crocoll made a motion to adjourn at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Paul Holzer,

District Manager / Board Secretary