

**State of Wisconsin Burial Sites Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2026
10:30 am to 1:00 pm**

I. Welcome and Call to Order (*Board Chair, George W. Christiansen II*)

Mr. Christiansen called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

II. Roll Call, for Determination of Quorum (*Board Secretary, Paul Reckner*)

Present, In Person: Mr. George Christiansen, Mr. Larry Plucinski, Mr. Zachary Stencil, Ms. Sarah Thompson, Dr. Amy Rosebrough, Ms. Amy Wyatt, Dr. Paul Reckner

Present, Online: Dr. Richard Edwards

Absent: Mr. David Grignon

WHS Staff Present, In Person: Taylor Lambrigger, Tricia Canaday, Siri Ullery

Guests Present, In Person: Susan Lovern, Shelley Nelson, Jessica McDonald, Christina Zweig

Guests Present, Online: Ryan Duffy, Linda Naunapper, Judy Klimt Houston, James Davies, Gina Shultz, Ashley Guell, Mark Geronime, Cody Dobson, Leah Penzkover

Quorum is present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Dr. Edwards moved to approve the March 2026 agenda.

Second: Mr. Stencil

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ms. Thompson moved to approve the December 2025 minutes.

Second: Mr. Plucinski

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

V. Introduction (*Board Chair, George W. Christiansen III*)

VI. Public Comment (*Note: A total of 15 speakers will be allowed a maximum of two minutes each on a first come, first served basis*).

1. Judy Houston, on behalf of the Descendants Community
2. Judy Houston
3. Susan Lovern

VII. New Business

1. Officer Elections

Discussions of positions and workload of each position.

Dr. Amy Rosebrough left the meeting.

Dr. Reckner self-nominated for secretary.

Mr. Christiansen nominated Zac Stencil for chair. Mr. Stencil accepted the nomination.

Mr. Stencil nominated Dr. Rick Edwards for vice chair. Dr. Edwards accepted the nomination.

Motion: Mr. Christiansen moved to vote on the current slate of nominations.

Second: Dr. Reckner.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

Mr. Zac Stencil elected Chair.

Dr. Rick Edwards elected Vice Chair.

Dr. Paul Reckner elected Secretary.

2. 2026 Conflict of Interest

A new Conflict of Interests form was proposed that mimics other governing boards. The decision to choose which form the Board would like to use moving forward is tabled. Board members will sign the old form for 2026.

3. Registry of Interested Persons Update Project

Motion: Mr. Stencil moved to approve the proposed process for removal of individuals from the Registry.

Second: Ms. Thompson.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

Motion: Mr. Stencil moved to approve the proposed process for widening area of interest for those on the Registry for MI-0527/BMI-0076.

Second: Dr. Reckner

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION BOARD**4. Request for Board Review: WHS Director's May 29, 2025 decision related to Windsor Tract Cemetery (MI-0528/BMI-0173)**

Motion: Mr. Christiansen moved to review the Director's decision to permit the work.

Second: Mr. Plucinski.

Discussion: Discussion on the legal process for compliance review and the nature of the project and the need to allow it to be permitted. Discussion of the motivation for this request for review, and how it points to actions that happened after the decision was made.

Vote: None in favor, all opposed, none abstained.

Motion failed.

VIII. Wisconsin Historical Society Report on Wis. Stat. 157.70 Actions (WHS Liaison, Taylor Lambrigger)**1. Eligible for Board Action**

i. Catalogued Burial Site Permit Request Decisions (no actionable items)

ii. Report on Certain Determinations Pertaining to the Disposition of Human Remains and Associated Burial Objects (no actionable items)

iii. Unauthorized/Unpermitted Burial Site Disturbances

1. Wampum's Grave (MN-0249/BMN-0143) (WHS #25-1209)

2. St. Jerome Cemetery (BWK-0057) (WHS #24-0916)

Motion: Mr. Stencil moved to accept WHS recommendation and close case.

Second: Ms. Thompson.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

3. Rostock Cemetery (BSB-0065)

Motion: Mr. Stencil moved to accept WHS recommendation and close case.

Second: Dr. Edwards.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

4. Wisconsin River Group (SK-0042/BSK-0194) (WHS #24-0958)

Motion: Mr. Stencil moved to accept WHS recommendation and close case.

Second: Dr. Edwards.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

5. Nemitz Group (AD-0051/BAD-0083)**6. Old St. John's Lutheran Cemetery (MI-0526/BMI-0183) (#25-0451)**

Motion: Ms. Thompson moved to accept WHS recommendation and close case.

Second: Dr. Edwards.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

7. Spring Hill Cemetery (MI-0030/BMI-0158) (#22-0898)

Motion: Mr. Christiansen moved to send a formal letter regarding the violations.

Second: Dr. Edwards.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

8. Stone Disk (OU-0020/BOU-0114)

Motion: Dr. Reckner moved to accept WHS recommendation and close case.

Second: Dr. Edwards.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

9. Lodge Bay Mounds (JE-0085/BJE-0157)

Motion: Mr. Stencil moved to accept WHS recommendation and close case.

Second: Mr. Plucinski.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

10. Stack (ON-0049/BON-0028) (#22-0537)**11. White Mounds (GR-0102/BGR-0075) (#25-0816)**

Motion: Dr. Edwards moved to send a formal letter regarding the violations.

Second: Ms. Thompson.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

2. Not Subject to Board Action

- i. **Determinations Pertaining to Uncatalogued Burial Sites**
- ii. **Report on Determinations Pertaining to the Disposition of Human Remains and Associated Burial Objects to the WITRC**
- iii. **Discoveries of Human Remains**

IX. Chair Report (Board Chair, George W. Christiansen III)

Verbal report given by Mr. Christiansen.

X. Unfinished Business**1. Unauthorized Disturbances Letters**

Motion: Dr. Edwards moved to extend the letter for Bug Tussel to March 31, 2026

Second: Dr. Reckner.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Motion passed.

XI. Other Reporting**1. WI State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) (Amy Wyatt)**

Verbal report given by Amy Wyatt.

2. WI Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) (Amy Rosebrough)

Verbal report given by Walker Good.

3. Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee (WITRC) (WITRC President, Bill Quackenbush)

No report given.

XII. Announcements

1. Request for nominations for vacant board positions
2. Updating SOPs + Bylaws
3. Discussion on thanking board members for their service

XIII. Adjournment

Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:18pm.