

MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

November 11, 2014

President Jim Allen called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum District to order at 7:00 P.M. on October 22, 2014 at the Belden Museum.

Roll call: Board members present were: Jim Allen, Lili Turnell, Larry Todd, Lynn Sessions, Mary Jane Luther and Mervin Larsen. Museum director David Cunningham and Collections Manager Rachel DeShong were present.

Consent Agenda: Larry Todd moved to approve Consent Agenda. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Citizens Open Forum: None present

Additions to the agenda:

New Business: MAP (Museum Assessment Program)
Window Signs

Lili Turnell moved to accept additions to the agenda. Mervin Larsen seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

New Business:

MAP: Rachel DeShong presented an explanation of the program and the benefits the program would bring to the Meeteetse Museums. This program focuses on small museums and provides support to guide the museum toward meeting professional standards. This process would put the museum on a path toward accreditation. The process starts with a self-assessment and a peer review. The Alliance of Museums provides \$950 toward the cost of the review. A \$350 filing fee from the Meeteetse Museums is required to accompany the application. After a discussion Lili Turnell moved to allow the MAP process to move forward and approve the \$350 application fee. Larry Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Window signs: David Cunningham presented information on electronic window signs. Purpose of the signs would be to attract attention to traffic traveling into town and keep locals informed on current events. There is a main street program for entities located on a main highway which would reduce costs. After a discussion it was decided more information was needed. The discussion was tabled until December.

Welcome to New Board Member: Jim Allen congratulated returning board members and welcomed newly elected board member Mervin Larsen to the board.

Board Officer Elections: Larry Todd moved to retain the existing officers. Mervin Larsen seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Ongoing Business: None

Committee Reports:

Long Term Planning Committee: Committee Chairman, Larry Todd, presented a draft Long Term Plan. Board members are asked to bring comments to the next meeting. A vote on the Plan is tentatively scheduled for January, 2015.

For the Good of the Board:

An inquiry on how to donate to the Museum Foundation will be relayed to the Foundation.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:03p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors
Meeteetse Museum District