

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD**  
**July 13, 2021**

President Larry Todd called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order at 5:05 at the Meeteetse Museums.

**Roll call:** Board members present were Pam Johnston, Jim Allen, Larry Todd, Lili Turnell, and Lynn Sessions. Mary Jane Luther was absent. Director David Cunningham, Director of Education and Programs Amy Phillips, and Collections Manager Alex Deselms were present.

**Consent Agenda:**

Jim Allen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Pam Johnston seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Citizens Open Forum:** None

**Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**

New Business: Farm Bureau Insurance  
Special District report

Deletion: Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget

Lili Turnell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jim Allen seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**NEH Grant/Belden Agreement:** A grant from the National Endowment for Humanities is available for updating the Belden Museum. Alex and Amy are working to finalize the Grant Application. Some of the improvements would include new carpet and windows, updating display cases and exhibits, and track lighting. Up to \$400,000 may be awarded towards these improvements. The project start date may be as early as May, 2022 if the grant is received.

The Agreement between Meeteetse Museums and the Belden family has been updated. The finalized Agreement between the Phelps-Belden Family and the Meeteetse Museum District should be completed within 60 days.

Lili Turnell made a motion to approve termination of the current agreement between the Meeteetse Museum District and the Turnell Cattle Co. Jim Allen seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Staff Review:** David Cunningham presented to the Board review of staff members for the past 2 years. Covid-19 restrictions delayed this process during 2020.

**Farm Bureau Insurance:** The Board reviewed the current policy. Lili will contact Farm Bureau for minor changes to the policy.

**Special District Report:** Lili presented a checklist received from the State regarding statewide Special Districts' business practices. The Board reviewed the checklist and assessed Meeteetse Museums' progress.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Furnace Installation:** The new furnace was installed on 07-12-2021 and is working well. The furnace was purchased in part with a grant from the Cultural Trust Fund.

**Concert:** The concert recently held at the Museum by the bluegrass band Prairie Wildfire was a success with 60+ people in attendance.

**Budget:** The budget report has been submitted to the Park County Clerk.

**Elavon Update:** Lili Turnell reported that she has responded to Elavon's request for information. Elavon is the company through which the Museum processes payment.

**Committee Reports:** None

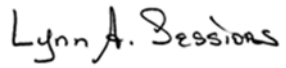
**For the Good of the Board:**

Panels for the Carl Dunrud exhibit have been completed. Pam Johnston will pick them up and deliver them to the Museum.

**Adjournment:**

6:29 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn A. Sessions". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Member, Board of Directors