

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
Rescheduled
September 7, 2021**

President Larry Todd called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order at 5:01 p.m. at the Meeteetse Museums.

Roll call: Board members present were Jim Allen, Pam Johnston, Lili Turnell, Lynn Sessions, Larry Todd, and Mary Jane Luther. Director David Cunningham and Collections Manager Alex Deselms were present.

Consent Agenda:

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

Citizens Open Forum: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

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

New Business:

Phelps/Beldon Agreement: Alex Deselms reported the agreement was reviewed by the Board's lawyer, Scott Kolpiche. A list of family members to be consulted should be attached to the agreement. The document was also reviewed by Jeanie Nichols, the MAP reviewer. An amendment to extend the time needed to update the agreement is needed. Mary Jane Luther moved to approve the extension drawn up by Alex Deselms. Pam Johnston seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Directors Letter: Jim Allen made the motion to accept the letter from Director David Cunningham. Lili Turnell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting with Foundation President: Larry Todd, Alex Deselms, and Amy Phillips met with Foundation President, Louis Abarrr to communicate the Museum's financial situation. They are working toward a joint Foundation/Museum Board meeting to discuss a capitol endowment campaign.

Bank of the West/Gift Shop Account: Bank of the West is closing its branch in Meeteetse on December 3, 2021. The Museum has a bank account and a credit card account for the Gift Shop. Lynn Sessions made the motion to move all accounts at Bank of the West to First Bank in Cody, with the rest of Museum's accounts. Pam Johnston seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Alex: Pam Johnston moved we apply for a credit card for Alex Deselms and the Gift Shop at First Bank. Lili Turnell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Safe Deposit Box: The Museum's safe deposit box is located at Bank of the West in Meeteetse. Lili Turnell moved to allocate \$600 for the purchase of a fireproof safe for the Museum. Mary Jane Luther seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Natures Design: A mounted ferret for the Museum has been sitting at the studio. A bill was never sent and it was not picked up. Pam Johnston moved to issue a check for \$888.75 to pay for the mount, with money allocated from the Gift Shop account. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

Museum Bylaws: Lili Turnell moved to approve the revised the Bylaws as presented. Pam Johnston seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session: At 6:04 p.m. Pam Johnston moved the board enter into executive session. Lili Turnell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

6:19 p.m., the Board resumed the regular meeting. A discussion of the vacant Director position took place. Mary Jane Luther moved to offer Alex Deselms the position of Interim Executive Director, with the decision to be expected at the October Board Meeting. Pam Johnston seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: None

For the Good of the Board:

Be it resolved, the Meeteetse Museum Board of Trustees wish to acknowledge David Cunningham's many contributions to the Museums and the Meeteetse Community. His positive leadership and guidance activities have helped foster professionalization of Museum's organization, operation, and programs. His skills in recruiting and mentoring staff members have been exceptional and helped build a solid foundation for the Museum's future. The Board is thankful for his service and is disheartened by his resignation but wish him all the best in whatever he chooses to undertake next. Even in leaving, David is, making decisions and pointed us to directions that expand potentials for the Museums to move forward. Thank you, David!

Thank you to Louis Abarr for donating \$700 for the window advertisements.

Thank you to the quilt committee for the silent auction donation to the Museum.

Adjournment: 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors