MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE BOARD July 19, 2022

Secretary Mary Jane Luther called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum Board to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Meeteetse Museums.

Roll call: Board members present were Mary Jane Luther, Jim Allen, Lynn Sessions and Lili Turnell. Pam Johnston and Larry Todd were absent. Interim Director Alex Deselms was present.

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

Citizens Open Forum: None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Deletions: staff Compensation

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

New Business:

Second credit card machine: in order to streamline donations and other payments via credit card, it is desirable to have one machine instead of two. The charge for early termination of the agreement for one machine is \$750 which is less costly than the monthly service charge for a second machine. The agreement terminates in Dec. 2024. Lili made a motion to cancel the Merchant Agreement for the Meeteetse Museum District first Bank Account (second machine) and pay the cancellation fee. Jim seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kirwin tour: The Forest service is recommending no passenger vehicle travel to Kirwin, affecting the Museum tour on August 6th. They are suggesting travel via high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles. Several Board members volunteered to transport museum personnel to the event.

Senior work program: The board discussed the possibility of participating in the senior work program which has been successful in the past. Alex will investigate the process for the Museums' participation.

Ongoing Business:

MPMA Conference: the regional conference for 2022 is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 4-7. Alex will take advantage of early registration prior to July 31. Amy can register as a student member. Member registration is \$465 / student member is \$365. Hotel and flights are separate.

Kirwin book: Alex and Amy have submitted a historical book on Kirwin for an MPMA award.

Jim Allen made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and go into Executive session at 5:41. Lynn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Lili made a motion to approve raises for staff members starting in July, 2022. Jim Allen seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried

Committee Reports: None

For the Good of the Board:

Mary Jane Luther read a Letter from Pam Johnston, Board Member, stating that she will not run for election to the Board in November. She will be available to help with fundraising and other Museum activities. Many thanks to Pam for her many contributions to the Museums and continuing support!

The Museum received letters from Barry Bryant, photographer, and Jessie Taggart; a letter and donation was received from Ann Young and Jim Nielson in honor of Larry Todd.

The Board received thanks from Alex and Amy for volunteering on the native plants area in front of the Museum. The area looks much improved and the plants are thriving!

Adjournment: Mary Jane Luther adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn A. Bessions

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Board of Directors