

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
November 15, 2022**

Vice President Pam Johnston called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Meeteetse Museums.

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

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

Citizens Open Forum: Michael Oliver, new board member starting in January 2023.

Additions to the Agenda:

New:	Bank Door Foundation Policies Grant
Ongoing:	Phelps/Belden Agreement Native Garden

New Business:

Giving Tuesday: Alex Deselms has signed up through Better World, to participate in Giving Tuesday. The website will be active from November 20th through November 29th. Margaret Baker will be sending out postcards from the foundation, as another avenue to reach out for donations.

Development Position: On the first round, no applications were received. Alex Deselms sent out notices to colleges and universities who offer Museum studies. One application has since been received. The Board agreed to extend the deadline for applications to January 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas in Meeteetse: Event is December 10th. Mary Jane Luther will open the Bank Museum. Lili Turnell will make cookies and assist in the main Museum.

Museum Insurance and Audit: Insurance coverage has not been increased since the Museum District was created. This should be increased to include today's value.

Cody Christmas Parade: The event is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Jim Allen will provide the pickup and Alex Deselms will accompany the costumed Ferret in the bed of the pickup.

December Newsletter help: Update the open position. Write a letter thanking Amy. We will check with Larry Todd about a letter he was writing. Museum will be closing on December 17th and reopen on March 1, 2023.

Bank door: The door leading to the stairs needs to be replaced. We will engage a contractor to inspect the opening, order and install the replacement door.

Foundation Policies: Margaret Baker or Alex Deselms will send out the policies for review. The Foundation is interested in input from this board.

Grant: Alex Deselms has submitted a grant proposal to the Institute of Museum and Library Science for \$40,000. This would be an oversize scanner, which would be shared with other museums in the Big Horn Basin and Park County Archives. Resubmitting the grant for the Beldon Museum is on the back burner for now. Alex is going to meet with the staff who review the grant proposals to see what could be done to make our submission a better candidate.

Ongoing Business:

Phelps/Belden Agreement: This should be the last extension. It needs to be reviewed by Museum Staff and additionally, a legal review by the lawyer. The extension was signed by the Board.

Olive Fell update: Alex Deselms sent a certified letter to the reviewer, who is researching the copyright. There is someone in Laurel, Montana from the family. Alex will try to arrange a visit with them on a trip to Montana.

Committee Reports: Strategic Plan

Lynn Sessions and Larry Todd have been working on the plan. We will visit this at the next meeting.

For the Good of the Board:

Christmas gathering at Lili's. Dates that might work are December 14th- 17th. Alex will let Lili know what works best for her. We have received a new family membership. The ranch booklet is coming soon. Lili has been certified for her bond. The Belden Arts Award Proclamation has been received and will need to be hung on the wall.

Adjournment: 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors