

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
February 14, 2023 – Zoom Meeting**

President Larry Todd called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order on Zoom at 5:05 p.m.

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

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

Citizens Open Forum: None

Additions to the Agenda: Lynn Sessions moved to approve the agenda as presented. Lili Turnell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Roof: Contractors from Worland came over to steam out the frozen roof drain but were unable to perform the task because of the weather. They would like to steam from the bottom of the drain. It will need to be located. Alex Deselms will put an ad in the Cody Enterprise for bids to have the roof repaired or replaced. She also knows of a grant we can apply for which would help with the cost. We also need to check with the insurance company to see if compensation is possible. Mary Jane Luther has some information on membrane repair and will forward it to the board. Bryce Lewis has heat blankets which might be helpful for melting the ice. Michael Oliver suggested applying paint on tar to temporarily stop the leaks until a permanent solution can be implemented.

Heart Mountain Children’s Day: The museum has been invited to participate again this year. It will be on May 6th. Alex will explore the logistics of attending. Last year there were 60 to 100 participants.

Tour groups: The Meeteetse Chocolatier is interested in partnering with the Museum when scheduling tour groups. He has three so far and would like to split the numbers so half are at the Museum, half at the Chocolatier. The first one will be on March 17th. The board supports this partnership. The Travel Council provides information to tour groups, so we want to make sure we are on their map.

Ongoing Business:

Development Position: There were three possible candidates, who have all backed out for personal reasons. Now there are no suitable candidates. It appears there is a need to wait for a better applicate pool to be available. There is an immediate need for an

employee. Mary Jane Luther made the motion to advertise for a seasonal position to assist the Interim Director, Alex Deselms, with day-to-day tasks at the Museum. A job description will be drafted by Alex and advertised as soon as possible. Starting wage will be between \$13 and \$15, depending on skills. Alex will hire and supervise the position. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The suggestion was made to check with the Buffalo Bill Center of the West to see if they have any applicants with experience, which they were not able to hire at this time.

Insurance quotes: Table for now.

Phelps/Belden Agreement: There needs to be an extension. Because of the Zoom meeting to severe weather, we will agree to initialing the agreement verbally.

Committee Reports:

The Collections Committee met and accepted and accepted items into the collection.

Strategic Plan: Tabled for now.

For the Good of the Board:

We need to start thinking about budget planning. It is due by the end of May. Alex Deselms is applying for a grant to attend the American Alliance of Museums, which will be combined with CWAM (Colorado Wyoming Association of Museums). It will be May 18-22 in Denver, Colorado. A heartfelt thanks to Alex for all that she has been doing for the Museums. Also, Alex is a cast member in the Community Theater in Cody this weekend.

Michael Oliver made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Allen seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors