

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
July 18, 2023**

Vice President Lynn Sessions called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museums board to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Roll call:** Board members present were Lynn Sessions, Lili Turnell, Mary Jane Luther, and Michael Oliver joined by phone. Larry Todd was absent. Interim Director Alex Deselms was present.

**Consent Agenda:** Correction to the Minutes of the Consent Agenda, Melanie Riley was not in attendance. Mary Jane Luther moved to accept the corrected Consent Agenda. Michael Oliver seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Citizens Open Forum:** None

**Additions, Deletions, and Approval:**

**New Business:** Lots between the Museum and the Bank  
Moving stipend for Elizabeth Foss

Lili Turnell moved to accept the agenda as amended. Michael Oliver seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Cody Chamber Retirement Plan: Alex Deselms presented the board with information from the Cody Chamber Retirement Plan. Since the Museum is a free member of the Cody Chamber employees are eligible to participate. This topic will be discussed later with the full board present.

Labor Day: Quilt show will have TAGY quilts in addition to the regular show. We will finalize open hours after Elizabeth Foss arrives.

Lots between Museum and Bank: Betty Potas suggested spraying the lots which would be more cost effective than mowing. The board will investigate spraying.

Moving stipend for Elizabeth Foss: Lili Turnell moved to give Elizabeth a \$500 moving stipend. Michael Oliver seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**Ongoing Business:**

Budget hearing: Budget was ratified. Mill Levy is \$155, 777.

Open board position: Ashton Shepperson has expressed possible interest in the position. Lynn Sessions will follow up with her. Jim Allen submitted a written resignation.

Roof and interior repair: Alex Deselms, seeking estimates for repairs, contacted cleaners and contractors. Several people looked at the roof. Alex will contact structural engineers to evaluate the roof before a material for roof replacement is considered. Alex is pursuing grants and has scheduled an energy audit at the end of September. The HVAC unit for the dark room area will need to be replaced. It is old, out of date and not worth repairing.

Security systems: Alex has been gathering information. A system with cameras has been installed for a test period.

**Committee Reports:** Strategic Plan: Formation of a Building committee, fund raising, major grant writing, all needs more detail.

**For the Good of the Board:**

WyoGives: The Museum received \$32,800 before the Hughes Foundation match and the BCBS match. Alex Deselms did a great job of getting the word out.

CWAM will be in Worland in 2024, April or May.

Congratulations to Alex and a thank you for all her hard work.

**Adjournment:** 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary  
Board of Directors