

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
August 8, 2023**

President, Larry Todd called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order at 5:07 p.m.

Roll call: Board members present were Larry Todd, Lili Turnell, Lynn Sessions, Lili Turnell Michael Oliver, and Mary Jane Luther. Interim Director Alex Deselms and the new employee, Elizabeth Foss, were present.

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

Citizens Open Forum: None

Additions to the Agenda:

Executive Session

New Business: Reimbursement discussion

Michael Oliver moved to accept the modification to include the Executive Session and approve the addition to the agenda. Lili Turnell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

IMLA Medal of Honor Nomination Application: Cynthia Lummis proposed the Meeteetse Museums be nominated for the National Medal for Museum Service. We will need to prepare the nomination, including three letters of support to accompany a letter from Cynthia Lummis. David Cunningham, Amy McKinney, and Alan Simpson were suggested. Lili Turnell will contact Alan Simpson. Alex Deselms will write the grant.

Report on CD and money transfers: Treasurer Lili Turnell has taken advantage of higher short-term CD rates.

Executive Session:

Lynn Sessions moved to enter Executive Session. Mary Jane Luther seconded the motion. All voted aye, Motion carried. Executive session entered at 5:21 p.m.

Lili Turnell moved to come out of executive session. Michael Oliver seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Executive session exited at 5:43 p.m.

New Business cont.

Reimbursement discussion: Lynn Sessions moved to reimburse Alex Deselms \$500.00 for

vehicle repair, damaged driving to the Double Dee for a Museum Tour. Mary Jane Luther seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

Farm Bureau Insurance Update: Lili Turnell met with the insurance agent and signed for another year. In the future the insurance needs to be updated. The discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Board member letters of interest: The board has received more interest in the open board position. Lili Turnell moved to table the discussion and selection until the September board meeting. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Roof and interior repairs: Alex Deselms has been trying to get quotes. A temporary fix is needed for the roof. Lili Turnell will talk to Joe Thomas about a grate for the drain and flying a drone to inspect the roof.

Security system: Table discussion until October. Alex Deselms will get Elizabeth Foss on the security list.

Labor Day: Quilt show will be up after August 26th. The Museum will be open Sunday and Monday. Looking for volunteers to open the Bank Museum. Lili Turnell will drive her 57 Chevy in the parade with the ferret.

Cody Chamber Retirement Plan: We will check future dates when someone from Cody can come to a meeting and explain the plan and associated costs.

Native garden maintenance and update on lot maintenance: Michael Oliver weed wacked around the Annex and will mow, gather weeds in a catcher and spray in the lot. We will investigate Ground Clear treatment for next spring. Lili Turnell asked Michael to turn in a bill for the weed killer. Tuesday, August 18th, is weeding day at the garden. Alex Deselms will call the plumber to fix the faucet in front of the Belden Museum.

Belden Agreement: Lynn Sessions moved to sign an extension for the agreement. Mary Jane Luther seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: None

For the Good of the Board:

Welcome Elizabeth! We are glad you are here. Thank you to Alex Deselms for your continued outstanding work. Thank you to the Visitor's Center.

Adjournment: 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors