

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
October 10, 2023**

President Larry Todd called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda: Mary Jane Luther moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Michael Oliver seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Open Forum: None

Additions to the Agenda:

New Business: Audit Report

Lynn Sessions moved to accept the modification to the addition to the agenda. Lili Turnell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

Cody Chamber Retirement Plan – Presentation by Ben Payton: Employees of the museum are eligible to participate in the retirement plan used by the Cody Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Payton explained all the options. The board will review the plans at the next meeting in an Executive Session.

New Business:

Scanner and rearranging: The Museum received the grant for a large format scanner. A large industrial table needs to be purchased to hold the 350-pound scanner. The archive room will need to be rearranged. Other museums in the Basin will be able to use it. A training will be held in late November.

BBAM Meeting November 6th: Meeteetse Museums will be hosting the Big Horn Basin Association of Museums on November 6th from 9 am to 4 pm.

Bears in the Basin: Park County Travel is creating a tourism scavenger hunt for bears in Park County. Bears will be permanently installed with 4 being installed in Meeteetse. One will be installed at the Meeteetse Museum, one at the Bank Museum, one at the Ferrett Park and one at the Visitors Center.

Ongoing Business cont.

Roof: Mary Jane Luther and Michael Oliver will put some Flex Seal tape on some of the seams on the roof, weather permitting.

New Board Member: Lili Turnell nominated Dusty Taylor. Michael Oliver seconded the nomination. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Security system: Alex Deselms will investigate setting up demos at the November meeting.

Labor Day: The Museum entry got second place in the parade. All the auction items were sold, net \$500.

Native garden: Staff collected some pods. Bee plant will reseed.

Phelps/Belden agreement: Lynn Sessions made the motion to sign an extension. Michael Oliver seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Strategic plan workshop will take place after the first of the year.

For the Good of the Board:

We received a \$1000 donation from Henderson, Nevada. Michael Oliver talked with a visitor on Labor Day who wants to do more for the Museums. We have also received donations in memory of Jim Blake.

Adjournment: Michael Oliver made a motion to adjourn. Lili Turnell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors