

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
March 12, 2024**

President Larry Todd called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

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

Citizens Open Forum: George Wisner, Building Committee

Additions to the Agenda:

New Business: Sheridan Taylor, cleaning schedule

Lili Turnell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Dusty Taylor seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Membership to Discover Meeteetse: Mary Jane Luther made a motion to pay \$500 to continue our ad in the Meeteetse Messenger. Michael Oliver seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Budget Workshop: The workshop is scheduled for April 24th at 5:00p.m.

Meeteetse Corridor Project: Board members who attended felt the Corridor meeting with the State and consultants was well attended. The views of the people in attendance were directed at maintaining the current look of the town. Everyone should remain engaged and provide input as the planning process moves forward. Ideas should be posted to the website by March 15th. Larry Todd handed out a historical fact sheet that demonstrated a missed opportunity when the community did not work together thirty-seven years ago.

Youth Worker: Applications and payment to participate in the program are due by March 31st. Lili Turnell moved the Museum to pay the \$300 fee and participate in the program. Mary Jane Luther seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheridan Taylor cleaning: Sheridan's schedule has changed, and she will be cleaning the museum at 7:00 a.m. Lili Turnell made a motion to provide Sheridan with a key and the code so she can access the building without impacting staff schedules. Dusty Taylor seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive session: Entered at 5:37p.m. Exited at 5:39 p.m.

Ongoing Business:

Credit Cards: The process of getting new cards is on hold. Adding the credit card for the bookstore required the board to clearly define users for each card. For the Museum credit card, Alex Deselms and Elizabeth Foss will have a shared account, with a limit of \$3500 for each card holder. For the Museum Bookstore credit card account, Alex Deselms and Elizabeth Foss will each have a credit card with a combined limit of \$3500. Michael Oliver moved to approve the conditions for the credit cards as presented. Dusty Taylor seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Roof: Alex received the report from the structural engineer and emailed it to all board members and the Building Committee. The structure of the roof appears to be solid and can support new roofing and solar panels if properly placed. After discussion, the Board asked Alex Deselms to contact the Envelope Group with the engineering consultants and get an estimate for drawings and specifications for reshaping valleys, correcting pitch, and design specifications for the roof drain on the flat roof.

Advertising: The administrator at the airport in Cody is optimistic about having Meeteetse represented. It would cost \$2000 to put a poster on the wall, \$90 dollars for having rack cards displayed for six months. They would also like ferret images for the T.V. Alex Deselms is working on a rack card which will be ready this season. The restaurant would like some Meeteetse posters to place on the wall with pictures and limited text. There would be no charge for displays in the restaurant. Lili Turnell made the motion to approve \$90 to place rack cards at the airport. Dusty Taylor seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Plan: A meeting was held in February to discuss ideas. The next meeting will be April 4th at 4:00p.m.

Collections Committee report: Alex Deselms handed out the report of the Collections Committee which met on March 6, 2024. NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) representatives will be meeting with staff next week to give advice on items in collection or on loan.

For the Good of the Board:

The regular Museum Board meeting will be rescheduled to meet on April 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Mary Jane Luther will post notices in town.

Early Bird registration is now open for the CWAM meeting, May 1-4, in Worland, Wyoming. Alex Deselms and David Cunningham are giving a presentation on grant writing on the afternoon of the 3rd.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors