

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
December 10, 2024**

President Larry Todd called the meeting of the Meeteetse Museum board to order at 5:01 p.m.

**Roll call:** Board members present were Larry Todd, Lynn Sessions, Dusty Taylor and Lili Turnell. Executive Director Alex Deselms and Public Outreach & Engagement Director Elizabeth Foss were present. Mary Jane Luther and Michael Oliver were absent.

**Consent Agenda:** Dusty moved to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. Lynn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Citizens Open Forum:** None. Newly elected Board Members Joe Winkler and Ashton Shepperson were present.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Addition: Certificate of Deposits – New Business. Lynn moved to approve the agenda as modified. Dusty seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Senior Center Request:**

Meeteetse Senior Center is requesting donations for its fundraiser. Individuals may wish to contribute.

**Roof Maintenance Plan:**

Cost of a yearly maintenance plan is \$1,395 from Ferguson Roofing (company that installed the new roof). Maintenance would include cleaning the roof and drain and inspection of the roof twice yearly. Decision was tabled until the final inspection is complete.

**Designated Bank Depository:**

A formal motion by the Board is required yearly to designate a bank depository. A motion was made by Dusty Taylor to designate First Bank of Wyoming as the Museum's depository. Lynn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Treasurers' Position:**

Lili Turnell currently holds the Board's office of Treasurer and recently renewed her bond. She will check to see if her bond is transferable to the new Treasurer who will be selected at the January, 2025 meeting. Lili reviewed the duties of the Treasurer for all present. The Board will have the option of contracting out some of those tasks in 2025.

**Certificate of Deposits:**

Lili reported on the status of the Museums' two CD's – recently renewed at 4% interest rate for 3-month CD.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Roof and solar:**

Alex reported that roof construction is complete except for a few minor items followed by the final inspection. Alex and Lili are working through various Grant procedures in order to obtain monies to pay the roofing invoice from Ferguson Roofing. The Museum Foundation is expected to contribute from WyoGIVES campaign from 2023 and other contributions designated for the new roof. The contract with Creative Energies (solar) has been signed and a down payment has been made for installation of solar panels. That work is expected to start during the first quarter of 2025.

## **Ongoing Business (cont.)**

### Electrical upgrade:

Alex is still waiting for Bar-T to complete installation of LED lights – they are expected to commence work this week (December 11<sup>th</sup>). The WEA grant designated for this project has been extended through the end of the year.

### Dark Room:

Alex gave an update on the repairs to the dark room. Work will include removal of the old carpet and installation of the sub-floor to be completed this week. Flooring will be installed in the Spring, 2025. George Wiser assists the Museum with this project!

### Window:

Alex is continuing to gather and refine estimates for the front window that developed a crack in September. The glass will be replaced with a double-paned window. Estimates for the remaining Belden Museum windows are included since double-paned glass is desirable for those as well.

### Other Building Maintenance:

Alex will send a list of items that need to be addressed. Painting the window trim on the Bank Museum is a priority. Lili moved and Dusty seconded a motion to pay Elizabeth Foss \$170/month for cleaning the Museums. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### Scanner Warranty:

The yearly cost of the warranty for the new scanner is \$3,990 which can be purchased for four years. The Board did not vote to approve purchase of this warranty.

## **Committee Reports:**

### Strategic Plan:

The Board will work on a new Plan in 2025 once the new Board members take office.

### Collections:

The Collections Committee met Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Alex pointed out several items of interest from the Collections Report from that meeting.

## **For the Good of the Board:**

Thanks to Larry, Lili and Dusty for serving on the Board! Their contributions to the Museum and Meeteetse Community have been invaluable.

Welcome newly elected Board Members Joe Winkler and Ashton Shepperson (and Maria Kleusner)!

**Adjournment:** Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Sessions, Vice President  
Board of Directors