

MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
August 12, 2025

President Michael Oliver called the regular meeting of the Meeteetse Museum Board to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll call: Board members present were Michael Oliver, Ashton Shepperson, Maria Kluesner, and Mary Jane Luther. Joe Winkler was absent. Director Alex Deselms and Public Outreach, Engagement Director Elizabeth Foss were present.

Consent Agenda: Lynn Sessions moved to hold out the Treasurers Report and approve the rest of the consent agenda. Ashton Shepperson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Open Forum: Roberta Oliver will join the discussion: Fundraising.

Additions to the Agenda:

Add Quilt under Fundraising, in Committee Reports.

Maria Kluesner moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ashton Shepperson seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Labor Day: The quilt show is being set up on August 26th. Staff have a volunteer sign-up sheet to help with the Bank Museum, Raffel ticket sales, and the main Museum front desk. Please sign up.

Ongoing Business:

WyoGives: We raised \$45,942, including the Hughes match. There were ninety-two total donors and one hundred eleven total donations. Online donations totaled \$12,000. Offline donations totaled \$34,000.

Vic Payne loan: Vic is still applying the patina. He hopes to have it finished by Labor Day. Alex Deselms considers the stature to be on loan.

Building and yard maintenance: It appears a tree is rubbing against the bank building. Staff is waiting for the roof contractor to look at it. The painting estimates may be up to \$2000. The priority will be to start with the bank. The solar panels are saving money on the electrical bill. Thank you to Michael Oliver for weed eating. Next summer we will need to look at the boardwalk along the side of the bank. George Weiser noticed a tree is pushing up the bench.

Treasurers report: Maria Kluesner moved to approve the Treasurers report. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Plan: Staff have heard back from our consultant, Marion Bender, on the second draft. Alex Deselms tweaked it and sent it back to Marion. Board members are urged to get the amendments back after LaborDay.

Quilt ticket sales: Three hundred and forty-five tickets have been sold, for over \$1500. Roberta Oliver has been taking the quilt ticket sales to other venues, with the help of staff. She hopes to have it at more venues including the Cody Farmers Market, Homesteader Days, and the Daisy Hill Craft Fair. Many tickets were sold at the Back-to-School barbeque. The quilt will be at the Donor Cultivation event.

For the Good of the Board:

Elizabeth Foss and Lynn Sessions, as the geologist, led the tour to Kirwin. It was well received with 45 people attending. The tour included the history of Kirwin and geology of the area. The tour route combined a walk through the town of Kirwin and hike up the road to the location where a cabin was formerly being constructed for Amelia Earhart by Carl Dunrud. Elizabeth and Lynn did a great job.

September 25th was selected for the Donor Cultivation Event, starting at 5:30 pm. Details will be discussed at the September Board Meeting. Mary Jane Luther will be gone during the month of October.

Adjournment: 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors