

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
November 11, 2025**

President Michael Oliver called the regular meeting of the Meeteetse Museum Board to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda: Maria Kluesner moved to approve the consent agenda. Ashton Shepperson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Open Forum: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Mary Jane Luther moved to approve the agenda as presented. Joe Winkler seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Cody Christmas Parade: Joe Winkler and Alex Deselms will provide the entry for the Christmas Parade in Cody on November 29, assisted by Mr. Deselms. Lineup is around 5:15p.m. and the parade begins at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas in Meeteetse: This event will be on Saturday, December 6th. The Museum will host Santa. We will need cookies to give out to children who visit Santa. The Bank Museum will be open from 10:00 to 1:30 and in need of volunteers. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The Raffle for the quilt will be on that day at 3:00 p.m.

Ongoing Business:

Building and yard maintenance: Bragg Plumbing will be coming to shut off the Bank water and fix the clogged toilet in the main museum. Painting has been postponed until spring. Alex Deselms hopes to replace the HVAC in the darkroom this spring and have air conditioning installed at the bank. She has been working on grants. Alex has asked the Culture Trust Fund for a grant to replace the dark room HVAC. Giving Tuesday will be coming up on December 2, which has the potential to contribute funds for this project. Money from the quilt raffle could also be used for this project.

Vic Payne: We have not been able to complete a plan this year.

Committee Reports:

Mission Statement: The Mission Statement was revised at the workshop in October. Mary Jane Luther moved to approve the Mission Statement as revised. Joe Winkler seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Strategic Plan: A workshop was held on October 29th to finalize the new plan. Ashton Shepperson moved to approve the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan. Maria Kluesner seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Fundraising Committee: Donor cultivation event was recapped by the board. In the future it would be helpful if we prepared for congressional representatives ahead of the event. It was suggested that an alternate event theme be alternated with the meet and greet.

For the Good of the Board:

Alex and Elizabeth shared the award the Mountain Plains Museum Association gave them at the meeting last month. It is a Leadership and Innovation Award to the Meeteetse Museums. The solar panels have been generating electricity. We received a donation of \$100 for collections. Our intern, Emilia Thompson, started work on entering data into the digital collections. We are happy to have her here.

Adjournment: 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors