

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
September 9, 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, Lynn Sessions, Ashton Shepperson, and Mary Jane Luther. Joe Winkler and Maria Kluesner were absent. Director Alex Deselms and Public Outreach Engagement Director Elizabeth Foss were present.

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

Citizens Open Forum: None

Additions to the Agenda:

New: State Department of Audit
Ongoing: Delete: Vic Payne
Add: WyoGives

Mary Jane Luther moved to approve the agenda as amended. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

State Department of Audit: Nikki Blake, Accountant, has given all the financial reports to our CPA, Joe Assay. Reports will be forwarded to the State.

Ongoing Business:

Belden Agreement extension: Lynn Sessions moved to sign an extension of 70 working days. Ashton Shepperson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Roof Maintenance: The roofing contractor checked on the main museum roof and removed leaves. They also checked the roof on the bank. The coating on the roof is starting to flake. It cannot be added to the maintenance plan due to the condition. Roof replacement should be considered within the next five years. The area of the roof is smaller than the main building and should cost less to replace.

Building and yard maintenance: A tree is rubbing on the edge of the roof of the Bank Building. Staff are waiting to hear back from a tree specialist. Painting of the windows should take place this fall. The chair lift was inspected by Alpine Medical and found components are fried, obsolete and are not available for replacement. Alex Deslms is researching and applying for grants to replace the stairlift.

Roof and Solar: The final reports have been sent. Project is complete.

WyoGives: The organization is reaching out for suggestions for 2026.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Plan: A workshop is needed to go over the draft, make changes and finalize a document. Meeting will include review and update of the Mission Statement. The date for the workshop is October 29th at 4 p.m.

Fundraising Committee: Donor cultivation event will be September 25th at 5:30 p.m. Lili Turnell and Lynn Sessions will bring light hors d'oeuvres. A signup sheet was passed around to cover other items.

For the Good of the Board:

The Mountain Plains Museum Association has awarded the Leadership and Innovation Award to the Meeteetse Museums. Congratulations to Alex Deselms and Elizabeth Foss! Labor Day celebration brought lots of people through the doors of the Museums.

Adjournment: 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors