

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
December 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 Joe Winkler, Lynn Sessions, Michael Oliver, Ashton Shepperson, and Mary Jane Luther. Maria Kluesner was 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: Corridor project

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

New Business:

Alarm: Staff will be out of town from December 22nd to January 2nd. We need someone to be the contact with the alarm company if the alarm should be tripped. Joe Winkler volunteered. Staff will give him codes and keys.

Christmas at Lili's: At 5:30 December 18th. Board and staff will bring wine, appetizers and desserts.

Corridor project: Michael Oliver attended the recent project meeting in Meeteetse. The project will repave the street, replace boardwalks and sidewalks. What to do with the space between the boardwalk and the street needs to be resolved. The planners are suggesting synthetic material for the boardwalks for longer life or concrete texture to resemble wood. Comments from the Museum are our opportunity to affect the outcome.

Ongoing Business:

Belden Agreement: The agreement is for 70 business days. Mary Jane Luther moved to approve the extension. Lynn Sessions seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Building and yard maintenance: Staff is looking for someone to clear snow this winter. Crockett will not be available. Pay will be between \$60 and \$80. Perhaps a student would be interested. Tree trimming by the bank building did not happen. Alex Deselms is checking around for a tree service. Alex Deselms is also seeking out and applying for grants to replace the HVAC system. Alex is also checking with the engineers to see that the roof will support a new HVAC. Money raised from the quilt raffle and year end fundraising could be applied to the project. A window upstairs in the bank blew open. Alex and George Weiser got the window closed and temporarily secured. A permanent solution will be found for securing it in the new year.

IMLS Grant: The grant has been reinstated which will pay for a second intern. Alex submitted a second final report.

Executive Session: Entered session at 5:52 pm
Exited session at 6:02 pm

Committee Reports: None

For the Good of the Board:

Alex submitted a news release about the MPMA award to local news outlets, Cody Enterprise, Cowboy State Daily, Powel Tribune and WyoFile. The Christmas parade in Cody was well attended. Thank you to Joe Winkler for driving the pick-up, to Jason Deselms for bringing the ferret to life and Alex Deselms for minding the ferret! Christmas in Meeteetse was a big success. The quilt was raffled and the winner was Heidi Kleusner of Meeteetse. The raffle raised \$5314 for the Museums. Thank you to Roberta Oliver for spearheading and championing the project! There were over 173 people at the main museum and 19 at the Bank during the Meeteetse Christmas celebration. Michael Oliver submitted his resignation from the board, citing health reasons. Thank you to Michael for all the work he has put into the Museums during his service on the Board.

A motion was made to adjourn by Lynn Sessions, seconded by Mary Jane Luther. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors