

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
February 10, 2026**

The February Meeteetse Museums Board Meeting was called to order by Treasurer Lynn Sessions at 5:03 pm at the Belden Museum.

Roll call: Board members present were Lynn Sessions, Maria Kluesner, Ashton Shepperson, Allen Doty and Mary Jane Luther. Joe Winkler was absent. Director Alex Deselms was 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:

A motion was made by Ashton Shepperson to accept the agenda as presented. Allen Doty seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Election of Officers: As nominated: President: Joe Winkler
 Vice President: Ashton Shepperson
 Treasurer: Lynn Sessions
 Secretary: Maria Kluesner

Mary Jane Luther moved to approve the slate of officers. Ashton Shepperson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mary Jane Luther will finish this meeting as Secretary. The books and duties will be passed on to Maria Kluesner at the March meeting.

Network for Good renewal: Alex Deselms reviewed with the board, the value Network for Good provides to fundraising, mailing management and donation tracking. There is a cost savings of \$828 over three years, by signing a multiyear agreement. The Network for Good is approved in the budget. The board agreed to have a three-year renewal.

Insurance: The policy with Farm Bureau covers building and liability insurance. Online payments will correct the issue of late payments. Mary Jane Luther moved to pay future Farm Bureau insurance bills online. Ashton Shepperson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Solar tax credits: The Museum is eligible to apply for tax credits for our solar panel installation. The grant could pay up to 40% of the installation cost. Staff are working on the application.

Bank Signatories: The Board Officers are eligible to be signatories. Lynn Sessions will contact the bank to get the process started. A copy of this month's Board Meeting Minutes must be presented to the bank to start the process.

Budget information: Development of the budget for 2026-2027 will start in April. It will be easier this year as the three categories have already been established, Administration, Operations, and Indirect. The proposed budget is due by the end of May. There will be a final budget after the final Mill Levy is determined. This year the Budget Hearing can be scheduled for July 14th, the same day as the regular board meeting. Budget workshops are planned for April 14th at 4:00pm, ahead of the July Board meeting. The second workshop will be on May 5th at 4:00pm. Workshops and the Budget Hearing will take place at the Belden Museum.

Ongoing Business:

Building and yard maintenance: Alex Deselms had contractors on site in January to look at Bank Windows. She is waiting for estimates. Bragg Plumbing will be replacing toilets tomorrow, with one ADA compliant in each bathroom. Alex is gathering estimates for replacement of failing HVAC systems and the addition of air conditioning. The bank is the priority with the dark room air conditioning. Big Horn Glass will be replacing the big single pane front windows facing the Wea Market, with double pane windows.

Committee Reports: None**For the Good of the Board:**

Welcome new board member Allen Doty! The Museums received a donation from Lili Turnell in honor of Nada Larsen. Staff are busy working on projects and cleaning during the winter months.

Adjournment: 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Luther, Secretary
Board of Directors