

MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
August 11, 2026

The August Meeteetse Museums Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ashton Shepperson at 7:02 pm at the Belden Museum.

Roll Call: *Board members present were Allen Doty (via zoom) Maria Kluesner, Ashton Shepperson, and Mary Jane Luther. Museum employees Elizabeth Foss and Alex Deselms were present. Absent were Lynn Sessions and Joe Winkler.*

Consent Agenda: *Mary Jane Luther made a motion to amend the consent agenda to add minutes from Budget meeting, Maria Kluesner seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

A motion was made by Mary Jane Luther to approve the agenda as presented, Maria Kluesner seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Open Forum: *None*

Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Approval: *None*

New Business:

Big Horn REA:

Alex Deselms has been working with the senior center on moving a power pole that connects both buildings behind the bank and the outdoor exhibit. Alex had pictures for the board and she was asking permission to get it moved.

Mary Jane Luther made a motion to allow Big Horn REA to move the pole behind the fence to a location that works better for both, Allen Doty seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Alex will do the paperwork and let the board know when the work will be happening.

September 8th Meeting:

Alex Deselms was wondering about moving the September 8th monthly meeting to the 15th, since the museum is usually closed the day after Labor day. Board agreed to that and she will post a new meeting day.

Ongoing Business:

Donor/VIP Cultivation event:

The event is set for September 23rd at 5pm, Elizabeth Foss is sending out invitations and she also stated that Merc will order ice cream and that there would be a sign up sheet for board members to bring other items for the event.

WyoGives:

Alex Deselms stated that the Hughes Charitable Foundation awarded the museum \$2445.00 and with donations the museum made \$38,000.00 and she had a list of Thank yous that the board needs to sign up for.

Fall Work Day:

Elizabeth Foss still needs to speak with Habitat for Humanity on the fluorescent lights and if they did not accept them then we would pay the disposal fee. They would like to move some of the items that are currently on the ground onto pallets and organize items in storage. May set the work day to the 16th or 17th of September at 4pm.

Alex Deselms also stated that the chair lift will be removed by George and we will wait to install a new one until it can be ordered.

Building and Yard Maintenance:

Alex Deselms stated that the painters are done and that they replaced the wood on the window sills of the second floor. The Historic Preservation Assessment should be sent to Alex by the end of the week.

Alex stated that the town will replace boardwalks once the work on the roads are complete. The town is still coming up with a plan. Alex will email Angie Johnson for more information. Until this gets complete, we need to paint some of the boards yellow by the front entrance, to alert people of issues.

Summer Programs

Elizabeth Foss spoke about the coming events.

-Kirwin tour in August will meet at the warming hut at 9:30 am, Maria Kluesner to drive Elizabeth.

-Labor Day - Museum to promote Many Voices, One Nation exhibit. There will be a mini quilt show, Elizabeth to make a call after meeting. There will be no silent auctions this year, due to not enough interest.

Committee Reports:

Collections:

Alex Deselms is working with the committee on the moratorium draft for the September meeting. Included would be the moving of bank documents and going through old items to make room for new. Alex has spoken with Lili about the tearing in canvas of the Beldon sheep wagons, she has spoken with a restoration company out of Cody that came and looked at the items. It was suggested to recover, fix roof parts and linseed oil all of the wood for preservation. Costs were estimated to be around \$2700.00 for everything but the oiling. It was suggested to have a work day and Mary Jane Luther suggested going to Ace Hardware for the oil. It needs to be done as soon as possible.

Allen Doty and Ashton Shepperson could see if the school kids would need a work project through the school and they could complete it for the museum.

For the Good of the Board:

Kathleen Holtzer's family made a \$10,000.00 donation to the museum.

Elections are coming up and Lynn Sessions, Allen Doty and Mary Jane Luther's terms are up.

Adjournment: 6:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maria Kluesner, Secretary
Board of Directors*