

MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
July 14, 2026

The July Meeteetse Museums Board Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Winkler at 4:59 pm at the Belden Museum,

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

Consent Agenda: *Lynn Sessions made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ashton Shepperson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*
A motion was made by Ashton Shepperson to approve the agenda as presented, Allen Doty seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Open Forum: *None*

Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Approval: *None*

New Business:

Donor/VIP Cultivation Event

Alex Deselms stated that we usually have this event in September and she is wondering whether or not we have the event every year or every other year. Mary Jane Luther suggested we have an ice cream social with a mini speaker (Alex and Elizabeth speak and possibly board members). The board liked the idea and Allen Doty suggested that we use the Merc to serve ice cream and then gather at the museum for speakers. Alex will check with the Merc, a date was decided on September 23, 2026 at 5pm.

Fall Work Day

Alex Deselms has spoken with George and he suggested that we change out the fluorescent bulbs for LED lights and help would be needed to organize, move and get rid of unwanted items. The fluorescent lights would have to be disposed of a certain way and Mary Jane Luther suggested donating them to Habitat for Humanity or selling them on Facebook marketplace instead of paying a disposal fee.

Flag and Flagpole

Alex Deselms stated that there is a flagpole on site but we would need a flag and to make sure that there is a light on it. We would need to have an electrician look at the wiring on the light that is with the flagpole and we could use a flag from the legion and they would control the raising and lowering of the flag. Mary Jane Luther suggested a boy/girl scout troop to adopt the

job of raising and lowering the flag. After much discussion, Lynn Sessions and Ashton Shepperson suggested that we table the issue for another time.

Ongoing Business:

Final Budget

The final budget was approved in a budget hearing.

WyoGives:

WyoGives is July 15th and Alex Deselms has received quite a few checks, they will be starting the day with \$4225.00.

Alex has asked that the board share information, links and participate in the 100% board giving so as to earn a prize. Alex will keep the board informed via group chat to keep everyone informed.

Building and Yard Maintenance:

Alex Deselms stated that the painters are having trouble getting a lift and should be back to work the following Tuesday and get the top part of the bank completed. Also, George was able to repair the bank door that was affected by the high wind.

Mary Jane complimented on how well the flower bed looked in front of the museum with the new mulch.

Joe Winkler stated that he will help with the tree maintenance as needed.

Elizabeth Foss stated that Goerge will be working on leveling the boardwalk by the bank and that the meeting with the Historical Preservation last month went well and there was a lot of discussion on projects and needs for the museum.

Summer Programs

Elizabeth Foss spoke about the coming events.

-Ferret Event at the museum is on Friday the 17th from 2-5pm and the Girl Scouts will be at the same event from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

-DD Tour is July 25th, Joe Winkler will help with driving staff and the museum will be opened at 8:30 - 9:00 and leave museum at 9 am.

-Meet the Author is August 6th, Elizabeth has received a grant to cover participation costs.

-Kirwin Tour is August 15th - Lynn Sessions or Maria Kluesner will assist in getting museum staff to Kirwin.

-The last week in August Elizabeth Foss will host the Thermopolis/Hot Springs on a Kirwin tour.

-Labor Day in Meeteetse is September 7th, the museum will be open all weekend. Elizabeth will contact the Quilt Guild to see about a mini quilt show.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Legacy Giving Acknowledgement

Elizabeth Foss would like to see a memorial wall in the museum. Patrons have inquired about this and would like to have it in honor or in memory of plaques. They would be individual plaques and she would like ideas of what to name the wall. Treasured Memories in Cody had

different plaque ideas. There was discussion from the board, Allen Doty suggested naming the wall "Friends of the Meeteetse Museum". Mary Jane Luther suggested limiting what is put on the plaques, (minimal choices). Elizabeth asked about donation price per plaque and it was suggested to set different levels of donations, Elizabeth will research how different organizations set price levels.

For the Good of the Board:

Alex Deselms stated that the Taste of Meeteetse will possibly be August 15th, she will check into this and let the board know.

Adjournment: 5:56pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maria Kluesner, Secretary
Board of Directors*