

**MEETEETSE MUSEUM DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
May 14, 2026**

The May Meeteetse Museums Board Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Winkler at 5:02 pm at the Belden Museum,

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

Consent Agenda: *Lynn Sessions made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Allen Doty seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

Citizens Open Forum: *None*

Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Approval: *Lynn Sessions made a suggestion to move the Executive Session and Proposed Budget meeting to the end. A motion was made to approve the agenda as written by Lynn Sessions, Allen Doty seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

New Business:

Program Volunteers:

Elizabeth Foss spoke about this summer programs and was needing volunteers to be at the museum. Ashton Shepperson, Joe Winkler and Allen Doty may be able to step in but would need training.

Legend Rock Tour - June 13th (would need someone at the museum)

DD Tour - July 25th

Kirwin Tour - August 15th

America 250 - June 29th (needs volunteer at the bank from 3:30 - 7:00pm)

There is a screening of a documentary and reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8th and details are still being finalized.

At this time president Joe Winkler stated we needed to go into executive session. Maria Kluesner made a motion to proceed with the executive session, Allen Doty seconded the motion. All voted aye, Motion carried. The executive session came to order at 5:21pm and closed at 5:43pm.

Ongoing Business:

The general meeting was called back to order at 5:44pm by President Joe Winkler.

*A motion was made to vote on the proposed budget for the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year by Ashton Shepperson. Allen Doty seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Total budget \$178,050.00*

WyoGives:

*Alex Deselms is still looking for ideas for what to ask for this year. She suggested ideas that go towards the general operating/building maintenance like stucco repair on the main building, chair lift, exterior exhibits (lift exhibits with wood and signs).
The board is to look for more match donors.*

Meeteetse 250:

*Alex Deselms stated that the Many Voices One Nation exhibit will be onsite and will hopefully be almost complete.
Ashton Shepperson would like to paint the museum windows for the 250th celebration.
The town has a flyer out but things are still in the planning stages.
Alex is hoping that the youth worker will wear the ferret costume for the parade.*

Building and Yard Maintenance:

*Alex Deselms stated that the A/C in the bank on April 28th.
She is still waiting on bids in the dark room.
Painting is in progress, they are limited due to weather.*

*Elizabeth Foss reached out to the State Master Gardener for volunteers and had no response.
She is still looking for assistance with the flower garden and also needs a vehicle to get mulch.
Allen Doty stated that he could help get the mulch.*

Committee Reports: None

For the Good of the Board:

*Board to look at dates for new members to tour the museum. July 9th after the main meeting would work for the board.
Alex stated that with the solar tax credit, Big Horn Rea charges \$70.00 monthly and the museum was charged \$29.88.*

Adjournment: 6:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maria Kluesner, Secretary
Board of Directors*

