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***The Campbell County Rockpile Museum tells the story of the Powder River Basin.***

John Daly, President  
Tami Bishop, Vice-President  
Sherry Lowell, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rita Cossitt Mueller  
Kelcie Hughes

A. Call To Order And Introductions

I. Roll Call

Members and guests are encouraged to share a historical story or object.

B. Approval Of Agenda

C. Quarterly Meeting Of The Campbell County Commissioners And Rockpile Museum Board

I. FY 2018-2019 Museum Budget

II. Commissioner Meeting Schedule With Museum Board

III. Highway Crossing Safety

IV. Rockpile Museum Strategic Plan

V. Spring Board Training

VI. Other

VII. Adjourn Commissioners Meeting

D. Regular Monthly Meeting Of The Rockpile Museum Board Of Directors

I. Approval Of Minutes

Documents:

[ROCKPILE MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES FEB2018.PDF](#)

II. Expense Report

Documents:

[ROCKPILE MUSEUM EXPENSE REPORT MAR18.PDF](#)

III. Collections Report

Documents:

[ROCKPILE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS REPORT FOR  
MAR2018.PDF](#)

IV. Education Report

a. Visitation Report

b. Collections/Exhibits Activity Report

Documents:

[COLLECTION AND EXHIBIT ACTIVITY REPORT 3-2018.PDF](#)

V. Schedule

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. General Discussion

IX. Adjournment

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**Minutes for the Campbell County Rockpile Museum Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting – February 20, 2018  
Rockpile Museum, 6:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order, Guest Introductions, Welcome to New Board Members**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President John Daly, presiding officer. Secretary Sherry Lowell took the minutes.

Present: Museum Board Members John Daly, Sherry Lowell, Rita Cossitt Mueller, and Kelcie Hughes. Staff: Museum Director Robert Henning.

Absent: Tami Bishop

Guests: None

- A. Roll Call – During the roll call of the Rockpile Museum each member presented a brief historical story, object, or memory for the group. Rita Cossitt Mueller brought a French bayonet dated 1879. They have three of them at home and no idea where they came from. Kelcie Hughes shared photos and history of her Great Grandmother's service with the USGS and at the White House. Sherry Lowell passed as she has been busy with RMA Dance planning. John Daly spoke about the brutal winters of 1977 and 1978. His family was stuck on a return trip from Newcastle on New Year's Day and it took him three trips on a snow machine to get Sandy and the kids home. They transported all cattle to Nebraska for feed. They gathered all of the cattle on snow machines and loaded them in the trucks in 6' to 8' snow channels. When they got to Nebraska they broke through the electric fences. His father said those years were harder than 1949 due to the length of the winter. Director Henning gave some history on the creation of the Campbell County High School athletic department in 1919.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Board reviewed agenda and John Daly called for changes or corrections. No changes or additional items were presented and the board approved the agenda by unanimous consent.

**III. Expense Report / Board Minutes**

- A. As of February 20th, there were 12 purchase orders from the regular budget to be approved and paid totaling \$5,041.46 and two invoices for 1% requests totaling \$1,492.00. There are at least two outstanding invoices from the general museum accounts totaling \$1,021.81 (Visa and Walmart).

For the month of January, there were 16 vouchers from our regular accounts totaling \$4,602.17 and three vouchers from the 1% accounts totaling \$259.29. Board Member Kelcie Hughes signed the following vouchers after our regular January meeting:

Sue Collins	\$60.00
CC Chamber of Commerce	\$45.00
Gaylord Archival	\$1,181.17
Office Depot	\$26.85
Walmart	\$41.89
First National Bank Visa	\$371.13
First National Bank Visa - 1%	\$102.44
Teachers Corner Kids Mart - 1%	\$71.85
Arbuckle Lodge - 1%	\$85.00

A motion was made by Rita Cossitt Mueller to approve the January 2018 purchase orders signed by Board Member Kelcie Hughes and the February 2018 purchase orders as presented; seconded by Kelcie Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. The January 2018 regular board meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. No corrections or changes were presented.

A motion was made by Kelcie Hughes to approve the January 2018 Board Minutes; seconded by Sherry Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Collections**

A. Collections Report

There were four donations for the board to evaluate this month. Donors included: Carol Jandreau, James Foster, Ken Geer, and Judy Tenney. Donations were on a table for the board to review along with a report and recommendations from Registrar Angela Beenken.

Rita Cossitt Mueller was reminded by some AMAX items that there is a Carter Mining Company reunion this summer that her husband is invited to. She wondered if the museum might make it known that we are seeking mining history and objects. Director Henning said that the museum would most certainly welcome any potential donations from former Carter Mining Company employees or executives.

A motion was made by Rita Cossitt Mueller to approve the staff recommendations regarding the donations; seconded by Kelcie Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

## V. Education Report

- A. Visitation Report – The total number of patrons served in January was up from 453 last year to 718 this year for an increase of 265 or 58.5%. Board was presented with three visitation graphs; January '16-'18 comparison, 2017 month by month visitation, and yearly visitation from 1990 to 2017.
- B. *Views of Vanuatu* Exhibit and Opening Event – Exhibit open NOW through May 1<sup>st</sup>. We had 39 guests for the exhibit opening. John Daly commented that many of the photos had never been seen before and that he thought it was very well done. He said the crowd at the opening was excellent and he spoke with several veterans that had never been to the museum before. John feels that these photos warrant a permanent exhibit and has national significance. He also believes it could make a great traveling exhibit. John also mentioned that the board should be represented by at least one member at all museum events.
- C. “Spring Has Sprung” Family Day Report – Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. We had 55 kids, 32 adults, and 12 volunteers this past Saturday. Board inquired about capacity and Director Henning stated that we had room for 75 students.
- D. Boys and Girls Club Outreach Report – Board was given a written report from Museum Education Assistant Wendy Legerski on the now completed Boys and Girls Outreach Program. Here is an excerpt from the report:

“The students’ responses to this program were overwhelmingly positive. The children expressed excitement about the hands-on learning and tasting traditional foods. The physical activities were also very popular. The biggest challenge for presenters was the constant interruption of children being called to leave the program when their parents arrived to pick them up and their difficulty concentrating after a long school day. Despite these challenges, feedback about the outreach program was very positive.

BGCCC Program Coordinator Danielle Trujillo stated that the students loved the program and the parents had voiced to staff how pleased they were with this free learning opportunity. Trujillo stated that they would love to have us present another similar program soon.”

Director Henning also stated that there is the opportunity to do programs at the Club on early release days.

- E. The following schedule items were announced:

February 21: Senior Outreach to Primrose and Legacy

February 22: RMA Board Meeting – 2:30 p.m.

February 22: CC Hist. Soc. Meeting – Bomber Mountain Pres. – 7:00 p.m.

March 1: Strategic Planning Forum

March 2: Coffee with the Director, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

March 15: CC Historical Soc. Meeting

March 22: RMA Board Meeting  
March 27: Museum Board Meeting and Quarterly Mtg. with Commissioners  
March 28: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade WWII Day  
March 29: Noon Rotary Lunch at the Museum

## VI. Old Business

- A. Exhibit Wall Construction in Campbell County Room – Director Henning updated board on wall construction which began today.
- B. Strategic Planning Forum
  - 1. Questionnaire Committee Update – John Daly will pare down, finalize questions, and send to board.
  - 2. Invite Committee Update – Kelcie Hughes has received 9 RSVPs to date for the planning forum. Board members will call or email everyone on the list to invite again. Kelcie will send updated lists as she has them.
  - 3. Agenda and Goals for the Evening

A draft agenda was reviewed. All generally agreed to the schedule for the evening. John Daly will be the master of ceremonies for the forum. He suggested we name the tables after brands, governors, or have them be questions. Rita suggested historical names or icebreaker questions. No decision was reached on the table labels. Tami Bishop will handle prizes and Rita Cossitt Mueller will do table labels and help with registration. Sherry Lowell may be out of state so she was not assigned a specific task.

Tami Waldner is handling the catering. She is making chuckwagon style desserts and there will be veggie trays as well. Tami is also doing the drinks other than the Arbuckle's Coffee which has been acquired.

Each table will have a leader who throws out questions for discussion. Table reporter records comments. Rita asked that the list of questions be made available to the attendees when they leave as well as a mailing address or URL where they can send in their answers.

- C. FY2018-2019 Budget Update – Director Henning presented draft budget requests for the following:
  - 1. IT Budget Request
  - 2. Capital Construction Budget Request
  - 3. Vehicle Request

Kelcie Hughes and John Daly expressed concern that museum staff were using personal vehicles to haul museum collections and goods. They believe there are some major legal and insurance questions with this procedure.

They believe the museum should have an SUV or truck for moving items from building to building.

**VII. New Business**

- A. Highway Crossing – John Daly is concerned about the safety of guests who park across the street for museum events. He suggests that we draft a letter to WYDOT, Campbell County Commissioners, and County HR/Risk expressing the board’s concern. Rita Cossitt Mueller agrees that this situation is very dangerous. The nearest pedestrian crossings are at 4J and Burma. All believe that there should be some sort of pedestrian crossing closer to the museum.

Kelcie Hughes moved that the Rockpile Museum Board draft a letter to WYDOT, Campbell County Commissioners, and County HR/Risk expressing concern for the dangerous situation museum patrons are in when crossing the street and calling for the installation of a pedestrian crossing. Rita Cossitt Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Motorized Scooter – John Daly also thinks that the museum should acquire a motorized scooter for use by disabled and elderly visitors.

After some discussion, this item was tabled until the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VIII. General Discussion - NONE**

**X. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Rita Cossitt Mueller moved to adjourn the meeting; Kelcie Hughes seconded; and the motion passed unanimously. President John Daly adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular board meeting and quarterly meeting with the Campbell County Commissioners is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

February 2018 Board Minutes submitted by Secretary Sherry Lowell.

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CCRM Board Member

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Date

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CCRM Board Member

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Date

**VOUCHER PAYMENT**  
**Campbell County Rockpile Museum**

**Claims for the Month of March 2018,**  
**as of March 27th**

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

True West	\$475.00
Vista Leasing Company	\$98.00
Powder River Office Supply	\$41.28
City of Gillette	\$805.30
Mileage Reimbursement - Henning (JAN/FEB)	\$42.35
Menards	\$177.77
Black Hills Energy	\$641.09
Wyoming State Museum Store	\$44.60
Tami Waldner LLC	\$95.00
ULINE	\$788.25
Walmart	\$209.80
Menards	\$132.61
Home Depot	\$40.50
First National Bank Visa	\$1482.39
American Red Cross	\$56.00
First National Bank Visa – 1%	\$1,664.48
WWII Gear (By the Sword, Inc.) – 1%	\$739.11
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$7,533.53</b>

**February vouchers signed by John Daly after the regular February Meeting:**

Walmart	\$118.52
First National Bank Visa	\$955.29



# Collections Report

Campbell County Rockpile Museum – March 2018

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**1. Digital scans of newspaper clipping and v-mail related to Harold Darnall service in WWII**

**Digital scan of Lloyd and Lola Darnall Mortgage Deed and Promissory Note**

**Digital Scans of Lloyd Darnall War Ration Books – (3)**

**Original letter to Lloyd Darnall parents regarding rationing**

**Various ration books and stamps for Prop Collection**

Square footage of storage space required: 0

Recommendation: Accession digital scan of mortgage deed and promissory note into Permanent Collection, Decline remaining items

**2. Framed picture of Rawhide Mine**

Square footage of storage space required: 5.26 sq ft

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

**3. Book “More Hulett Area Past and Present”**

Square footage of storage space required: 0.70 sq ft

Recommendation: Add to Education Collection

**4. Books –**

**“From Beaver to Oil” David J. Wasden**

**“Visions of Wyoming” Edited by Marik Turbes**

**“The Wind Is My Witness” Mark Junge**

Square footage of storage space required: 0.22 sq ft

Recommendation: Add to Education Collection

**5. Drinking glass from “The Bury Mercantile” Gillette, WY**

Square footage of storage space required: 0.06 sq ft

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

**6. Insulator found in a tree center in Hulett**

Square footage of storage space required: 0

Recommendation: Decline

- 7. Northern Campbell County playing cards in box  
Powder River Office Supply 2018 desk calendar  
Postcard of Yellowstone Trail sign  
2002 Wyoming State Government Directory  
2 chairs from**  
Square footage of storage space required: 0.41 sq ft  
Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection
- 8. Arrowheads and scrapers found on the William and Helen Fitch ranch on Middle Prong Road**  
Square footage of storage space required: 0.22 sq ft  
Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection
- 9. Photos, letters, cards, and personal items related to Nicholas J. Crago – Sundance, WY**  
Square footage of storage space required: 0  
Recommendation: Decline due to condition (mildew/mold)
- 10. Metal sign from NZ shoe store found beneath metal front on Breanna’s bakery during remodel**  
Square footage of storage space required: 29.17 sq ft  
Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection
- 11. 1984 Calendar featuring Stockmens Bank and various local businesses  
1963 Murphey’s Gillette Drug veterinary calendar  
1986 & 1971 Saunders Lumber Co. calendar  
1959 Stockmens Bank grand opening booklet  
1965 Wyoming 75 Anniversary event handout featuring Paul Harvey biography  
2004 Campbell County Senior Center calendar  
1984 & 1985 Stockmens Bank and Trust Company calendars  
1984 Decker’s Pharmacy calendar  
1986 Coast to Coast calendar  
1957 News-Record featuring Stockmens Bank 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
1975/1919 Gene’s Furniture calendar  
Sears, Roebuck and Co. ladies glove measuring tape  
R.A. “Dick” Mader keychain**  
Square footage of storage space required: 1.67 sq ft  
Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

# Collections and Exhibits Activity Report

**Rockpile Museum Association Internship** – Advertised at over 350 universities and community colleges nationwide. Four applications received from Indiana, California, Arizona, and Gillette. Selected intern will be notified April 16 and will work at the museum from June 1 thru July 31, 2018.

**Gillette College Work Study** – One applicant has been interviewed and sent notification of hire. Awaiting response from Gillette College and applicant.

**Collections Volunteers** – Currently there are three volunteers in collections working on photograph and document scanning, artifact identification, and Past Perfect cataloging software training. 92+ volunteer hours have been logged in collections since January 1, 2018.

## Exhibits-

- Current Exhibit – *Views of Vanuatu: WWII Through the Lens of Jack Bennick*

The exhibit highlights the work of J.L. “Jack” Bennick who served as a Photographers Mate during WWII. Includes stunning images of military planes and ships, USO performances, native tribes of the region, and a little-known visit from Eleanor Roosevelt.

This exhibit received national attention when the News Record article was republished in Stars and Stripes, Casper Star Tribune, The Miami Herald, Bristol, VA Herald Courier, Black Hills Pioneer, San Francisco Chronicle, Fresno Bee.

\* The family of Jack Bennick has generously offered to fully fund the effort to make this a traveling exhibit. This includes all needed framing materials and construction of custom shipping crates.

- Upcoming Exhibit: *The Way We Worked*

Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit, which is part of Museums on Main Street and in partnership with Wyoming Humanities explores how work became such a central element in American culture by tracing the many changes that affected the workforce and work environments over the past 150 years. Will be on display from May 19-July 15, 2018.

An accompanying exhibit: *Back to Business*, will be constructed at the museum using local artifacts and will highlight advertising premiums of many early and prominent Campbell County businesses.

Opening Reception May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm

Collaborations currently include: AVA Community Art Center, Wyoming Game and Fish, and CC Public Library.

**Preservation Workshops** – will return this fall in September, October and November. This year will include two staff led programs on china & ceramics and quilts. In addition, a firearms workshop will be presented by a regional firearms curator.

This curator will also provide preservation training for staff in the care of firearms held by the Rockpile Museum.