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

**Special Meeting of the CCRM Board of Directors**  
**March 17, 2020**  
Rockpile Museum, 11:00 a.m.

President John Daly, presiding officer of the Rockpile Museum Board of Directors, called a special meeting of the board of directors for 11:00 a.m. on March 17, 2020 to discuss the Museum's response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**A. Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board President John Daly, presiding officer.

Present: John Daly, Pres., Tami Bishop, V.P., Rita Cossitt Mueller, Sec. (via phone), Bill Monahan, and Lalia Jagers (via phone).

Museum Staff Present: Robert Henning, Director, Stephan Zacharias, Educator

Guests: Jonathan Gallardo, Gillette News-Record

**B. Museum Response COVID-19**

Board President John Daly has suggested that the museum be closed to the public because of the Covid19 virus outbreak. He had contacted all board members yesterday, 16 March 2020. The County Commissioners met later in the day and stated that closing the museum needed to be done in a board meeting. Some of the factors taken into consideration:

1. President Trump has requested that groups numbering more than ten be avoided. The Governor of Wyoming has recommended schools be closed.
2. Health professionals are recommending closure.
3. The museum is a non-essential facility.
4. Almost all the volunteers, the foundation board members, and the museum board members are over 60 years, making them a vulnerable group.
5. The virus affects the elderly more easily.

6. The museum hosts people from out of town, out of state, and sometimes out of country, increasing the chance of introducing the virus.

John Daly stated that some of the Experience Works trainees are facing a financial issue if they cannot work. He also reiterated that this a board action, not an action of the director. Tami Bishop read aloud the memo issued from the commissioners.

**Bill Monahan moved, and Tami Bishop seconded that the museum be closed to the public because of the above concerns.** Discussion followed. Robert Henning stated that the staff has been cleaning and sanitizing. All events and programs are cancelled until further notice. He has asked the RMA to cover Experience Works wages until things can be straightened out with the grants. He also reported that attendance has been slow and that the staff supports closure to the public. Stephan Zacharias voiced his concerns. At last Saturday's event there were many elderly and children. He feels there is a social responsibility to limit the public's exposure.

**Tami Bishop moved and Bill Monahan seconded to amend the motion to include closed to the public until April 2, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.** Board will reconvene after April 2. The regular meeting scheduled for this evening is cancelled. Rita Cossitt Mueller will cancel the planned field trip to Belle Fourche and Spearfish.

Pres. John Daly adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

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March 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary Rita Cossitt Mueller

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