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**Minutes for the Campbell County Rockpile Museum Board
Regular Monthly Meeting - August 21, 2018
Rockpile Museum, 6:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:01p.m. by Board Vice- President Tami Bishop, presiding officer. Secretary Kelcie Hughes took the minutes.

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

Absent: John Daly

Guests: Sandy Holyoak

I. Introductions: None

II. Roll Call- Robert shared information on a Dixie Reece painting. The 1970 oil painting is of a cabin that exist 35 miles West of Gillette. Kelcie shared that her Aunt had an organ from 1980 that resembled the same era of a previous donation that was declined. Rita Cossitt Mueller shared her interest into the lava rock walls around Gillette. After much research, she found an article about Thomas Platt. He was a single man in 1910 and resided in the house she currently resides in. Sherry Lowell spoke about 'Experimental Farms'. In 1910 a bill was passed by the Wyoming Legislature to fund \$1,500 for an 'Experimental Farm' in Campbell County. The land consisted of 170 acres being sold for \$25 per acre. Since today was the Primary Election day, Tami Bishop shared that Campbell County was not an organized county until 1911, and the first voting ballot took place in the Fall of 1912. Sandy Holyoak shared an article from 1960. The picture showed her receiving a trophy in 4-H at the fair. Sandy wasn't sure of everyone in the photo and wanted to see if any of us could help.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Consent Agenda

This is the first month the board is utilizing a consent agenda as part of their meeting. Vice-President Bishop requested that Director Henning explain the use and procedures of a consent agenda.

The following consent agenda was presented:

Approval of Minutes

The July 17, 2018 regular board meeting minutes are ready for review and approval.

Expense Report

As of August 17th, there are 7 purchase orders from the regular budget to be approved and paid totaling \$2,141.84. There are several outstanding invoices from the general museum accounts including First National Bank Visa and Walmart totaling \$813.34.

For the month of July, there were 26 vouchers from our regular accounts totaling \$9,209.16 and three vouchers from the 1% accounts totaling \$189.93. Director Henning signed the following vouchers after the regular July meeting:

Walmart	\$556.70
Wendy Legerski Mileage Reimbursement	\$25.68

Board President John Daly signed the following vouchers after the regular July meeting:

Power Solutions Electrical Contractor	\$300.00
Home Depot	\$15.36
Penny Schroder Expense Reimbursement	\$186.24
Arcadia Publishing	\$736.67
First National Bank Visa	\$1,864.94

Tami Bishop asked the board if they wish for any items to be removed from the consent agenda. No items were requested removed. Rita Cossitt Mueller moved to approve all items of the consent agenda as presented; Sherry Lowell seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

D. Collections Report

I. August Collections Report

There are eight donations for the board to evaluate this month. Donors include: Sandra Holyoak, James H. Cassidy, James Edwards, Diane Hackett, Diann

Avery, Butch Schumacher, Dolly McClelland, and Staff Collected. A full report with objects and recommendations is in each board members' packet.

DISCUSSION:

Kelcie Hughes needed more information on the nail apron. William Underwood opened the first blacksmith shop in Gillette. While building his own house, someone wanted the same lumber he was using which led to him opening Underwood Lumber where the nail apron came from.

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

II. Dixie Reece Donation Update

DISCUSSION:

In our July meeting John Daly asked that three local artists view the paintings to get their impressions of the art work before we decided to accept/decline the donation. Robert mentioned all three artists are meeting the first week of October. Robert is concerned about the management of the paintings if we accept them. We would need at least 250 sq. ft. with adequate climate control. A decision will be made as a board once we receive the artist's opinions.

G. Education Report

I. Visitation Report

July was an outstanding month. We served a total of 2,540 guests. This was our busiest July and busiest of any month since July 1996. This number reflects all the hard work done by the museum staff and volunteers to bring in 766 guests for programs in July. We also had great regular attendance with 1,745 visitors.

We were up by 721 guests over last July for an increase of 39.6%. This is all mainly due to the Homestead Heritage Festival. For the year we are now up 879 or 10.5% over this time last year at 9,274 total residents and visitors served. We are on pace to crack 14,000 guests served which would only fall short of 1995's visitation.

DISCUSSION: No Discussion

II. Homestead Heritage Festival Report

DISCUSSION:

The festival turned out to be a great day bringing in more than 600 visitors. Robert would have liked to have seen more visitors and suggested we could do the smaller events at the museum all year long instead of waiting for the festival to help bring in more visitors. The board decided to wait for President John Daly to return before further discussion.

H. Schedule

August 30 – James Fuller “The Wyoming Blizzard of 1949: Surviving the Storm” Book Presentation (RMA Event) – 7:00 p.m.

Sep. 1 – Last Day for *Views of Vanuatu* (Bennick Exhibition)

Sep. 3 – Labor Day - Museum Open 9:00 to 5:00

Sep. 20 – Hap Stuart poetry book reading and signing – 6:30 p.m.

Sep. 24 – *Home Front Posters of the Great War, 1917-1918* exhibit opens

Sep. 25 – CC Historical Society program – “Warriors in Khaki” by Doug Cubbison – 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

The newly built south wall will become all energy related. Robert asked we share any stories, pictures, or ideas for the new exhibits. Rita Cossitt Mueller suggested we have more hands-on exhibits for kids, e.g.: dump trucks, loaders, and other mining equipment for kids.

I. Old Business

I. Strategic Planning Survey Update

DISCUSSION:

The board was impressed by the written responses from the community. Sherry Lowell was impressed by the number of responses that mentioned they would like to see the Museum move out by Cam-plex. She did a little mapping of the space required and found the Cam-plex would be the best location for space. The board will need to start planning several meetings to finish with the strategic plan.

II. Board Goals

DISCUSSION:

Sherry Lowell would like to meet with other museum boards especially with The Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum since they just finished with their strategic

planning. The board is looking at planning a trip in September but will have to check their schedules.

III. Thank You Letters to Donors, Exhibitors, etc. from the Board

DISCUSSION:

Tami Bishop was interested on the copy rights of the cards so we could reproduce and sell in the gift shop. Robert doesn't think we are able to because of the copy rights, but will confirm.

IV. Donor Board and Recognition – Consult with RMA Board

DISCUSSION:

RMA would need to pay for this since they have donors as the museum does not. The board has decided to have another discussion when President John Daly is present.

J. New Business

I. 2018-2019 GALI Class Announced

DISCUSSION:

Wendy Legerski has been accepted into the 2018-2019 GALI. A motion was made by Rita Cossitt Mueller to approve reimbursement of the fee for Wendy once she graduates from GALI; seconded by Sherry Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

II. CAM-PLEX Grant Letter

DISCUSSION:

Director Henning has written a letter of support for a Wyoming Business Council grant that CAM-PLEX is applying for to renovate the Heritage Center Theater and Energy Hall.

K. General Discussion

I. Quarterly Meeting Next Month?

DISCUSSION:

Rita Cossitt Mueller requested we keep the scheduled Quarterly meeting with the commissioners September 18, 2018. That way we can discuss the survey results, mention the Dixie Reece Donations, and the space required.

II. Proposed Change to Roll Call – Discussion for Next Meeting

DISCUSSION:

Kelcie Hughes would like to discuss changing the time of the roll call to be during dinner so the board can discuss business during the scheduled meeting time. This will be discussed at the next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2018 when President John Daly will be present since the Roll Call was his idea.

III. Proposed Change to Collections Report – Discussion for Next Meeting

DISCUSSION:

The board will discuss how square footage should be logged for donations as we may need the physical recordings for future documentation.

L. Adjourn

There being no further business Vice-President Bishop adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular board meeting and quarterly meeting with the Campbell County Commissioners will be held on September 18th with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

August 2018 Board Minutes submitted by Board Secretary Kelcie Hughes.



CCRM Board Member

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