

Churchill County Museum Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 16, 2025

Trustees Present: Eric Blakey (County), Loretta Burden, Ron Fritcher (Business), Kelly Frost (City), Bob Getto, Lynne Hartung (President), Sandy Hillery (Vice President), Ileigh Simons, Lynn Strasdin (Secretary)

Trustees Absent: Karen Goings (Treasurer) Excused, Jeff Scholz Excused,

Director Present: Mel Glover

President Lynne Hartung called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Minutes:

- **Action Item:** Sandy Hillery made a motion to accept the May 19, 2025 minutes. Bob Getto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- The May 31, 2025 Financial Report was presented by Lynne Hartung and placed on file.
 - CDs are going well. The maturity dates on the report need to be updated.
 - There was discussion upon the possible investment of the \$14,883.28 cash at Edward Jones.
 - There was discussion on moving our checking account to a different bank due to regulation difficulties with US Bank. Karen Goings and Lynn Strasdin will research the banking regulations at other banks in Fallon and bring a recommendation before the board in July.

Director Report:

- Mel Glover presented the directors report.
 - Visitor's report - 895 visitors in the month of May.
 - Construction - The county is going to seek information and bids from a different construction company, other than the one they have been dealing with, for the leaking roof issues.
 - Staffing -
 - An intern from the high school has been hired.
 - The Education Curator opening has now been closed and the hiring process will continue.
 - Discovery Room - There was discussion on ways to enhance the use of space, bring more interactive displays, and add additional color to the room. The idea of giant legos being used as office dividers to create more color, dimension and designated spaces was shared. A suggestion was made to keep the cubicle walls to a minimum height for ease of child supervision in the room. More slides for the microscope are being ordered.

- Strategic Plan - Fred Steinmann is coming on June 26th, and 27th. This will be a workshop in which our CCM reps, Eric Blakey, Bob Getto and Lynne Hartung will attend.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Membership Management - Bob Getto presented the idea of the association having its own Membership Directory. The board would manage and have access to the directory. It would be done on a spreadsheet program. It will not involve the museum's programming or software and would not change the fiduciary process for new or renewing members. The association will need a process in which new and renewing members' information is available to the board. A suggestion was made to send thank yous to the new and renewing members, provide information to them and promote communication. It was also suggested that we send postcards to previous members that have not renewed and invite them to return. Mel Glover can provide a comprehensive list of members over the years and Lynn Strasdin and Karen Goings can then use this to get an up to date directory. Ron Fritcher is willing to help and has great knowledge with spreadsheets. The board is favorable towards the idea of the Churchill County Credit Union allowing museum membership to become a member of the credit union.
- Mini-Documentaries - Bob Getto was contacted by an individual that creates Mini-Documentaries. Discussion was had on the length, information, and shareability of the video(s). The previous discussions on this topic when Mel Glover presented the idea were reviewed. The Strategic Plan will lead this type of project, but Mel Glover is going to contact both of the videographers to start/further the research.
- Membership Drive - The membership drive will start once we have a membership directory formed.
- Open House - Plans are set for June 28th. A raffle basket was presented. The list of materials for the event was reviewed. Discussion was had on a speaker or speakers to present. The following ideas or individuals were shared: Derby Dam Fish Transfer, Naval History (Captain Haymon), and Water Rights and History (Ernie Schank). Eric Blakey would like to be notified as soon as possible if a speaker is not found.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Strasdin, Secretary