

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

July 21, 2021

Board Members Present: Garrett Jones, Eileen Nickels, Brad Brogley, Deb Rice, Mark Stead

Others Present: Museums Director Erik Flesch (Board Liaison)

Call to order at 4:48 by Eileen Nickels

Minutes of June 19, 2021 Museum Board meeting approved as amended on motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Garrett Jones.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Flesch provided a museums progress report covering buildings and grounds, planning, programs, education, and operations.
 - Mark Stead updated the Museums Board on the Grant County Board vote to approve a bid from Midwest Roofing and Construction to replace the roof of the Hanmer Robbins building. Work begins this summer.
 - Director Flesch and Angie Wright plan to apply for an NEH grant which would provide funding for interpretive planning.
 - Driftless Pathways and museums staff continue working toward analyzing and organizing the rock and mineral collection.
 - New exhibits featuring mineral specimens and explosive tools/techniques were added to the museum display gallery prior to Heritage Day.

Collections Monthly Report

- Director Flesch recommended accessioning a pre-Civil War era mining shovel blade, donated by Martin Jacobson, and seven City of Platteville Water Works Ledgers. The board accepted this recommendation on a motion from Mark Stead, second from Deb Rice.
- Collections Assessor Clara Deck will be visiting August 12-13, which will complete the Collection Assessment Program (CAP) process.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Director Flesch provided an overview of Friends of the Museums fundraising. Raffle tickets are currently sale; the drawing will be on August 21 – Mine Day and Pick & Gad Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

Old Business

- Director Flesch updated the Board on CIP planning, including a rough strategy for prioritizing capital improvement projects on the Museums campus.

New Business

- Director Flesch shared plans to hold a joint meeting of the Friends Board and the Museums Board next month (Aug 18) to revisit strategic planning.
- The Friends Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday November 13.

Adjournment at 5:55 p.m. on motion by Mark Stead, second from Deb Rice. The next meeting – a joint Museum Board-Friends of the Mining and Rollo Jamison Museums meeting for strategic planning – will be held on August 18.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary