



Platteville Museum Board Minutes

April 16, 2025

Board/Friends Members Present: Brad Brogley, Garrett Jones, Tom Nall, Kathy Connett

Others Present: Director Cody Grabhorn, Christina Grev,

Call to order at 4:47 by Brad Brogley

Minutes of the March 2025 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Kathy Connett, seconded by Tom Nall.

Collections Monthly Report

- Christina Grev provided an update on collections cataloging and registration, as well as collections-based programming.
- Collections specialist Christina Grev shared information related to objects recommended for accession and deaccession.
 - The Board voted to accession one WWII Navy-issued duffle bag, (but not to accession an Acorn Sheet metal Manufacturing Company Ice Cream Bicycle, a WWII Navy-issued hammock, and a 2nd WWII duffle bag), donated by Ron Witte, on motion by Kathy Connett, seconded by Tom Nall.
 - The Board voted to deaccession two battery packs for mining helmets lamps with corroded batteries on motion by Kathy Connett, seconded by Tom Nall.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Cody Grabhorn provided an update on museums programming, operations and grounds, as well as a progress report on the Strategic Plan.
 - The Museums will host more than 1,500 students from regional schools this year, up over 10% from recent years. The Huff Education Fund has provided funding to allow at least one school that would otherwise not be financially able to make the Museum a field trip destination.
 - In October, Director Grabhorn will present alongside representatives from UW-Platteville at the National Rural Education Association Conference in Salt Lake City. The presentation will share Museum experience partnering with local businesses and the university in providing educational programming.
 - The playground is removed, the East Display Exhibit space is finished, and the train is up and running, 5 tour guides have been hired; the summer open season starts May 1.
 - Director Grabhorn has initiated a visiting curator intern program from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. The first curator intern has been hired to work on an entrance area exhibit to introduce the overall Museum exhibits this summer.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

Brad Brogley shared an update on the Friends Board provided by Deb Jenny.

- The new Mini Golf event went well, the pasty fundraiser wrapped, the raffle is coming up, and capital campaign planning continues.

Adjournment at 5:32 p.m. on motion by Garrett Jones, second from Kathy Connett. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 4:45 pm.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary