

Platteville Museum Board Minutes

August 20, 2025

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Dick Davies, Deb Jenny, Gene Tesdahl, and JoAnne Wilson

Others Present: Director Cody Grabhorn, Christina Grev.

Call to order at 4:44 by Dick Davies

Minutes of the July 2025 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Gene Tesdahl, seconded by Deb Jenny.

Collections Monthly Report

- Christina Grev provided an update on collections cataloging and registration, as well as collections care projects. Museum staff have cataloged over 15,000 items in Past Perfect (41% of the total museum collection).
- Collections specialist Christina Grev recommended accessioning a U.S. Army collapsable canteen bladder used during the Vietnam War (donated by Hap Daus) and a pair of dynamite fuse pliers (donated by Dave Hess). The Board accepted this recommendation on motion by Gene Tesdahl, seconded by Deb Jenny.
- Collections specialist Christina Grev recommended deaccessioning three items: 2 prints (not related to collection and poor condition) and a miners headlamp (poor condition). The Board accepted this recommendation on motion by Gene Tesdahl, seconded by Deb Jenny.

Director's Monthly Report

- Director Cody Grabhorn provided an update on museums attendance, programming, operations and grounds, as well as a progress report on the Strategic Plan.
 - O Director Grabhorn summarized recent attendance at the museum, including on Mine Day and field trips. Museum staff are preparing for the Historic Re-enactment next month and the upcoming winter speaker series.
 - Progress continues installing new panels in the 1st floor exhibit. New clothing for the mine mannequins have arrived and will be installed to replace the deteriorated clothing currently in place.
 - o Director Grabhorn contacted PHS art teacher John-Paul Butcher to discuss a potential mural in the museum back yard.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

• Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board. On September 20 the Friends will host a plant sale for and a rededication of the Kopp Garden. The Friends continue their planning for the next pasty sale, the Miner's Ball, and the November 1 Annual Meeting.

Adjournment at 5:18 p.m. on motion by Garrett Jones, second from Gene Tesdahl. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 4:45 pm.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary