



Platteville Museum Board Minutes

September 17, 2025

Board/Friends Members Present: Garrett Jones, Dick Davies, Deb Jenny, Gene Tesdahl, Larry Bowden

Others Present: Director Cody Grabhorn

Call to order at 4:44 by Dick Davies

Minutes of the August 2025 Museum Board meeting approved on motion by Deb Jenny, seconded by Larry Bowden.

Collections Monthly Report

- Christina Grev provided an update on collections cataloging and registration, as well as collections care projects.
- Collections specialist Christina Grev recommended accessioning (1) a postcard and (2) enlarged negative print of the Marsden Blackjack Mine in Galena (both donated by Dave Hess). 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.
 - The historic reenactment was successful, drawing 1,900 students on Friday and 1,000 visitors on Saturday and Sunday.
 - Marie Bakken, the visiting curator, finished the panels that are to be hung and she organized a display case that will help visitors further examine and imagine some of the earliest miners of our region. An opening reception is to be held in November where Marie will talk about her experience and the knowledge she gained through this process.
 - Director Grabhorn is working with art teacher John-Paul Butcher to create a plan for a high school student-created mural.
 - Director Grabhorn shared an update on social media growth, grants, and new interactive modules to diversify the experience of museum visitors – all goals included in the Strategic Plan.

Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Report

- Deb Jenny shared an update on the Friends Board.
 - The pasty sale is open, wrapping up October 14.
 - September 20 the Friends will host a rededication of the Kopp Garden and a plant sale
 - November 1 the Friends will host the Annual Meeting.
 - Work continues to prepare the mini golf fundraising event and the Miner's Ball.

Adjournment at 5:21 p.m. on motion by Larry Bowden, second from Dick Davies.

Submitted by Garrett Jones, Board Secretary