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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
January 16, 2025

Meeting location: *Arizona State Parks and Trails, 1110 W Washington St., Suite #100, Phoenix, AZ 85007*

Members present: *Dale Larsen, Terri Palmberg*

Members participating telephonically: *John Sefton, Jeff Buchanan, Sarah King*

Members absent:

ASPT Staff Present: *Sarah Rose Webber, Pamela Cason, Mickey Rogers, Woody Gresko, Jeff Schmidt,*

Arizona AG Office: *Wesley Gerard, Arizona State Parks Board attorney*

YouTube live stream: <https://youtube.com/live/BUahcNKXMT4?feature=share>

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larsen of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Teri Palmberg led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

Pamela Cason did the role call. All members were present. Dale Larsen read the mission statement.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the January January 16, 2025, Board Meeting-*Member Palmberg motioned to approve the minutes and Member Buchanan seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.*

2. Consideration of Consent Agenda: *Items 2(a) through 2(d), are noticed as consent agenda items -Member Buchanan motioned consent agenda items to be approved as presented items 2(a) through 2(d). Member Sarah King seconded the motions. All members approved via roll call vote.*

2a. Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the submitted 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application(s).

The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$2,287,500.00.



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2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
City of Willcox	Quail Park Development Phase II	\$623,500.00	\$623,500.00	73
City of Willcox	Keiller Park Development Phase II	\$689,000.00	\$689,000.00	72
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Whiteriver Skatepark Development	\$975,000.00	\$975,000.00	66
TOTAL		\$2,287,500.00	\$2,287,500.00	

2b. Consideration of Action to Approve an Amendment to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Budget for Requested Projects. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails). The following amendment would increase the previously approved grant award amount due to increased expenses and available funding.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Awarded Projects Amendment Request(s)					
Sponsor	Project	Original Award	Amended Increase Request	New Award	Staff Recommendation
Pinal County	Palo Verde Regional Park	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
TOTAL		\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00

2c. Consideration of Action to Approve an Amendment to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to remove Significant Scope Items for Requested Projects. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails). The following proposal would reduce the scope of the approved grant award amount due to increased expenses.

Land and Water Amendment Request(s) for Removal of Significant Scope Items			
Sponsor	Project	Scope Item(s) removed	Staff Recommendation
Tohono O'odham Nation	Wa:k Community Park and Community Heritage Trail	Multi-use Pathway	Approve Scope Change

2d. Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the Submitted 2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$292,839.00.



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2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Score
Buckskin Fire District	Public Launch Ramp and Facilities Repairs	\$128,500.00	\$128,500.00	48
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	River Patrol Upgrades	\$164,339.00	\$164,339.00	45
TOTAL		\$292,839.00	\$292,839.00	

3. Election of 2025 Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Board will nominate and elect its Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code R12-8-202(A)(1) (“At the first meeting following January 1 of each year, the members present shall select by majority vote a Chairman and a Vice Chairman to serve through the first meeting January 1 of the following year.”). *Member Buchanan nominated Dale Larsen for Chairman of the Board. Dale respectively declined and Member Buchanan withdrew his nomination. Member Terri Palmberg nominated John Sefton for Chairman of the Board. There were not any other nominations. All members approved unanimously for John Sefton to be the new chairman of the board. Member Terri Palmberg nominated Dale Larsen as Vice Chairman of the Board. There was a call for additional nominations, there were none. All members approved unanimously for Dale Larsen to the new vice chairman of the board.*

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Palmberg would like to address the need for more board members on the State Parks Board.

Member Buchanan would like to see the board meet in Sierra Vista in the spring. Sarah Webber offered to meet with the new chair John Sefton on future dates and locations.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

- *\$225,000.00 check from a beneficiary trust to Oracle State Park*
- *Town of Randolph Historic Registry and Unity Blaze-Black Folks Camp Too nomination to Governors Excellence Awards Ceremony-January 27*
- *Chino Valley purchased the land adjacent (inholdings) to the Del Rio Property*
- *409 first day hikers*
- *Annual Report Complete (we have copies for each member)*
- *October-November advertising campaigns directly drove 14,000 visitors to our parks (new marketing tracking tool using gps data)*
- *New Annual Passes ordered - now will be a credit card-style instead of paper*
- *Next month will brief on fee changes*



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G. CURRENT EVENTS

Member Buchanan thanked staff for helping connect Sheriff's offices in the southern region with resources to help with water craft and training.

He visited Tubac recently and there is a budget request coming forward and they need help with infrastructure.

Sarah Webber clarified that Tubac is a friends park and we have a cooperative agreement with them. They are considered one of our parks and they are included in our budget process and review and we welcome there comments

Member Buchanan also mentioned Santa Cruz treasurer was just found to be embezzling 40-50 million so they may not offer any support for Tubac.

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken because of acknowledgement of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.-None

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks Board Tentative 2024 Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
Thursday, February 20, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, March 20, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, April 17, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, June 19, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, July 17, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, August 21, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, September 18, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, October 16, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, November 20, 2025	Central Office
Thursday, December 18, 2025	Central Office

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at ___10.29___ am.