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# ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

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MINUTES  
of  
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD  
of  
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

March 19, 2026

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

**Members present:** *John Sefton, Dale Larsen,, Teri Palmberg, Sarah King*

**Members participating telephonically:** *Robyn Sahid*

**Members absent:** *None*

**ASPT Staff Present:** *Bob Broscheid, Pamela Cason, Woody Gresko, Kevin Brock, Michelle Thompson, Mark Weise, George Christianson, Matt Eberheart, Jeff Schmidt,*

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

**YouTube live stream:** [https://youtube.com/live/6Xw1zvptc\\_0?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/6Xw1zvptc_0?feature=share)

## A. CALL TO ORDER

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

## B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Chair John Sefton led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

*Pamela Cason did the role call and all members were present.*

## D. AGENDA ITEMS

**1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the October 16, 2025, Board Meeting–** The Board will review and may consider action to approve the Board meeting minutes from December 18, 2025.

*Member Sarah King motioned to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2025 meeting. Member Larsen seconded.*

**2. Election of 2026 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 Sarah King nominated John Sefton for the position of Board Chairman. John Sefton accepted the nomination. Member Teri Palmberg seconded the motion.*

*Member Teri Palmberg nominated Dale Larsen for the position of Vice-Chairman of the board. Dale Larsen accepted the nomination. Member Sarah King seconded the*



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*motion.*

**3. Consideration of Consent Agenda:** Item 3(a) through 3(j) are noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action. Documentation concerning matters on the consent agenda may be reviewed in the Board meeting packet posted at <https://azstateparks.com/board> and at the Arizona State Parks and Trails Office located at 1110 W Washington Street, Suite #100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The Board may take one vote to act on all the items on the consent agenda or may remove items for further discussion. Items not removed from the consent agenda will be considered in one motion. Items removed for clarification or discussion by the Board will be acted on as appropriate.

**3a. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s).** (Presenter: Alec Wilcox, Grants Administrator) The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$656,459.90

2027 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT Recommendation	Score
City of Flagstaff Parks Rec and Open Space	McMillan Mesa Trail Rehabilitation	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	26
National Forest Foundation	Pusch Ridge Wilderness Project - Pima and Finger Rock Reroutes	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	23
City of Willcox	Community Connector Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	23
Town of Florence	Poston Butte Maintenance and Revitalization	\$16,462.00	\$16,462.00	23
Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation	Veterans Memorial Trail Project	\$149,997.90	\$149,997.90	18
City of Prescott	Glassford Dells Regional Park Trail	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$656,459.90</b>	<b>\$656,459.90</b>	

**3b. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Application(s).** (Presenter: Alec Wilcox, Grants Administrator). The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$29,922.00.



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<b>2027 Recreational Trails Program SEE Grant Application(s)</b>			
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff/ASCOT Recommendation</b>
Desert Botanical Garden	Deaf-Inclusive Ranger Training and Program Development	\$9,922.00	\$9,922.00
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy	Environmental and Safety Education in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
City of Apache Junction	Educational Signage for Responsible Recreation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$29,922.00</b>	<b>\$29,922.00</b>

**3c. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Alec Wilcox, Grants Administrator)** The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$689,893.14.

<b>2027 Recreational Trails Program Motorized Grant Application(s)</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff/OHVAG Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
Redington Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD)	District-wide Trail Maintenance	\$689,893.14	\$689,893.14	69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$689,893.14</b>	<b>\$689,893.14</b>	

**3d. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$2,324,517.03.

<b>2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s)</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff/OHVAG</b>	<b>Score</b>
Arizona State Parks	West Region OHV Support & Outreach	\$749,800.00	\$749,800.00	63
Queen Creek Police Department	QCPD OHV Law Enforcement Program	\$311,720.00	\$311,720.00	53
Natural Restorations	OHV Area Restorations	\$699,845.06	\$699,845.06	60
Tonto National Forest: Supervisor's Office	Multi-District Fencing Project	\$347,051.97	\$347,051.97	60
Williams Police Department	OHV Education, Enforcement, and Outreach	\$216,100.00	\$216,100.00	57
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,324,517.03</b>	<b>\$2,324,517.03</b>	



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**3e. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny a Change of Sponsor Request for State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Project 782308 - Contact Point Dock Replacement. (Presenter: Nina Lindsey, Chief of Grants and Trails).**

Original Project Sponsor	Proposed Project Sponsor
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Arizona State Parks & Trails

**3f. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding the Submitted 2026 State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Nina Lindsey, Chief of Grants and Trails).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$3,133,200.00.

2026 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
La Paz County	La Paz County Park Waterfront Infrastructure	\$257,500.00	\$257,500.00	83.0
Lake Havasu State Park	Lake Havasu Aids to Navigation Program	\$513,200.00	\$513,200.00	81.0
Mohave County Sheriff's Office	Boating and Public Safety Project	\$648,000.00	\$543,935.57	78.2
City of Show Low	Show Low Lake Campground Improvements Phase I	\$454,500.00	\$0.00	66.4
Arizona State Parks and Trails	Buckskin Mountain Improvements	\$255,000.00	\$0.00	54.0
Arizona State Parks and Trails	Alamo Lake Improvements	\$255,000.00	\$0.00	45.4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,133,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,314,635.57</b>	

**3g. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Manager).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$3,043,287.65.

2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score



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Yuma County	Foothills Park Development Phase II	\$742,167.25	\$742,167.25	79
Town of Pinetop-Lakeside	Pinetop-Lakeside Pickleball Courts	\$678,960.40	\$678,960.40	76
Gadsden Elementary School District	San Luis Middle School Recreation Improvements	\$872,160.00	\$872,160.00	68
City of Chandler	Pima Park improvements	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	67
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,043,287.65</b>	<b>\$3,043,287.65</b>	

**3h. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Heritage Fund Local, Regional, State Parks (LRSP) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Manager).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$296,200.00.

2026 Heritage Fund Local, Regional, and State Park (LRSP) Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
City of Wilcox	Keiller Park Pickleball Courts	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	76
La Paz County	Hippie Hole Water System Development	\$96,200.00	\$96,200.00	74
Dishchii'bikoh Community School	Community Baseball Field	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$296,200.00</b>	<b>\$296,200.00</b>	

**3i. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications. (Presenter: Juan Colorado-Alvarez, Planner III).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$260,457.80.

2026 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
Beyond Foundation	Beyond Summer Mountain Bike Camps	\$24,250.00	\$20,000.00	85.4
EmpoweRanch	Accessible and Inclusive EmpoweRanch Camps based on H.O.R.S.E.E. format	\$24,999.80	\$20,000.00	84.6
Advocates for Snake Preservation	Snake Advocate Toolkit	\$19,517.00	\$19,517.00	84.2
Grand Canyon Youth	Education and Adventure: Connecting Arizona Youth with Arizona Waterways	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	82.3
Wheel Fun	Empowering Tomorrow	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	80.0



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Flagstaff Unified School District	Forest Health Outdoor Education at Camp Colton	\$16,426.00	\$0.00	77.3
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy	Expanding Public Education in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	76.9
Arizona Elk Society	Wapiti Weekend	\$15,022.00	\$0.00	75.0
Tucson Access Trails	Trail Descriptions for People with Disabilities	\$13,155.80	\$0.00	73.8
Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund	SRRTF Environmental Education	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	73.8
Kids on the Colorado LLC	KOCR Environmental Outreach	\$24,650.00	\$0.00	73.1
City of Flagstaff Parks Recreation & Open Space	Outdoor Learning and Stewardship Coordinator	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	69.2
Rockin River Ranch State Park	Rockin' River Ranch State Park - Interpretive Signage	\$16,687.00	\$0.00	67.3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$260,457.80</b>	<b>\$99,517.00</b>	

**3j. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications. (Presenter: Jessica LaPota, Grants Coordinator).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$453,130.00.

<b>2026 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
Naco Heritage Alliance	Camp Naco Barracks A4 Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Preparation	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	86.5
Arizona State Parks	Care and Stewardship of the Historic Kannally Ranch House	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	79
Arizona Historical Society	The AHS Papago Park POW Structure Project: Phase 1	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	76.2
Friends of San Rafael Valley	San Rafael State Natural Area Ranch House 2026	\$55,640.00	\$43,640.00	76.1
City of Tucson Planning & Development Services	Historic Resource Survey for Parks and Recreation Facilities in the City of Tucson	\$58,180.00	\$58,180.00	73.1
St Philips Preservation and Endowment Foundation	St. Philip's in the Hills Facade Stabilization	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	67.4



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Patronato San Xavier	Rehabilitation of the Retablo Facade: Replacement of the Central Balcony Mission San Xavier	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	66
St. Michael's School	St. Michael's School, Tucson, AZ West Wing Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation	\$60,000.00	\$51,310.00	64.4
Arizona State Parks	Apple Packing Shed Roof Rehabilitation	\$59,076.00	\$0.00	62.1
Old Trails Museum/Winslow Historical Society	Development of the Old Trails Museum Collections Center	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	57.6
Arizona State Parks	Fort Verde State Historic Park - Flagpole	\$30,943.75	\$0.00	52.3
City of Mesa	Historic Property Inventory of Downtown Mesa and Surrounding Area	\$18,051.00	\$0.00	45.8
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$641,890.75	\$453,130.00	

*Vice Chair Larsen spoke about several of the funding projects and praised the grants team for all of their hard work. Chair Sefton agreed and spoke about a couple of the projects. Chair Sefton recused himself from the vote due to a conflict.*

*Vice Chair Larsen made a motion for the consent agenda to be passed, Member King seconded the motion.*

**4. Possible Action- Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Application (Presenter: Bill Collins, National Register of Historic Places Program Coordinator)** The Board will review and may consider action to approve the application from Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch.

*Member King made a motion to approve the Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch application. Member Palmberg seconded the motion.*

**5. Funding for Arizona Site Steward coordinator-The President and board Members of the Arizona Site Steward Foundation will address the Parks Board to explain the situation and express their concern for, and support of the program (Presenter: NicoleArmstrong-Best, President or the Arizona Site Steward Foundation)** This agenda item is for information only.

*NicoleArmstrong-Best addressed the board and also provided copies of the "Arizona Site Steward Program Year End Review for 2025, for the Board's review.*



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*Chair Sefton allowed several public members to speak in support of the Site Steward Program after the presentation:*

*Lyle Tanner, Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation*

*Kent Ennis, Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation*

*Greg Pentkowski, Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation*

*Director Broscheid commented that there seemed to be some miscommunication and Sean Hammond's position is not going away. This is a budget problem, Federal Funding was not being awarded but we had a plan to backfill the funding. We have to be given the authority by the legislature to change fund sources. As long as the federal funding keeps coming, we will have funding. We need support from the Capitol and Land Management agencies. Kathryn Leonard will be leading efforts to find long term funding for the State Historic Preservation Office.*

**6. Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison)** The Board will be briefed on the current legislative bills before the 2025 Arizona State Legislature. This agenda item is for information only.

**7. FY27 Budget Highlights and Financial Overview (Presenter Kevin Brock, Chief Financial Officer)** This agenda item is for informational purposes only.

**8. ASPT's Deferred Maintenance and Development Services. (Presenter: Tom Kmetz, Chief of Development)** This agenda item is for informational purposes only.

## **E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Board members may identify items or issues they wish to be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.

## **F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS**

The Executive Director may present a summary of current events and /or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they may be involved. The Board will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

## **G. CURRENT EVENTS**

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*Member Palmberg is concerned about heat and people hiking without water. Director Broscheid spoke to our marketing and rangers trying to educate people to not hike in*



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## 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.

*The public spoke earlier under the Site Steward presentation.*

## I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks Board Tentative 2026 Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
Thursday, April 16, 2026	Tubac Presidio
Thursday, June 18, 2026	Central Office
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Rockin River Ranch State Park
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Central Office

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** *The meeting adjourned at \_\_12:10\_\_ PM.*