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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
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April 17, 2025

Meeting location: Oracle State Park,

Members present: John Sefton, Dale Larsen, Terri Palmberg

Members participating telephonically: Robyn Sahid, Sarah King

Members absent: Jeff Buchanan

ASPT Staff Present: Bob Broscheid, Sarah Rose Webber, Pamela Cason, Mickey Rogers, Woody Gresko, Athena Sparks, Kristin Brown, Sinda Sutton, Dan Roddy, Kevin Brock, Brittany Hudson

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

YouTube live stream: <https://youtu.be/JNDVX-MR1bY>

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

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 except for member Jeff Buchanan. Chairmen John Sefton read the mission statement.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the January February 20, 2025, Board Meeting-*Member Palmberg motioned to approve the minutes and Vice Chair Larsen seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Consideration of Consent Agenda: *Items 2(a) through 2(g), are noticed as consent agenda items -Vice Chair Larsen motioned consent agenda items to be approved as presented items 2(a) through 2(g). Member Palmberg seconded the motions. All members at the meeting approved via roll call vote-motion passed unanimously.*

a. Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the submitted 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grant Program Manager) *The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$772,699.00*



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2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
Arizona State Parks	Buckskin Mountain State Park Boat Launch Renovation	\$772,699.00	\$772,699.00	66
TOTAL		\$772,699.00	\$772,699.00	

- b. **Consideration of Action to Approve an Amendment to an approved Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Project. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grant Program Manager).** Arizona State Parks Board will review and may provide recommendation(s) on the following proposal to amend the scope of the approved grant.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Scope Amendment				
Sponsor	Project	Scope Item(s) removed	Scope Item(s) added	Staff Recommendation
Arizona State Parks	04-00767 - Dead Horse Amphitheater	Amphitheater	Fish Cleaning Station	Approve Scope Change

- c. **Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grant Program Manager)** The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$1,311,250.00.

2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Score
Lake Havasu City	ADA Accessibility Project	\$969,750.00	\$969,750.00	72
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office	Search and Rescue Equipment Purchase	\$341,500.00	\$341,500.00	34
TOTAL		\$1,311,250.00	\$1,311,250.00	

- d. **Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)** The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$872,843.00.

2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)					
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)	Score
Pinal County Sheriff's Office	OHV Range Unit Expansion	\$746,492.00	\$746,492.00	\$746,492.00	43



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Arizona Peace Trail	Peace Trail Re-Route Design	\$26,351.00	\$26,351.00	\$26,351.00	24
AZDEMA	Site – 4 Fencing	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	17
TOTAL		\$872,843.00	\$872,843.00	\$872,843.00	

3. Consideration of Action-The Board will Consider and May Take Action to Appoint Applicants to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT).

(Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails.) The Board will review and discuss staff's recommendations to fill two (2) vacancies on ASCOT and may take action to appoint the following individuals to ASCOT.

Mickey Rogers presented the two applicants for approval. Member Palmberg made a motion to move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve Zach MacDonald and Ryane Crary, as new members to the Arizona State Committee On Trails (ASCOT). All members passed the motion by saying aye.

Vice Chair Larsen asked if there were still two vacancies on the board. Mickey Rogers confirmed that there were still two vacancies.

4. 2025 Earth Day Celebrations. (Presenter: Sarah Rose Webber, Deputy Director) This agenda item is for information only.

Sarah Rose Webber gave a brief overview of the upcoming events at the different parks

5. 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.

Brittany presented on current legislation.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Vice Chair Larsen wanted to discuss philanthropy. He would like to have a strategy session with the board to get some ideas and maybe the staff could come up with some best practices. He feels like there is a gap and missed opportunities.

Chair Sefton agrees if we don't ask, we don't get. With the amazing marketing staff and everything we do to market our parks we have an opportunity to leverage corporate donation dollars.

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



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projects with which they may be involved. The Board will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary. *Director Broscheid updated on the following items:*

- *Federal Funding update*
- *Budget update*
- *Staffing update-FTE count, 253. vacancies, 18*
- *Del Rio Update*
 - *Acquisition Jan 2024*
 - *TPL funded the taking down the moldy house and one of the dilapidated Turkey Barns*
 - *ASPT Development has planned for cultural survey and drilling a well near the residential area*
 - *Hank has been attending the PEAVINE trail extension meetings and Greater Chino Valley Collaborative Meetings*
 - *Chino valley acquired the strip of land that includes the Fred Harvey buildings*
 - *We are hoping to put a caretaker on property eventually for upkeep on the property*
- *Arizona Forward Awards*
 - *The Kids on the Colorado River program received the Crescordia Award in the Environmental Education and Communication category*
 - *Artist in Residence program received the Award of Distinction in the Art in Public Places category.*
- *SECC Charity Hike-Huge Success*
 - *151 attendees at the three parks LAHA, RORI, ORAC*
 - *\$3465.00 to charities-St. Mary's Food Bank and Wild at Heart*
- *Historic Brewing Event-SLRO*
 - *100 tickets sold, 97 showed and all attendees outside parks and historic brewing had never visited the park before!*
 - *10% of beer sales to ASPT*
 - *Strong reception during the Tasting Event at Indian Gardens on 4/10 when people learned 10% of the sales benefit us—the cafe nearly sold the entire keg and cans that Indian Gardens had stocked!*
 - *No less than 25% of event proceeds to the Friends of Slide Rock State Park (still tallying numbers raised)*
- *Staff “Crushing It” Awards!*
- *Parks celebrating big anniversaries*
 - *Patagonia-50th anniversary on April 1, 2025*
 - *Lake Havasu-60th anniversary on Feb 1*
 - *Roper Lake-50th anniversary on March 1*



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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.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks Board Tentative 2024 Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
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 __11:37__ am.*