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of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
September 19 , 2024

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

Members present: *Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Terri Palmberg, Jeff Buchanan*

Members participating telephonically: *Sarah King*

Members absent: *N/A*

ASPT Staff Present: *Bob Broscheid, Sarah Rose Webber, Pamela Cason, Mickey Rogers, Woody Gresko, Kevin Brock, Athena Sparks, Tom Kmetz, George Christianson*

Arizona AG Office: *Laurie Hachtel, Arizona State Parks Board attorney*

YouTube live stream: https://www.youtube.com/live/zyFg2y7jO_o?feature=shared

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larsen of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member 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 Dale Larsen read the Arizona State Parks Board Mission Statement and had each board member introduce themselves.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the June 20, 2024, Board Meeting –*Member Jeff Buchanan motioned for the minutes to be approved and Member Sarah King seconded the motion, all members approved via roll call.*

2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Local Elected and Appointed Leaders
Attending- *Kell Palguta, Mayor of Prescott Valley and Gilbert Davidson, Town Manager of Prescott Valley were present.*

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda: *Items 3(a) through 3(b), are noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action. -Member Jeff Buchanan motioned consent agenda items to be approved and Member Sarah King seconded the motion. Sergeant Kyle Cox from Mohave County thanked the board members for approving this.*

Member Jeff Buchanan asked when we get to future agenda items if we can please discuss OHVs and how we are funding them.



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3(a) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for Cost Amendment Increase to Fort Apache Heritage Foundations HVAC Grant as Presented by Staff (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails).

692201 House of Harmony ARPA HVAC Amendment Increase			
Original Award	Amendment Increase Request	New Award	Staff Recommendation
\$199,380.00	\$620.00	\$200,000.00	\$620.00

3(b) Consideration of Action to Approve 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 \$1,040,000.00.

2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Score
Mohave County	Rescue Boats and Equipment Purchase	\$1,040,000.00	\$1,040,000.00	77
TOTAL		\$1,040,000.00	\$1,040,000.00	

4. ASPT's Deferred Maintenance and CIP process. (Presenter: Tom Kmetz, Chief of Development) *Tom Kmetz presented.*

Chairman Larsen asked how much money did the State of Arizona receive in ARPA funds? Tom did not know the exact amount.

Member Buchanan asked if a property is on the state or national register, is that a problem? Tom explained that it raises challenges but the team works with SHPO and consult with them and work through those issues.

Member Buchanan asked about appropriated and nonappropriated funds being swept, If we design projects around money that we have funded and has been appropriated can they sweep it? Can they sweep all of the funds? Director Broscheid answered that yes everything is vulnerable that is why we are moving fast on these projects.

Member Buchanan asked what we as the board can do to help with this? Director Broscheid said the board is included in the priorities. It is about awareness, we have to continue to negotiate the process.

Member Buchanan asked if they can help to provide information to the legislature they are willing to help.

Chairman Larsen reaffirmed that it is important to support the process and continue to make the public aware to strategically rely on groups such as the



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friends group. We need our stakeholders to let the Legislature know that our resources are limited.

Member Palmberg asked if we prioritized parks based on the revenue they generated and if we needed to close a state park due to revenue intake would we do this? Director Broscheid we do not ever want to close parks down. There are so many alternatives to try before ever thinking about closing a park.

Chairman Larsen-Just a point of clarification that the ARPA 100 million, how is the state able to sweep this money? Deputy Webber responded that this money is allocated by the Governor's Office and they can choose to change the allocation of the money-it does not have to go through a Federal or Legislative process.

5. Budget Review. (Presenter Kevin Brock, Assistant Director/ Chief Financial Officer)

6. San Rafael Vision Meeting Report Out. (Presenter: Athena Sparks, South Regional Manager)

Member Buchanan thanked Athena and stated that at some point and time if we cannot accomplish our mission that has been given to us, should we then consider something else. This is a gem for the United States of America and not just the State of Arizona and I feel duty bound that we have to do a lot. The Friends group has inspired me to think about the possibilities that if we can't get the money or maintain the money because it keeps getting swept what other alternatives are there. I think this is a National Treasure and if you haven't been there, you need to get out there. I appreciate that you are taking a group of stakeholders out there. It is the largest Native Short Grass Prairie in the state of Arizona, one of the largest remaining in the United States. It is gorgeous but you know big money can come in and change things in a hurry and I think of the things that all these stakeholders are looking for us to lead to protect the valley.

Athena agreed that the coalition model is a great idea and we can make a difference and make progress. The friends of San Rafael Valley can really move things in the right direction. The next friend's meeting is in October. We will make progress and keep plugging away and keep looking for opportunities that meet the challenges of how much of a leadership role we can take. In the entire situation that was presented at the San Rafael Stakeholder meeting-the level of concerns which are political level mining issues, Waterway issues, those are beyond our scope from a park managing 4,000 acre park level.

Deputy Webber said I just want to clarify that upcoming meeting with southwest's decision research the facilitator is to debrief the the output that we received from that meeting and then to determine the next steps forward collectively and so that model that Athena described is really what we see as the most feasible and the most viable at this point that's what we're pursuing as staff and hope to do that



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collaboratively with our partners but taking a lead on this for the entire Valley is frankly setting ourselves up for failure.

Member Buchanan wanted to clarify that he was not saying that we were setting policy for the entire valley, but the point is if we can work collaboratively with all these different groups and help everybody's needs and concerns be met

Chairman Larsen thanked Athena and recognized that the department is taking the leadership to make this focused group like relationship take place and to continue to monitor the area.

Athena offered any member of the board to tour the property whenever they would like.

7. Land and Water Conservation Fund Program 60th Anniversary. (Presenter Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

Chairman Larsen-I want to editorialize Arizona Leadership with this politically as Mickey mentioned, when the Great America Outdoors Act was approved to create permanent funding for LWCF. Primary political leaders from the left and the right came together and then it was unanimously approved by Congress.

Member Palmberg asked the question "I see all the new sports fields in the developments. Are people starting to look at artificial turf based on watering issues associated with real Turf? Mickey responded that the artificial turf costs several thousand dollars and the life expectancy in this heat is only 10 years so it is a balance between is it better to irrigate or is it better to do Turf.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Buchanan requested to discuss all things OHV but a little bit less on the specifics of trails and designated use areas and education and focus more on enforcement and what can we do to help our sheriffs okay or police or local police departments

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

- *Sarah Webber-Cap Times Public Policy Leader of the Year*
- *Michelle ABC15 interview- Family campouts*
- *Form Frenzy-*
- *NASPD update*
- *Upcoming Emerging Leaders*
- *September 30-October 2 at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park-26 attendees*
- *America 250-Sarah - Semiquincentennial*
- *New AORCC board members*
 - *Returning Member:*
 - *Joe Baynes, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Prescott-Park*



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- *New Members:*
 - *Eric Urfer, Director of Parks and Recreation in Yuma-Park Professional*
 - *Laura Wilson, Director, Parks, Recreation and Library for Sierra Vista-Park Professional*
 - *Matthew "Matt" Jankowski -Public Member*
 - *Kevin Adams—Public Member*
- *Team presented at the Rural Policy Forum, GCOT, and APRA.*

G. CURRENT EVENTS

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Cathey Rusing, Prescott City Council Member addressed the board.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks Board Tentative 2024 Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
October 17, 2024	Central Office
November 14, 2024	Central Office
December 12, 2024	Central Office

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at ____ 12:05 ____ pm.