



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



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

November 14, 2024

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

Members present: *Dale Larsen, John Sefton*

Members participating telephonically: *Sarah King, Terri Palmberg, Jeff Buchanan*

Members absent:

ASPT Staff Present: *Bob Broscheid, Sarah Rose Webber, Pamela Cason, Mickey Rogers, Woody Gresko, Jeff Schmidt, David Jordan, Michelle Thompson, Dawn Collins, Neil Large, Mark Weise,*

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

YouTube live stream: <https://youtube.com/live/vy16z8Nz9mc?feature=share>

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larsen of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 9:59 am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Sarah King 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 September 19, 2024, Board Meeting—*The Board reviewed the October 17, 2024 minutes but the motion was to approve the minutes from September 19, 2024. (This was a typo on the agenda)*

2. Office of Outdoor Recreation. Presentation on the objectives and priorities of this new office, focusing on its alignment with Arizona's SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) to expand sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities for Arizona residents, our visitors, and future generations. (Presenter: Neil Large, Program Administrator of the Arizona Office of Outdoor Recreation)

Board Member Buchanan asked Neil if in his meetings with the confluence of states if they had discussed the use of OHV and the destruction they can cause and how we can continue to protect and conserve the outdoors and get the balance correct.



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Neil stated that they had not discussed but some things that ASPT is doing is working with Appreciate AZ program and working with Tread lightly,. We have cataloged the trails throughout the state and put them on the ASPT website and continue to educate the public.

Member Buchanan is concerned that ranchers are closing their land off to hunters because of the people who are being destructive.

Director Broscheid said that we are continuing to talk to other states and figure out where we might be missing items. We will continue to network and have representation with groups like BLM, Forest Service and other local organizations.

Vice Chair John Sefton asked if this is a new position on the payroll or is Neil still doing both marketing and this new role. Neil stated that he is currently doing both roles.

3. Greater Sedona Collaborative Group. Southwest Decision Resources will provide a presentation on the OHV Grant Funded Greater Sedona OHV Management Facilitation Project. (Presenter:Mark Loseth, Southwest Decision Resources)

Vice Chair John Sefton asked how this project has been funded? It has been funded through grants and funding from ASPT

Member Buchanan is concerned about Coconino county sheriff's department is needing funding for resources. Matt Everhard came up and answered that Coconio made the decision to not put in an application but that he was happy to reach back out to his contact to see if they had changed their mind.

4. Growing Smarter Observatory Mesa Proposed Amendment to the Existing Observatory Mesa Right-of Way. The Arizona State Parks Board will consider and may take action on a recommendation to the proposed amendment of Right-of-way easement #16-88092 to enable the construction of an access road through Observatory Mesa Natural Area to private properties on the eastern side of Section 6. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

Cody Routson, a homeowner, stood to make statement answer questions

Member Teri Palmberg asked if the homeowners lot sizes change. No, they stay the same. She asked who maintains the road. The homeowners. There will be an HOA formed for maintenance of the road. There will be a contract with the city of Flagstaff and the HOA road association.



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA

STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Member Buchanan asked who would pay for the revegetation or returning the land to the natural state. The homeowners are responsible.

Vice Chair John Sefton asked if the CIP tenure plan for either development for this space, use of or conservation. Robert Wallace, supervisor for the city of Flagstaff said that they are working on a trail plan which will go to the city council for final approval.

Member Teri Palmberg asked what the current uses are of the area, how much public access? There is a trail system that has 6 miles of trail but the trail plan would expand that. 30-35 thousand visitors per year access

Homeowner Joe Hendricks spoke to Member Palmberg's questions.

Vice Chair John Sefton made a motion to approve the right away easement change, Member Sarah King seconded the motion.

Roll call vote-Dale Larsen-Aye, John Sefton-Aye, Jeff Buchanan-Aye. Sarah King-Aye, Teri Palmberg-Aye,

Chairman Larsen made it very clear that if there were any changes to any of the information that was approved, the city of Flagstaff needs to immediately inform the board.

The AG office clarified that they would draft a letter approving the right of easement and it will be signed by the Executive Director, Bob Broscheid.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Location of future Board meetings*
- *Dale Larsen said that we will recognize the outgoing AORCC members in the December meeting*

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

- *Annual potluck after the board meeting in December*
- *Historic Brewing event at Oracle State Park*
- *50th anniversary of discovering and 25th anniversary of State park celebration*
- *We will be recognizing the AORCC members and RJ Cardin at the December meeting*

G. CURRENT EVENTS

- *Member Buchanan was attending a conference where he was accepting a 24.5 million dollar grant for the State of Arizona for habitat focusing on restoration, habitat, elimination of invasive species.*



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- *There were several members of the public who spoke during the presentation.*

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks Board Tentative 2024 Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
December 12, 2024	Central Office

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at ___11:46___ am.