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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
December 21, 2023

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

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

Members participating telephonically: *Sarah King*

Members absent: *Robyn Sahid*

ASPT Staff Present: *Bob Broscheid, Sarah Rose Webber, Cora Winans, Mickey Rogers, Matt Eberhart, Jeff Schmidt, Vince Schiavitti, Kelley Santillanes*

Arizona AG Office: *Nancy Jasculca, Arizona State Parks Board attorney, participating telephonically*

YouTube live stream: https://youtube.com/live/C_pMmClCh0A?feature=share

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larsen of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 8:59am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Terri Palmberg led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

Dale Larsen read the Arizona State Parks Board Mission Statement.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the September 21, 2023 Board Meeting. *Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*

2. Consent Agenda. *Items 2(a) through 2(i) were grouped together and noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters.*

2(a) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) Grant applications totaling \$396,107.00

2(b) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Off-Highway Vehicle Supplemental Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) Grant applications totaling \$82,996.00.



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2(c) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Program Coordinator) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$46,179.00.

2(d) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$440,500.00.

2(e) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Heritage Fund Local, Regional and State Park (LRSP) Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$1,670,287.00.

2(f) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$1,689,762.00.

2(g) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$629,426.00.

2(h) Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$1,189,777.12.

2(i) Consideration of Action to Approve Amendment to the Budget for Pima County’s Tucson Mountain Park, Juan Santa Cruz Campground Historic Preservation Grant. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails.)

Pima County Amendment Request				
Project/Sponsor	Original Award	Amended Increase Request	New Award	Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)/Staff Recommendation
Pima County	\$190,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00



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Jeff Buchanan requested to remove consent agenda items 2(e) iv. Tohono O'odham Wa:k Community Park and 2(f) ii. Tohono O'odham Wa:k Community Park.

Terri Palmberg moved to approve consent agenda items D2(a), D2(b), D2(c), D2(d), D2(e) i. City of Tucson, ii. City of Avondale, iii. Town of Duncan, D2(f) i. Town of Duncan, D2(g), D2(h) and D2(i) as presented. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

Agenda items D2(e)iv. Tohono O'odham Wa:k Community Park and D2(f) ii. Tohono O'odham Wa:k Community Park,: Debbie Johnson, Planner, Tohono O'odham Tribe gave the Board an overview of the first community park project in the San Xavier District: Wa:k Community Park. The completed park will provide play and exercise facilities, shaded family/community gathering spaces, splash pad and a trail to connect recreational and heritage resources. The park is the culmination of decades of community planning, meetings with elders and families with children. It represents a significant advancement of outdoor community recreation for San Xavier District.

Jeff Buchanan moved to approve agenda items D2(e) iv. Tohono O'odham, Wa:k Community Park in the amount of \$500,000.00 and D2(f) ii. Tohono O'odham, Wa:k Community Park in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Sarah King seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

3. The Board Will Consider and May Take Action to Appoint Applicants to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Program Coordinator.)

The Board will review and discuss staff's recommendations to fill ten (10) vacancies on ASCOT and may take action to appoint the following individuals to ASCOT.

Terri Palmberg moved to appoint the following ten (10) applicants to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT): Linda Slay, Justin Inglis, Paul King, Bev Showalter, Hezekiah Allen, Cynthia Nemeth, Eric Nielson, Keri Konold, Michael Harris and Heather Vague. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

4. The Board Will Consider and May Take Action to Appoint Applicants to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG). (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, OHV Coordinator.)

The Board will review and discuss staff's recommendations to fill four (4) vacancies on OHVAG and may take action to appoint the following individuals to OHVAG.

Jeff Buchanan moved to appoint the following individual to OHVAG: Nena Barlow, Mike Cook, Tom Murphy and Jeff Olson to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.



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5. Presentation from the Friends of San Rafael Valley group. (Presenter: Carol Bonchalk, President, Friends of San Rafael Valley) *Carol Bonchalk gave the Board an overview of the newly formed Friends of San Rafael Valley group. She provided background information on the San Rafael Valley's natural terrain and ecosystem and the risks facing the area. The group is dedicated to protecting not only the San Rafael historic home located on the San Rafael State Natural Area property but the rich history surrounding the estate. The team recently discovered a number of perfectly preserved samples of the native prairie shortgrass in a file cabinet. The group will partner with many local entities dedicated to preserving this amazing area. Collaboration with Arizona State Parks and Trails is crucial to the success of their group.*

Jeff Buchanan gave a brief summary of the importance of preserving the home and surrounding area. The area is unique with the headwaters of the Santa Cruz river as well as one of the largest shortgrass prairies in the country. He, along with the Friends of San Rafael Valley, are committed to the ethics of conservation and saving and preserving this beautiful area.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed the following future agenda items: Maintenance deep dive, Game and Fish overview and January 2024 Arizona State Parks Board election of officers.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Director updated the Board on the following events: Rockin' River State Park grand opening on February 2, the next San Rafael Stakeholders meeting February 1, Glassford Dells Regional Park land auction, the Arizona State Parks and Trails Emerging Leaders Cohort II graduation and the upcoming 2024 Arizona Legislative session.

G. CURRENT EVENTS

Jeff Buchanan discussed his recent experience of finding cattle grazing in Sonoita Creek while horseback riding.

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to address the Board.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

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



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November 14, 2024	Central Office
December 12, 2024	Central Office

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:13am.