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of
THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION COORDINATING COMMISSION
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
OCTOBER 8, 2025

Meeting Location: Arizona State Parks and Trails Central Office located at 1110 W Washington St, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Charles Eatherly Conference Room.

Members Present: Kevin Adams (Virtual), Laura Wilson (Virtual), Bob Broscheid (Virtual), Tom Finley (Virtual), Eric Urfer (Virtual),

Members Absent: Matt Jankowski

Staff Present: Nina Lindsey, Matt Eberhart, Jeff Schmidt, Alec Wilcox, Juan Colorado-Alvarez, Jessica LaPota, Carlos Ramirez, Eric Vondy

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kevin Adams led the Commission in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Jeff Schmidt conducted member roll call.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2025, AORCC Meeting.

Laura Wilson moved to approve minutes of the June 11, 2025 AORCC meeting. Tom Finley seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. Laura Wilson approved. The motion passed.

2. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2026 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s).

Eric Urfer made a motion to recommend funding for the Town of Tusayan; Grand Canyon Trails Phase II project in the amount of \$150,000.00. Bob Broscheid seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

Laura Wilson made a motion to recommend funding for the Verde Valley Trail Fund; Grief Hill Trail System in the amount of \$150,000.00. Tom Finley seconded the motion. Kevin Adams abstained. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

- 3. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2026 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Application(s).**

Kevin Adams made a motion to recommend funding for the Verde Search and Rescue Posse, Disposable Equipment and Supplies, and Training in the amount of \$10,000.00; the University of Arizona, Interpretative Signage for Tumamoc Hill in the amount of \$10,000.00; and the Tucson Access Trails, Trail Descriptions for People with Disabilities in the amount of \$8,937.80. Eric Urfer seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Laura Wilson approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.
- 4. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny a Proposed Scope Amendment for Project 472501 - Pinal County - CAP Phase II, and Project 472603 – Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction – Two Ravens and Strawberry Mountain.**

Laura Wilson made a motion to recommend the proposed scope amendments for Pinal County; 472501 - CAP Phase II project; and the Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction, 472603 - Two Ravens and Strawberry Mountain. Bob Broscheid seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.
- 5. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Motorized Grant Application(s).**

Chairman Adams disclosed that he was previously involved with the Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative; however, his term has since expired, and he was not involved with the submission of this request for funding.

Laura Wilson made a motion to recommend funding for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Woolhouse Habitat Area Signage in the amount of \$15,637.30; Arizona State Parks and Trails, Windmill West Road Maintenance in the amount of \$155,572.75; the City of Sedona, Broken Arrow Trailhead Re-Design in the amount of \$155,572.75; Keep Sedona Beautiful, USFS Road 152C Re-alignment in the amount of \$158,000.00; Tonto Recreation Alliance (TRAL), 2026 & 2027 Management in the amount of \$744,821.85 and Trail Partners of Arizona, Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative Action Team Implementation in the amount of \$738,402.50. Eric Urfer seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.
- 6. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding a Cost Increase Amendment for Project 552409 – Arizona State Parks and Trails – River Island Staging Area Phase II.**

Laura Wilson made a motion to recommend a cost increase amendment for Project 552409, Arizona State Parks and Trails, River Island Staging Area Phase II increasing the award amount from \$1,950,000.00 to \$3,035,946.00. Eric Urfer seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid abstained. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.
- 7. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Application(s).**

Eric Urfer made a motion to recommend funding for the City of Glendale, Thunderbird Conservation Park Improvements in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. Laura Wilson seconded the motion. Kevin Adams

approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

8. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny a Proposed Time Amendment for Land and Water Conservation Fund Project 04-00769 - Town of Camp Verde - Camp Verde Sports Complex.

Kevin Adams made a motion to approve the time increase amendment for the Town of Camp Verde, Project 04-00769 extending the project end date from 10/04/2025 to 10/04/2026. Tom Finley seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

9. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny a Proposed Scope Amendment to approved Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant.

Member Wilson asked if sponsors can apply for additional funds once these projects are closed out.

Jeff Schmidt answered yes, once a project is formally closed out, sponsors are eligible to submit additional funding requests.

Laura Wilson made a motion to recommend the proposed scope amendments for the Town of Quartzsite; 04-00779 – Town Park Improvement Project; and the Town of Benson, 04-00784 – Lions Park Ballfield Complex. Eric Urfer seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

10. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny the Proposed Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Scoring Criteria.

Laura Wilson made a motion to approve the proposed Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Scoring Criteria. Tom Finley seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

11. Grant Manual Updates.

Nina Lindsey, Chief of Grants and Trails, provided an overview of modifications made to the 2026 Grants Manual. This agenda item was for information only.

12. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny the Proposed State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Scoring Criteria.

Eric Urfer made a motion to approve the proposed State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Scoring Criteria. Kevin Adams seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

13. AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny the Proposed Motorized and Non-Motorized Scoring Criteria.

Chairman Adams: Previously, scoring was based on the dollar amount being requested?

Staff responded that the previous scoring criteria was more formulaic, and was based on the amount of funding being requested under each budget category. These categories were informed by priorities identified in the previous Trails Plan. The new scoring criteria proposes a more qualitative approach, and will take

into account additional factors not related the amount of funding being requested under each budget category.

Laura Wilson made a motion to approve the proposed Motorized and Non-Motorized Scoring Criteria. Bob Broscheid seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Laura Wilson approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Tom Finley approved. Eric Urfer approved. The motion passed.

14. Land and Water Conservation Fund Scoring Criteria Overview.

Jeff Schmidt provided an overview of Land and Water Conservation Fund Scoring Criteria. This agenda item was for information only.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Eric Urfer asked about the status of the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program. Jeff Schmidt replied that the application submission portal is still closed.

Kevin Adams asked about the timing of Heritage Funding.

Jeff Schmidt confirmed that staff still intend to begin accepting requests for Heritage Funding beginning on December 1st.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Laura Wilson informed the Commission that the City of Sierra Vista is celebrating its first year of managing a city owned municipal golf course.

Kevin Adams discussed challenges of the Federal Government shutdown. He noted the difference in operations between two adjacent National Forests.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the Public requested to speak.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Commission members and staff discussed future meeting dates. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.