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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
May 18, 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, Robyn Sahid*

Members participating telephonically: *Sarah King, Terri Palmberg*

Members absent: *None*

ASPT Staff Present: *Bob Broscheid, Sarah Rose Webber, Brittany Hudson, Mickey Rogers, Dawn Collins, Dan Roddy, Jeff Schmidt, Woodrow Gresko, Kelley Santillanes*

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

YouTube live stream: : <https://youtube.com/live/xBBRIeUPo48?feature=share>

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robyn Sahid led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

Chairman Larsen read the Arizona State Parks Board Mission and Vision Statements.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the April 20, 2023 Board Meeting.

Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. Robyn Sahid approved. The motion passed.

2. Consent Agenda. Items D2(a) through D2(h) 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 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Program Manager) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$100,000.00.

2(b). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2023 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application(s).



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(Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Program Manager) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$200,000.00.

2(c). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2023 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Trail Maintenance Grant Application(s).

(Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Program Manager) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$48,000.00.

2(d). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2023 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$1,070,000.00.

2(e). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2023 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 \$150,049.00.

2(f). Consideration Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2023 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 \$50,845.00.

2(g). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2023 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 \$1,150,000.00.

2(h). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program (ORLP) Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$5,143,413.00.

Chairman Larsen requested to removed consent agenda items D2(a)Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail, D2(b)Pascu Yaqui Tribe, Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail and D2(f) K-12 Foundation for the Lake Havasu Unified School District, Kids on the Colorado River for discussion.

John Sefton moved to approve consent agenda items D2(a)City of Yuma, West Wetlands Playground Trails, D2(b) City of Yuma, East Mesa Park Loop Trail, D2(c), D2(d), D2(e), D2(f) Yavapai Trails Association, Yavapai Youth Trail Program, D2(g) and D2(h) as presented. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. Robyn Sahid approved. The motion passed.



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Consent agenda D2(a) and D2(b): Stacy Gibson, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Grants Manager gave the Board a brief overview of the “Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail” that will provide cognitive and physical development to tribal children. The grant will also provide a learning opportunity of immersive curriculum and nature environment that is responsive to the Yoeme language, history and culture.

Consent agenda D2(f): Dan Roddy, Lake Havasu State Park Manager gave the Board an update on the Kids on Colorado River that is a non-profit learning program designed to use local educators and Colorado River based agency resources to educate middle school students from the Lake Havasu City community. The curriculum includes outdoor education and becoming good stewards of the lake.

Jeff Buchanan moved to approve agenda items D2(a) Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail in the amount of \$50,000.00, D2(b) Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail in the amount of \$50,000.00 and D2(f) K-12 Foundation for the Lake Havasu Unified School District, Kids on the Colorado River in the amount of \$42,050.00. Sarah King seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. Robyn Sahid approved. The motion passed.

3. Consideration of Action to Appoint Applicants to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Program Manager) The Board may appoint/reappoint the following applicants to serve on ASCOT. *Jeff Buchanan moved to approve Mare Czinar, Kevin Adams, Robert Stinson, James Terlap and Shannon Adams to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT). Robyn Sahid seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. Robyn Sahid approved. The motion passed.*

4. Consideration of Action to Designate Dude Ranches for Inclusion in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program. (Presenter: Dr. Bill Collins, Historian, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office) Applications have been submitted to the Board to designate the following properties as Dude Ranches pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-867. *Dr. Bill Collins presented the most recent Dude Ranch applicants to the Board for approval. Jeff Buchanan moved to designate the Circle Z Ranch and the Sprucedale Guest Ranch for inclusion in the Arizona Heritage Trail Program. Robyn Sahid seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. Robyn Sahid approved. The motion passed.*

5. Overview of the Arizona State Parks and Trails Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets. (Presenter: Ben Sultzer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer) *Ben Sultzer provide the Board with a comprehensive overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 Arizona State Parks and Trails budget. The Board did not take any action.*



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6. Overview of the Arizona State Parks and Trails Site Steward Program (Presenter: Kathryn Leonard, State Historic Preservation Officer and Sean Hammond, Site Steward Coordinator) *The Board was given an overview of the Site Steward program. The information included the program timeline, awards, recognition, duties and responsibilities, outreach programs and partners. The Board did not take any action.*

7. Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison.) *The Board was briefed on current legislative bills before the 2023 Arizona State Legislature. The Board did not take any action.*

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following future agenda items were discussed: Off property meeting location. A presentation on the relationship with the advisory committees: Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT), Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC), Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAH) and the Arizona State Parks Board. San Rafael update including natural resource protection, development, maintenance, risk mitigation and potential formation of a foundation for the park. Human resources update to include budgets and FTE counts. Maintenance backlog. AZ Trail. An MOU between the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Arizona Land Department. Dude Ranch progress. Overview of the State Land Department.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Director updated the Board on a recent visit to Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Picket Post House and the challenges to managing the property through a long-term lease agreement. The team also visited Rockin River State Park with The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The parks team is busy readying the park for the October opening. TNC conveyed their commitment to partner with State Parks. The executive team met with the western region parks team in Lake Havasu for a strategic planning session. During the same visit the team also met with the Mayor of Lake Havasu to better leverage the State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF). The team also met briefly with Lake Havasu Riviera Marina team and will have a more in depth meeting in the coming months. He will be attending the 10 year remembrance event on June 30 at Yavapai Prescott Courthouse. Deputy Director Sarah Webber updated the Board regarding the work around the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) approval process. She attended the Central Arizona Conservation Alliance (CAZCA) meeting. One of the outcomes from the meeting was to include the alliance in the (SCORP) process. She updated the Board on the March San Rafael stakeholders meeting. The team met with community to discuss long term planning and development of the property.

G. CURRENT EVENTS

Jeff Buchanan visited Tonto Natural Bridge State Park and commented on what a natural treasure it is. He also shared with the Board that the unauthorized cows in Sonoita Creek are still a problem and their presence is negatively impacting the area. Terri Palmberg shared with the group former Arizona State Parks Chair Joseph Holmwood recently passed away.



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H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks and Trails 2023 Tentative Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
Thursday, May 18	Central Office
Thursday, June 15	Central Office
Thursday, July 20	Central Office
Thursday, August 17	Central Office
Thursday, September 21	Central Office
Thursday, October 19	Central Office
Thursday, November 16	Central Office
Thursday, December 21	Central Office

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:49am.