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of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Meeting Location: 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Members Present Telephonically: Todd Davis (Chair), Holly Irwin (Vice Chair), Jason Cobb, Pat Headington,

Staff Present: Chief of Grants and Trails - Mickey Rogers, Planning Program Manager - Jeff Schmidt, State OHV Coordinator - Matthew Eberhart, Planner III – Juan Colorado-Alvarez

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Holly Irwin called the meeting to order at 1:01.p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the November 28, 2022, OHVAG Meeting.

Member Davis moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 28, 2022 OHVAG Meeting.
Member Cobb Seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.

2. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2023 Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart presented information on the Bureau of Land Management, Havasu Side by Side Trail Association, Natural Restorations, and Bullhead City Competitive Motorized Grant Projects. Member Cobb had questions about the restoration work being done by the Havasu Side by Side Trail association and if it was related to races that take place in the area. Project Sponsor John Geyer informed members that the work the Association completes serves the entire BLM Lake Havasu Field Office not just the race trails. He also informed member that he is typically paid privately by the race promoters to rehabilitate the trails after the races wrap. Member Cobb moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Motorized Grant Applications as follows; BLM Lake Havasu, OHV Program Development Project in the amount of \$117,000.00, Havasu Side by Side Trail Association, Trail Maintenance Project in the amount of \$13,000.00, Natural Restorations, OHV Area Cleanups Project in the amount of \$288,327, and Bullhead City, Trailhead Development Project in the amount of \$1,294,528.00. Member Irwin Seconded the motion. None Opposed. The Motion passed.

3. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2023 Supplemental Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart Presented information on the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, Alpine Ranger District, Patagonia Lake State Park, and Tonto National Forest Globe Ranger district Supplemental Grant Projects. Member Cobb asked if the Alpine Ranger District received annual snow fall to warrant the purchase of the units and need for enforcement patrol. Shannon Miller with the Alpine Ranger District confirmed that there is annual snow fall and a decent snow mobile population that needs to be monitored and enforced. Member Cobb also requested visitation or OHV information for the Globe Ranger District. Project Sponsor Sheryl Cormack said that she would provide information to ASPT prior to the next review of their application. Member Headington moved that OHVAG recommend that the

Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Supplemental Grant Applications as follows; Alpine Ranger District, Snow Patrol Enforcement Project in the amount of \$68,000.00, Patagonia Lake State Park, OHV LE Equipment Project in the amount of \$80,600.00, and Globe Ranger District, OHV Patrollers Project in the amount of \$98,900.00. None Opposed. The Motion passed.

4. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action On a Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding an Amendment to The Budget for the Trail Riders of Southern Arizona Red Springs Trail Improvement Project. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart Presented information on the Trail Riders of Southern Arizona Amendment request for project 552311 to cover insurance costs. Member Cobb Moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Park Board approve an amendment to the budget Trail Riders of Southern Arizona, Red Springs Trail Improvements Project, Number 552311 and increase the award amount from \$9,025.00 to \$11,525.00. Member Headington Seconded the motion. None Opposed. Member Davis Abstained. The Motion passed.

5. Emergency and Mitigation Supplemental Grant Application Update. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart presented on the Arizona Elk Society Dickerson Tank Flats Log Worm Fencing Project north of Pine/Strawberry Arizona. Member Cobb asked how much OHV access was going to be lost by the fencing that was being installed. The OHV Coordinator informed members that the fencing would be installed around meadow that was currently critical habitat to local wildlife populations and was already closed to motorized access. There would be no trail opportunities lost by this project.

6. OHV Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).

The State OHV Coordinator provided members updates on the OHV Ambassador Program, OHV Dealership Program, Website Updates, and recent events. Members had no questions regarding the updates. Member Cobb and other did express an interested in being willing to help with the OHV Dealership Program in preparing backpacks.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Cobb requested that OHVAG and Arizona State Parks and Trails partner with land managers and Tread Lightly! to promote a fire prevention campaign in the coming months as things dry out from all of the wet weather.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Member Davis informed the group that their winter event had its biggest impact yet ad that the Trail Riders of Southern Arizona were able to donate over 20K to the local school district.

Member Headington and the Yuma Rod and Gun Club were going to make a statement for the proposed 4,200-acre Houdini Solar project and would relay information to Mr. Eberhart to share with other OHVAG members after their next hearing.

Member Irwin informed members that the two large Parker area races were going to be returning in 2024 which would be a huge economic impact to the region. The Best in the Desert and Parker 400 bring tourism and business to local hotels and restaurants but didn't happen in 2023.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public that wished to speak

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

OHVAG will meet May 23, 2023 from 1.p.m. to 3p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:59p.m.