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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
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August 17, 2023

Meeting location: 2360 McCulloch Blvd., N., Lake Havasu City, AZ, 86403, Police Facility Office, Lake Havasu City Council Chambers

Members present: Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Jeff Buchanan, Sarah King, Robyn Sahid

Members participating telephonically: Terri Palmberg

Members absent: None

ASPT Staff Present: Bob Broscheid, Sarah Rose Webber, Kevin Brock, Mark Weise, Brittany Hudson, Mickey Rogers, Vince Schiavitti, Kelley Santillanes

ASPT Staff participating telephonically: Dr. Bill Collins

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larsen of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Sefton 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 Statement.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Board Meeting.

John Sefton moved to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023 meeting. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Robyn Sahid approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

2. Introduction and Welcome: Cal Sheehy, Mayor of Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Mayor Sheehy addressed the Members and thanked them for the robust partnership with Arizona State Parks and Trails through grant funding opportunities for the Lake Havasu City police, fire and parks facilities. The grants improve the citizens quality of life and outdoor recreation. The Board did not take any action.

3. Consideration of Action to Designate Dude Ranches for Inclusion in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program. Dr. Bill Collins presented two Dude Ranches to the Board for approval and inclusion in the Heritage Trail Program: White Stallion Ranch and Elkhorn Ranch. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the White Stallion Ranch and Elkhorn Ranch as Dude Ranches. John Sefton seconded the



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motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Robyn Sahid approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

- 4. Presentation on Recently Awarded Grants to the City of Bullhead City, Arizona.** *Edigar Kajirwa, Assistant City Manager of Bullhead City, AZ presented to the Board a number of Arizona State Parks Board approved grants that have impacted the city. The Family Fun Zone and splash pad funded through the State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) has had a tremendous impact on the community. The Splash Pad was the result of the city's focus on their constituent's feedback when designing the two attractions. The splash pad has been a huge success with families using the park early in the morning to late at night. The Family Fun Zone artificial turf is sustainable and is calculated to save enough water to service more than 125 homes every year. The Board did not take any action.*
- 5. Presentation on Recently Awarded Grants to the City of Kingman, Arizona.** *Mat Golder, Assistant Parks Superintendent presented to the Board the various projects being funded through grants and their impact on the community. He highlighted several projects including the White Cliffs Trail System. Superintendent Golder also discussed the numerous trails systems traversing the City of Kingman and surrounding area. The Board did not take any action.*
- 6. Presentation on Recently Awarded Grants to the Town of Parker, Arizona.** *Steve Ziegler, Director of Public Works shared with the Board the grants submission from the Town of Parker and their projects. He discussed the recent upgrade of the outdated playground equipment the children of the Town of Parker had been using since 1976. One project, the historic jailhouse is being renovated in stages. The Town of Parker is not a large municipality. Director Ziegler and his team are focused on securing the optimal funding through state and federal grants to improve the quality of life for all Parker residents. The Board did not take any action.*
- 7. Report on Fiscal Year 2023 Awarded Heritage Fund, State Lake Improvement Fund, Motorized, Non-Motorized, Trail Maintenance, Safety and Education and Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects.** *Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, provided the Board a summary of the Fiscal Year 2023 awarded grants. The Board did not take any action.*
- 8. Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison)** *Brittany Hudson gave the Board a final summary of relevant legislative bills passed during the 2023 Arizona State Legislature. The Board did not take any action.*
- 9. Presentation and Discussion on Arizona State Parks Board, Arizona State Parks and Trails Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget Overview and Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request Update. (Presenter: Kevin Brock, Assistant Director, CFO)** *Assistant Director Brock gave the Board an update on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request. The Board did not take any action.*

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jeff Buchanan requested a deep dive maintenance review of all Arizona State Parks and Trails facilities in addition to how the agency will maintain their current facilities and secure funding.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Director discussed the positive results of the recent employee engagement survey. Other topics



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discussed were the recent Senior Leadership conference in Sedona, the Governor's Cultural Cabinet, Off Highway Vehicle Senate study committee and a shared best practice video with the state of Colorado: Do it Right Colorado.

G. CURRENT EVENTS

Jeff Buchanan discussed his recent trip to the 10-year anniversary of the Granite Mountain Hotshots tragedy in Prescott, AZ. The keynote speaker was Ryder Ashcroft, son of Andrew Ashcroft, one of the 19 Hotshots who tragically died on June 30, 2013. Jeff shared Ryder's inspirational message for living an intentional 'be better' life and how he chose to 'be better' and not be bitter.

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, 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 11:08am.