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DRAFT MINUTES

THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP

of

THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

August 27, 2026

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 27, 2026

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

Members Present (In-Person): Jeff Olson (Chairman), Don Kramer (Vice-Chairman), Mike Cook

Members Present (Virtual): Nena Barlow, J.C. Sanders, Tom Murphy

Members Absent: Pat Headington

ASPT Staff Present (In-Person): Nina Lindsey, Matthew Eberhart, Juan Colorado-Alvarez, Dawn Collins

ASPT Staff Present (Virtual): Bob Broscheid (Executive Director), Alec Wilcox, Jeffrey Schmidt

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Olson called the meeting to order at **1:05 p.m.**

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Olson led the Group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Matthew Eberhart conducted a roll call.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the February 26, 2026 OHVAG Meeting.

- **Motion: Chairman Olson** moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026 OHVAG meeting.
- **Second: Vice-Chair Kramer** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:** None opposed. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of Action to Approve or Deny the transition from operating under an OHVAG Policy Statement to the creation of formal OHVAG Bylaws.

Chief of Grants and Trails Nina Lindsey presented on the transition from operating under a State Parks Board Policy Statement to establishing formal OHVAG Bylaws for Board approval.

- **Motion: Vice-Chair Kramer** moved to **Approve** the transition from operating under an OHVAG Policy Statement to the creation of formal OHVAG Bylaws.
- **Second: Member Cook** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict: Pass.** 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s).

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart provided an overview of the FOUR (4) submitted FY26 grant applications totaling **\$980,612.34**.

- *Members had a variety of concerns related to the project including the possible awarding of funds to properties that don't allow motorized recreation, awarding multiple vehicles to smaller police forces, and the volume of OHV traffic utilizing BLM facilities. All project sponsors were present to speak to their questions and provide insight to the Group. As a result of the engaging conversation there were three separate motions.*
- **Motion 1: Chairman Olson** moved to **Approve** funding the Bureau of Land Management Arizona Strip Field Office for 467,412.61 and Cottonwood Police Department for \$100,000.00
- **Second: Member Cook** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:Pass.** None Opposed, the motion passed.
- **Motion 2: Vice-Chair Kramer** moved to **Approve** funding the Picacho Peak State Park Project at \$75,000.00
- **Second: Chairman Olson** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:Pass.** Member Barlow was opposed, the motion passed.
- **Motion 3: Chairman Olson** moved to **Approve** funding the Wellton Police Department in the amount of \$338,119.73
- **Second: Vice-Chair Kramer** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:Pass.** Member Cook and Vice-Chair Kramer was opposed, the motion passed

The below table highlights the motions for each of the FY26 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Applications:

FY26 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff Recommendation	OHVAG Recommendation
BLM: Lake Havasu Field Office	Colorado River Nature Center Fence Project	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
BLM: Arizona Strip Field Office	Arizona Strip OHV Road and Support Facility Maintenance	\$467,412.61	\$467,412.61	\$467,412.61
Picacho Peak State Park	Picacho Peak State Park Buckeye Camera System	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Wellton Police Department	Wellton Regional OHV Safety, Enforcement, and Resource Protection Initiative	\$338,199.73	\$338,199.73	\$338,199.73
Cottonwood Police Department	Cottonwood Police OHV 2026	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Totals:		\$980,612.34	\$980,612.34	\$980,612.34

4. 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s).

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart provided an overview of the five (5) submitted FY27 grant applications totaling **\$2,323,950.10**.

- *Members had questions regarding the storage facility for the Coconino project, the connection to OHV use for the City of Tucson, and a variety of other questions related to key issues facing law enforcement agencies.*
- **Motion 1: Vice-Chair Kramer** moved to **Approve** funding the Prescott Valley Police Department for 108,500.00 The National Forest Foundation for \$1,500,000.00 and the City of Sedona Police Department for \$125,000.00
- **Second: Chairman Olson** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:Pass.** None Opposed, the motion passed.
- **Motion 2: Member Barlow** moved to **Approve** funding the Coconino County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$450,000.00 with the stipulation that the 100,000 scope item for the storage facility be reallocated to the purchase of a 3rd side by side.
- **Second: Vice-Chair Kramer** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:Pass.**None opposed, the motion passed.
- **Motion 3: Member Cook** moved to **Deny** funding for the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation project
- **Second: Vice-Chair Kramer** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:Pass.** **Chairman Olson** was opposed, the motion passed

The below table highlights the motions for each of the FY27 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Applications:

FY27 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff Recommendation	OHVAG Recommendation
Prescott Valley Police Department	PVPD Trail Patrol OHV Project	\$108,500.00	\$108,500.00	\$108,500.00
National Forest Foundation	Wildcat Springs OHV Staging Area Improvements	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Coconino County Sheriff's Office	OHV Enforcement and Community Engagement	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	*450,000.00
City of Tucson	Sentinel Peak Park Desert Resource Protection and Vehicle Access Control	\$140,450.10	\$140,450.10	\$0.00
Sedona Police Department	Sedona Police Law Enforcement OHV	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
Totals:		\$2,323,950.10	\$2,323,950.10	\$2,183,500.00

*100,000 for storage facility reallocated to purchase of a 3rd SxS

5. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the OHV Ambassador Program Request for Proposal (RFP).

Chief of Grants and Trails Nina Lindsey presented the request to approve the use of Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Funds for administering the OHV Ambassador Program RFP.

- **Motion: Vice-Chair Kramer** moved to **Approve** staff to utilize the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund for the RFP solicitation and administration of the OHV Ambassador Program.
- **Second: Chairman Olson** seconded the motion.
- **Verdict:Pass.** None Opposed, the motion passed.

6. OHV Mitigation Grant Working Group Update.

Executive Director Bob Broscheid and Chief of Grants and Trails Nina Lindsey provided an update on the OHV Mitigation Grant Working Group and proposed project criteria.

- *Note:* This item was for information only.

7. Off-Highway Vehicle Economic Impact Study Update.

Dr. Dawn Collins and Dr. Dari Duval provided an update on the proposed OHV Economic Impact Plan.

- *Note:* This item was for information purposes only and the Group looks forward to engaging with the project moving forward.

8. Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator Updates.

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart provided updates on Fiscal Year 2026 Overview, Fiscal Year 2027 Lookahead, and Members with Terms Expiring.

- *Note:* This item was for information only. The group was impressed to see how many hours of OHV patrol took place from projects that received OHV funding for law enforcement activities and looked forward to more frequent reports on them.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Group members identified the following items for inclusion on a future agenda:

- Member Cook requested an update on projects that have been funded to within the Group's time together and a possible opportunity to conduct a site visit. Mr. Eberhart expressed that the hope was to have the December meeting off-site at a completed project location for members to see the fruits of their labor. Mr. Eberhart also expressed that there would be an end of fiscal year update on their recommendations to the State Parks Board and the overall approvals/awards for FY 2026.
- Member Barlow requested an agenda item to discuss the use of OHV Rec Funds to remove abandoned vehicles from riding and sensitive areas
- Member Sanders requested an update from the Office of Outdoor Recreation

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Group members presented summaries of current events:

- **Member Cook** highlighted his club's "There Will Be Dust" race coming up November 21, 2026 in Amado that will benefit the Amado Food Bank.
- **Chairman Olson** invited everyone to come up and check out the Arizona Alpine Trail before winter.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Group members and staff discussed future meeting dates.

- **Thursday, December 3, 2026** at 1:00 PM (In-Person / Offsite Location TBD).

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at **4:07** p.m.