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#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**OF** 

# THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION COORDINATING COMMISSION OF

#### THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

June 8, 2022

<u>Meeting Location:</u> Arizona State Parks Office, 1110 W Washington St., Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007 <u>Members Participating Telephonically:</u> Tiffany Broberg (Chair), Bob Broscheid, Ty Gray, John Sefton, Kent Taylor

<u>Staff Present:</u> Chief of Grants and Trails, Mickey Rogers, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart, State Historic Preservation Office Grant Coordinator, Saterra Gibbon, Grants and Trails Coordinator, Alec Wilcox.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Tiffany Broberg, Chair of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m.

#### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tiffany Broberg, Chair of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

AORCC Chair, Tiffany Broberg conducted member roll call.

#### D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the May 11, 2022 AORCC Meeting
  Kent Taylor moved to approve minutes of the May 11, 2022 AORCC Meeting. Member Gray seconded
  the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, Yes, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes.
  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 2022 Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart presented the 2022 Motorized Grant Application(s) for the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Vehicles, Tonto Recreation Alliance, La Paz County, and Arizona State Parks and Trails. AORCC had only one concern regarding the State Parks project. Member Sefton asked if the State Land Department was aware of the facilitation grant request and strongly recommended that staff confirm their participation prior to the Board meeting next week. Kent Taylor moved that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2022 Motorized Grant Application(s) as follows; Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs; Information and Communication Grant Extension in the amount of \$89,891.00, the Tonto Recreation Alliance; Tonto OHV Trail Management 2022 in the amount of \$308,026.00, and La Paz County; Bouse County Park Masterplan in the amount of \$299,694.00 Member Broberg seconded the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, Yes, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes. The motion passed. Kent Taylor moved that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2022 Motorized Grant Application(s) as follows Arizona State Parks and Trails; Greater Sedona OHV Management Collaborative Facilitation in the amount of \$50,000.00. Member Broberg seconded

the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, abstain, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes. 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 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

  Chief of Grants and Trails, Mickey Rogers presented the 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s) for Tread Lightly, City of Peoria, ad Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund. AORCC had no questions or concerns regarding the projects. Member Sefton moved that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education grant application(s) as follows: Tread Lightly!; Program Manager in the amount of \$100,000.00, the City of Peoria; Leave No Trace Steward Training in the amount of \$6,118.00, and the Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund; Program Coordinator in the amount of \$99,400.00. Member Taylor Seconded the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, Yes, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes. 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 Funding for The Submitted 2022 Local, Regional and State Parks (LRSP) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

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  - Chief of Grants and Trails, Mickey Rogers presented the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local, Regional and State Parks (LRSP) Grant Application(s) to members. AORCC had no questions or concerns regarding the proposal. Member Taylor moved that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2022 ARPA LRSP Grant Application(s) as follows: City of Nogales; Sky/Hohokam Park Lighting in the amount of \$20,037.00. Member Gray seconded the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, Yes, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes. 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 2022 ARPA Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

  Chief of Grants and Trails, Mickey Rogers presented the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Historic Preservation Grant Application(s). Members had no questions or concerns regarding the Historic Preservation Projects. AORCC Chair, Tiffany Broberg moved that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2022 ARPA Historic Preservation Grant Application(s) as follows: Town of Superior; Multi-Gen Center Project in the amount of \$ 191,783.00. Member Broscheid seconded the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, Yes, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes. 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 for The Submitted 2022 Non-Motorized Trails American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

Chief of Grants and Trails, Mickey Rogers presented the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Non-Motorized Trail Grant Application(s). AORCC had no questions or comments regarding the project request. AORCC Chair, Tiffany Broberg moved that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application(s) as follows: City of Kingman; White Cliffs Connector in the amount of \$99,000.00. Member Sefton seconded the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, Yes, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes. 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 an Amendment to The Budget for the Show Low Frontier Park Inclusive Playground and Splashpad Project. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

Chief of Grants and Trials, Mickey Rogers Presented the City of Show Low Amendment Request to members. Member Broberg asked if there has been an increase in these types of requests due to the pandemic and increased workload for the recreation industry. Micky informed members that these types of requests have become more common due to increased recreation across all uses and delays with the National Park Service and their formal application review process. However, ASPT staff have advised future applicants to begin including contingency plans and cost buffers to prevent these types of amendment requests from being needed in the future. Member Taylor moved that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve an amendment to the budget for the City of Show Low Frontier Park Inclusive Playground and Splashpad Project, and increase the award amount from \$600,000.00 to \$753,954.00. Member Broberg seconded the motion. Tiffany Broberg, yes, Bob Broscheid, Yes, Ty Gray, Yes, John Sefton, Yes, Kent Taylor, Yes. The motion passed.

8. Report on FY 2022 Awarded Heritage, State Lake Improvement Fund, American Rescue Plan Act Fund, Motorized, Non-Motorized, Trail Maintenance, And Safety and Environmental Education and Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects. (Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails). Chief of Grants and Trails, Mickey Rogers provided an update on Fiscal Year 2022 Grant awards by program. Provided below is a breakdown for each program.

The Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Fund awarded 13 projects. Projects included four (4) side by side purchases, two (2) trailhead projects, two (2) education projects, one (1) trailhead master plan, two (2) travel management plans, two (2) Emergency and Mitigation projects, and one OHV collaborative project focusing on issues in the Sedona area.

The State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) awarded seven (7) projects. These projects included one new boat launch improvement project, one water safety center improvement project, a new wind warning system for Lake Pleasant, 14 new boats/motors and boat trailers, and four (4) jet skis.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) awarded 12 projects. Project awards included 31 miles of new trail, 44.9 miles of trail maintenance, two (2) new trailheads and 1 education project.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program awarded nine (9) projects. Six (6) project amendment requests due to project agreement delays, one (1) park improvement project, one (1) new multipurpose ballfield project, and one (1) splashpad project.

The Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Program awarded six (6) projects. These projects included four (4) historic building renovations, two (2) historic outdoor recreation renovation projects, and a total of 37 applications for this program were started but not completed. There is a definite need for these funds and if reallocated by the state Legislature we will likely see an increase in fully completed applications in FY 2023.

The Heritage Fund Local, Regional, and State Park (LRSP) Program funded six (6) projects. Awards included two (2) splash pads, one (1) park expansion, and three (3) park renovations. There were over 20 project applications submitted. However, not all were completed. All of the funding for the LRSP program was awarded by the Parks Board within 4 months of being obligated by the state Legislature.

The Heritage Fund Environmental Education (EE) Program distributed funds to nine (9) grantees. Awards included two (2) Leave No Trace projects, one (1) Tread Lightly! project, three (3) bike ambassador projects, three (3) outdoor education programs for school aged children, one (1) non-profit trail user safety and education program, and one (1) open space coordinator position.

The Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Program awarded seven (7) grants. These included the creation of 19 miles of new trails, 2.25 miles of trail maintenance, the instillation of 43 crossing gates, and assessing 40 miles of trails for clearing and maintenance.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program distributes funds similar to the Heritage Fund including Local, Regional, and State Parks, Historic Preservations, Environmental Education, and Non-Motorized Trails. ARPA funds for FY 2022 were awarded to nine (9) subrecipients. Project included five (5) park improvement grants, two (2) Historic Preservation awards, two (2) trail projects, and seven (7) additional projects awaiting approval from the Governor's Office across the various ARPA opportunities.

Lastly, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Heating Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) funding has been awarded to four projects to date with more to be reviewed in the coming months.

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grants and Trails Team has worked to bring the State Parks Board 86 projects 24 of which are first time applicants. This is a 27% increase in new applicants from years past. The Grants and Trails Team migrated 1,000 grant projects from WebGrants to eCivis and back to WebGrants after system errors within eCivis were identified. The team helped to host 33 public meetings including the State Parks Board and its sub-committees. The team presented at 2 statewide recreation conferences and held 9 workshops with over 400 attendees. The team was successful in distributing the new funding sources that were allocated by the state Legislature for Fiscal Year 2022. Moving into Fiscal Year 2023, the hope is to host grant application review meetings on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis. This will allow for less meetings throughout the year but will still allow grant applications to be reviewed in a timely manner without staff burnout. In closing, the 86 projects awarded across the agency's 10 programs amounted to \$23,099,289.50 in grant awards, \$22,628,426.93 in sponsor match, for a total of \$45,727,716.43 in total project costs. The table below highlights this spending by funding opportunity.

Funding	Award	Match	Total
OHV	\$3,914,148.00	\$1,262,931.40	\$5,176,979.40
State Lake Improvement	\$4,336,388.00	\$685,686.00	\$5,022,074.00
Recreational Trails	\$1,820,000.00	\$1,704,158.00	\$3,524,158.00
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$4,355,557.50	\$4,435,557.50	\$8,791,115.00
Heritage Historic Preservation	\$1,489,600.00	\$1,853,598.00	\$3,343,198.00
Heritage Local, Regional and State Park	\$2,500,000.00	\$3,135,654.00	\$5,635,654.00
Heritage Environmental Education	\$442,514.00	\$155,211.50	\$597,725.50
Heritage Non-Motorized	\$475,344.00	\$329,236.53	\$804,580.53
American Rescue Plan Act—Heritage	\$3,304,148.00	\$7,861,274.00	\$11,165,422.00
ARPA Heating, Ventilation, and Cooling	\$461,590.00	\$1,205,120.00	\$1,666,710.00
TOTALS	\$23,099,289.50	\$22,628,426.93	\$45,727,716.43

#### E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Broberg requested that the scoring criteria be re-presented to members prior to the next review of grant applications so they can better understand why some projects score lower than others.

#### F. CURRENT EVENTS

No Members had current events to share.

## G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

# H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

AORCC's proposed meetings dates are provided below.

Arizona State Parks and Trails 2022 AORCC Meeting Schedule			
Date	Location		
Wednesday, August 10, 2022 (Tentative)	ASPT Central Office		
Wednesday, September 14, 2022	ASPT Central Office		

## I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:37a.m.