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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION COORDINATING COMMISSION (AORCC)
March 21, 2017

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

The Chairperson called to order the regular meeting of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the Arizona State Parks and Trails office, located at 23751 N. 23rd Ave, Suite 190 in Phoenix.

Members Present

Tiffany Broberg, Samantha Coffman, John Sefton, Kent Taylor (phone), Larry Voyles, Sue Black

Staff Present

Jim Keegan, Mickey Rogers, Sean Hammond, Matt Eberhart, Dawn Collins, Japheth Hurlbut, Dean Arnold, Jeff Schmidt

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2016 meeting

Motion: Mr. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2016. Mr. Voyles seconded the motion. Unanimous approval

2. Review and approve funding for Safety and Environmental Education Program from the available Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds and proposed scoring criteria for fund distribution

Mickey Rogers discussed the Recreational Trails Program and the program allows for up to 5% of apportioned funds can be used for Safety and Environmental Education. Both OHVAG and ASCOT have already approved this application and related scoring for the application.

Motion: Mr. Voyles moved to approve the Safety and Environmental Application and the scoring criteria for this grant. Ms. Coffman seconded the motion. Unanimous approval

3. Review and approval the Mitigation & Emergency Repair Grants

Matt Eberhart discussed that the Mitigation and Emergency Repair Grant was presented to AORCC in 2016. State Parks omitted to put this on the action item agenda to allow for State Parks to approve these grants.

Motion: Ms. Broberg moved to approve allowing state park staff to approve the Mitigation and Emergency Repair Grant. Mr. Sefton seconded the motion. Unanimous approval

4. Review and approve the Signage Grants program

Matt Eberhart discussed a new program where \$80,000 would be set aside for signage available for OHV trails. Sponsors would request these signs through ASP and ASP would approve these using approved signs at approved vendors.

Motion: Mr. Sefton moved to approve the signage grant program and allow staff to approve these grants—Mr. Taylor seconded. Unanimous approval



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5. Review and approve the BLM Ambassador Supplemental Work Order (FY 2018)

Mickey Rogers talked about the BLM Ambassador Program being funded with OHV funds for the past three years. The program continues to be a success and allows the program to continue for another year. Matt Eberhart also discussed how the ambassadors are assisting with the economic impact study.

Motion: Ms. Broberg moved to approve funding the BLM Ambassador Supplemental Work Order for Fiscal Year 18. Ms. Coffman seconded the motion. Unanimous approval

6. Review the Nominating Committee Members for 2017 new advisory committee members. (both ASCOT and OHVAG)

Mickey Rogers discussed the most recent applicants for ASCOT. There were 8 vacancies and 10 applicants. There were concerns that there are too many members from Pima and Maricopa County and wanted ASCOT to recruit from other counties and to make sure that all user groups are represented. Mickey said he would discuss this at the next ASCOT meeting.

Motion: Ms. Coffman moved to approve 8 new members of ASCOT that were recommended by ASCOT. Mr. Sefton seconded the motion. Unanimous approval

Matt Eberhart talked about the process for selected the proposed new members of OHVAG. All were interviewed and recommended by OHVAG as very qualified applicants.

Motion: Mr. Sefton moved to approve 4 new members of OHVAG that were recommended by OHVAG. Ms. Coffman seconded the motion. Unanimous approval

7. Arizona Premier Trails System (APTS)

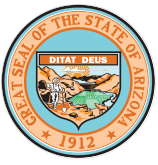
Mickey Rogers talked about the creation of the APTS. There were 5 applications that were submitted and two scored high enough to be recommended for inclusion into the Arizona Premier Trail System. A concern was brought up of what the process is when the system reaches its limit of 100. ASCOT stated inclusion is on a 5-year cycle and they will have to reapply after 5 years.

Motion: Ms. Broberg moved to approve the White Mountain Trail System and the Will Burro Trail for inclusion into the Arizona Premier Trail System. Mr. Voyles seconded the motion. Unanimous approval

8. Review and approve funding Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects

Mickey Rogers and Sean Hammond discussed the four recent applications for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Staff reviewed these and using the approved 2013 SCORP Open Project Selection Process scoring with the list of their projects. All of the applicants were given time to talk about their projects with the members of AORCC. There was a lengthy discussion on priorities of the proposed projects and how do you determine the greatest need. The consensus of the group is that the rural communities and remote areas will help assist in justifying the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. There were some additional discussion with the members and the sponsors as to how if they reduced funding, would their project be impacted. AORCC felt the need for recreation in rural communities give their economic reality of assistance came up with their recommendations.

Motion: Mr. Sefton moved to approve funding Coconino County for \$150,620.50, Fredonia for \$176,400, La Paz County for \$77,510 and Pima County for \$61,469.50. Mr. Voyles seconded the motion. Unanimous approval



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C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Dawn Collins gave an update on SCORP

- SCORP has been drafted and is out for public comment
- Is set to expire December of 2027
- That AORCC set-aside a working session to talk about SCORP to come up with criteria to approve future projects before submitting to National Park Service for final approval.

2. Arizona Management System

Dawn Collins discussed the Arizona Management System

- One of Governor Ducey's objectives to provide better public service.
- ASP has key indicators we track
 - Revenue
 - Visitation
 - Volunteers
 - Occupancy Rates
 - Digital Traffic
 - Several others
- Set Goals from these indicators to improve our customer service and look at our processes to better serve the public.

3. Trail Assessments and LWCF Inspection Process

The three GIS interns gave a demonstration of the work that they have done in the past year.

- Developed a GIS based inspection process for LWCF projects and completed over 500 inspections in less than a year.
- Discussed the process of collecting data for all of our utilities at state parks and putting this on a GIS system.
- Discussed using a HETAP machine to collect detailed trail data at state parks. The interns showed the data they have collected to date in several different formats. They hope to be completed with all state parks by the end of the calendar year.

4. Current Events

Members did not have any current events to share with the group.

D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

E. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next meeting will be in May...date to be determined.

F. ADJOURNMENT