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# ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

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Approved Minutes  
of  
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP  
of  
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS  
Thursday, April 28, 2022

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator led the Group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance*

**C. MEMBER ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** *Todd Davis-Chair (virtual), Holly Irwin-Vice Chair (virtual), Geoff Chain (virtual), Jason Cobb (virtual), Pat Headington (virtual), Chuck Wood*

**Staff Present:** *Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails*

**D. AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the April 1, 2022 OHVAG Meeting**

*Pat Headington moved to approve the OHVAG meeting Minutes from April 1, 2022. Vice Chair, Holly Irwin Seconded the motion. Todd Davis, yes, Holly Irwin, Yes, Geoff Chain, Yes, Pat Headington, Yes, Tom Murphy, Yes, Chuck Wood, Yes. 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 2022 Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**

*Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator presented information on the two 2022 Motorized Grant Applications. The first project was the Tonto National Forest Travel Management Project requesting \$525,000.00 Eric Norman with the Tonto clarified that the project request was to cover the entire Tonto National Forest not just the Cave Creek Ranger District. OHVAG Chair Todd Davis asked what the anticipated timeline would be for the completion of the Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM). Eric expressed that the Tonto has a contractor ready to begin work once these funds are approved and released. He anticipates by spring of 2023 at the latest. The second project is for Arizona State Parks and Trails River Island Staging Area requesting \$2,003,442.00. Member Pat Headington asked if the scope of work to demolish an existing building was because the building was no longer in use. Matthew clarified that it wouldn't be the demolition of the River Island Market it would just be the removal of the fenced storage area that is currently where the staging area will be located. OHVAG Chair Todd Davis asked if the site would be day use area only which is correct. He also asked where the staging area would be located. It currently is between Buckskin Mountain and River Island State Park along Highway 95 and is about 21 acres in size. Member Davis also asked if there would be a fee for the area and at this time there will not be. Member Wood asked if there would be facilities for a campground host. These will be included as part of the staging area. Member Murphy asked if the staging area would largely serve the non-resident population from California or would it be used more by resident riders. Matthew expressed that it would be used by both non-resident and resident riders and that the area is heavily used by both populations. Chair, Todd Davis Moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Tonto National Forest Cave Creek Ranger District Travel Management Heritage Inventories Project in the amount of \$525,00.00 and the Arizona State Parks and Trails River Island Staging Area Project in the amount of \$2,003,442.00. Holly Irwin seconded the motion. Todd Davis, yes, Holly Irwin, Yes, Geoff Chain, Yes, Pat Headington, Yes, Tom Murphy, Yes, Chuck Wood, Yes. 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 2022 Supplemental Grant Application. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**

*Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator presented information on the 2022 Supplemental Grant Application for Cottonwood Police Department's \$60,000.00 Law Enforcement Equipment request. He explained that the administrative guidelines or the Law Enforcement Grants funding eligibility had changed and that they had been increased from \$30,000 to \$100,000 per project. Member Wood asked Officer Repp if Cottonwood PD had more than one OHV or if this would be the first in their fleet. Officer Repp expressed that this would be their first OHV purchase. Member Wood also asked if the vehicle would be used by sworn officers or volunteers. Cottonwood PD informed the Group that this would only be used by sworn officers. OHVAG Chair, Todd Davis moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board Approve funding for the Cottonwood Police Department Law Enforcement Equipment Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00. Pat Headington Seconded the motion. Todd Davis, yes, Holly Irwin, Yes, Geoff Chain, Yes, Pat Headington, Yes, Tom Murphy, Yes, Chuck Wood, Yes. Motion Passed.*

**4. OHVAG will Consider and May Take Action to Recommend, Modify, or Deny Funding for the submitted Scope amendment for the Bureau of Land Management Project 552204. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off- Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**

*The Bureau of Land Management has requested that this item not be reviewed at this time.*

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

*Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator presented information on the agency's mechanized equipment and that currently Risk Management is not allowing volunteer use of it. In the even the equipment is unable to be further used by the agency it will either be sold to a partnering state agency or will need to be auctioned at surplus. Member Chain recommended researching other states that have rental programs as a means to get the equipment used rather than sitting in storage. Matthew also updated members on Senate Bill 1377 and 1596. Bill 1377 is currently with the House of Representatives and is awaiting a floor reading. Bill 1596 has been signed by the Governor and will take effect 91 days after the legislative session ends.*

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Member Davis would like to discuss OHV Laws related to what equipment is required to be on vehicles to operate in the state.*

**F. CURRENT EVENTS**

*Member Chain recently completed mechanized trail work in the Tonto National Forest near Sycamore Creek. Member Davis and his club the Trail Riders of Southern Arizona have recently completed cleanups in the Coronado National Forest and is working with them on their current Recreation Plan. Member Wood expressed his disappointment in having to cancel the Memorial Day Weekend Camp and Ride for the OHV Ambassador Program due to extremely dry conditions in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest.*

**G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*There were no members of the public that wished to speak or be recognized. .*

**H. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

*The Group will meet sometime in June and will likely take July and August off.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 11:35a.m.*