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THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
Friday, March 4, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

OHVAG Vice-Chair Chuck Wood called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OHVAG Vice-Chair Chuck Wood lead the Group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Members Present: *Geoff Chain (virtual), Jason Cobb (virtual), Pat Headington, Holly Irwin (virtual), Tom Murphy (virtual), Charles Wood*

Staff Present: *Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails (virtual), Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvements*

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. New OHVAG Members

Pat Headington, Arizona Wildlife Federation, introduced himself to the members.

2. Election of 2022 OHVAG Chair and Vice-Chair.

Jason Cobb made a motion to nominate Todd Davis as Chair, Holly Irwin seconded the motion. Geoff Chain, yes, Jason Cobb, yes, Pat Headington, yes, Holly Irwin, yes, Tom Murphy, yes, Chuck Wood, yes. Motion passed

Jason Cobb made a motion to nominate Holly Irwin as Vice Chair, Chuck Wood seconded the motion. Geoff Chain, yes, Jason Cobb, yes, Pat Headington, yes, Holly Irwin, yes, Tom Murphy, yes, Chuck Wood, yes. Motion passed

3. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the November 29, 2021 OHVAG Meeting

Tom Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes, Chuck Wood seconded. Geoff Chain, yes, Jason Cobb, yes, Pat Headington, yes, Holly Irwin, yes, Tom Murphy, yes, Chuck Wood, yes. Motion passed

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 2022 Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Matthew Eberhart discussed the project in detail with a recommendation from staff to fully approve funding \$106,017.00. This is to relocate an existing OHV trailhead which is located at a dangerous curve. The project was originally approved by staff as an emergency and mitigation grant. However, the total cost when it went out to bid exceeded \$100,000 and therefore is being brought forward as a Competitive Motorized Grant. There was a question whether this grant requires a match. Staff stated that Competitive Motorized Grants using Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund do not require match. There was a question as to whether this trailhead was recently closed. The sponsor stated that the trailhead that was closed was Hayfield Draw which is a USFS trailhead, not Camp Verde, and was closed due to COVID but is back open. Geoff Chain made a motion to fund the Camp Verde Box T Remediation Project at \$106,017.00. Holly Irwin seconded. Geoff Chain, yes, Jason Cobb, yes, Pat Headington, yes, Holly Irwin, yes, Tom Murphy, yes, Chuck Wood, yes. Motion passed

5. State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Update: (Presenter: Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement.)

Dawn Collins gave an update on the progress of Arizona's 2023-2027 SCORP. There is currently a draft document on Arizona State Parks website for the public to comment on. The final version will be posted on the park's website and OHVAG members will have one final chance to comment on this plan before it is sent to the National Park Service for their approval.

6. Legislative updates: (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

*Matthew Eberhart updated OHVAG on Senate Bill 1596 and Senate Bill 1377. **Senate Bill 1596** sets up a study committee to collect and study information from the public and stakeholders regarding OHV issues in Arizona and submit an annual report on their activities and recommendations for administration and legislative action. **Senate Bill 1377** is a bill to reallocate funding from the OHV Recreation Fund that is currently allocated to Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona State Lands and Arizona Game and Fish. It would require reporting on OHV injuries, and require education for those who use will register an OHV.*

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

Matthew Eberhart updated OHVAG on the OHV ambassador program and the dealership program to distribute backpacks with OHV information which include maps, education cards, information on State Land Permits, Arizona Tourism ACERT maps, and tread lightly materials. A lot of discussion about getting more education materials to the public and getting youth involved with the program. Matthew also talked about several partnerships and groups that our grant staff are involved with including actively working with Tread Lightly. Also working with the Red Rock OHV Conservation Crew which is a group in the Sedona Area to address OHV use. There was a discussion on how effective this information agencies are distributing. Member Cobb emphasized a need to provide more materials in Spanish and see about bringing on bilingual Ambassadors. In addition, Member Cobb suggested the Group and its partners work to better provide information to second hand purchasers that aren't buying their machines in dealerships. There was a question if we provide information to dealers and what would that be. Matthew discussed possibly increasing available funds up to \$100,000 to law enforcement and are seeing more emergency and mitigation projects.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Tread Lightly, Game and Fish, Coconino National Forest Collaboration
Trail Closures in the Black Canyon City area*

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Matthew gave an update on the Box Canyon OHV cleanup with the Wickenburg Conservation Council and attended the most recent outreach event. Member Wood talked about the Arizona Alpine Trail and several meetings with stakeholders. Payson requested if they could apply for funds for a staging area near the Jim Jones shooting area. Alpine area hopes to hold a Show Me Ride near Memorial Day. Pat looked at some possible mitigation to be done along the border wall in the Camino area including the military and Ajo. Also discussed a wildlife water site in the Quartzsite area with a grant from Yamaha.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were none.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

April 1, 2022

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:01p.m..