



APPROVED MINUTES

of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

AUGUST 18, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

David Quine called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Members Present by Phone: *David Quine, Ben Alteneder, Geoff Chain, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin*

Staff Present by Phone: *Bob Broscheid, Matt Eberhart, Tim Franquist, Laurie Hachtel, Mickey Rogers, Jeff Schmidt*

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the May 20, 2020 OHVAG Meeting

Holly Irwin Moved to approve the May 20, 2020 OHVAG minutes. Todd Davis Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Members had a productive conversation with the State Land Commissioner, Lisa Atkins regarding the future of State Lands and their willingness to work with the off-highway vehicle community and other recreation groups. The Commissioner expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to discuss the project with the Group and that she intends to work closely with OHVAG in making sure their project is executed accurately and timely. Holly Irwin moved to approve the State Land Department Non-Urban Land Management Plan Project for \$1,500,000. Todd Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Members had questions regarding the Forward Operating Costs (FOC) but unfortunately the grant applicant for the Black Mesa Ranger District was disconnected during their grant review. Ben Alteneder moved to approve the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Black Mesa Ranger District OHV Law Enforcement Project at \$28,548 with the recommendation that AORCC speak to the applicant about the Forward Operating Cost and the possible reduction of funding to \$27,000 if the FOC is removed. Geoff Chain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Region III Helmet Grant was postponed for review.

4. **Arizona Game and Fish Department Education Program Updates: (Presenter: Kim Jackson, Boating and OHV Program Manager).**
Kim Jackson provided an update on the 2020 marketing campaign that the Arizona Game and Fish Department utilized in an attempt to reduce OHV injuries and citations. She also updated the Group on upcoming course offerings that will be available to the public at the agency's upgraded OHV range which was funded through a previous ASPT grant.
5. **Arizona State Land Department Updates: (Presenter: Richard Spencer, OHV Program Manager).**
Richard updated the Group on the Adamsville Emergency and Mitigation project that was completed in June as well as a recent mineshaft fill that was completed as the result of a near fatal accident on State Trust Land near New River.
6. **Grant Scoring Criteria Review: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator).**
Matt Eberhart provided members a draft version of the 2020-2024 Grant Scoring Criteria. Members will provide edits to the OHV Coordinator between the August and September meeting and the scoring will be finalized at the September OHVAG meeting.
7. **State OHV Coordinator Updates: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator).**
Matt Eberhart updated members on the 2020 Budget including program revenues and expenditures, resident and non-resident decal sales, and growing relationships with the Coconino National Forest, Red Rock Ranger District. Presentation materials have been provided to members and have been uploaded to the [OHVAG page](#) of the state parks website.
8. **State Park Director Updates: (Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Arizona State Parks and Trails Director).**
Director Broscheid updated the group that April and May were hard for the agency but that June and July have already more than cover any losses. The agency continues to practice social distancing and the majority of central office staff are teleworking. Executive staff is striving to maintain positive and open communication with the field and is fulfilling PPE requests as timely as possible. The agency will continue to do what is safest for its employees and the recreating public while providing quality outdoor experiences.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members would like to finalize the grant scoring criteria, any submitted grant applications and would like a standing update on the recommended State Trust Land Non-Urban Planning project.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Off-highway vehicle use continues to explode in popularity as Arizona continues to battle COVID-19 and members look forward to getting back to normalcy where events can be hosted.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests from the public to speak.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next OHVAG meeting will be hosted on September 22 or 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.