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May 20, 2020 Minutes
of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

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 Altoneder, Geoff Chain, Jason Cobb, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin, Chuck Wood*

Staff Present by Phone: *Dawn Collins, Matt Eberhart, Nancy Jasculca, Mickey Rogers, Jeff Schmidt*

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the April 22, 2020 OHVAG Meeting.

Todd Davis moved to approve the April 22, 2020 OHVAG minutes. Holly Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 2021 Motorized Funding Opportunity: (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, GIS/Intern Coordinator).

Jeff Schmidt provided an update to members on 2020 and 2021 funding obligations and the remaining fund balance as the agency heads into the new fiscal year.

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

- a. Jason Cobb moved to approve the Tonto National Forest – Mesa Ranger District: OHV Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$360,985. Ben Altoneder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Chuck Wood moved to approve the Tonto National Forest – Globe Ranger District: Staging Area and OHV Patrols Project in the amount of the \$205,680. Holly Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- c. Todd Davis moved to approve the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council: Mechanized Equipment Training Project in the amount of \$54,147. Ben Altoneder seconded the motion. Geoff Chain abstained from voting. All other members approved the motion.*

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

- a. Todd Davis moved to approve the Bureau of Land Management – Arizona Strip: Vermillion Cliffs OHV Enforcement Project in the amount of \$29,500. Chuck Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Holly Irwin moved to approve the Gila County Sheriff's Office: Law Enforcement Equipment Project in the amount of \$29,921. Jason Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

5. **Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Recreational Trails Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**
 - a. *Holly Irwin moved to approve the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council: Great Trails Workshop Project in the amount of \$9,912. Chuck Wood seconded the motion. Geoff Chain abstained from voting. All other members approved the motion.*
6. **Review and possible action to recommend approval of Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan. (Presenter: Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement).**
 - a. *Dawn Collins provided an update on the 2020-2024 Trails Plan and members recommended the plan for approval. Todd Davis moved to recommend that the State Parks Board approve the Trails Plan as presented. Ben Altoneder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
7. **Motorized Emergency Mitigation Project Updates: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).**

Matt Eberhart provided members with and update on the Adamsville Project which is expected to be completed in June. He also provided an update on the completed Tank Pass Project.
8. **Proposed Bouse Staging Area Update. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).**

Matt Eberhart provided members an update on the proposed Bouse Staging Area Project. After approval from the State Park's director Mickey and Matt approached La Paz County about taking on the project. Unfortunately, since those conversations took place, the Bouse property owner entered into escrow with a private buyer and the property is no longer available for sale. As a result, the county has discussed requesting grant funding in the future to update their county park which is also in Bouse. Consequently, the \$750,000 in grant funding that was originally approved for the project by OHVAG will be returned to the OHV Recreation Fund account and will be eligible for other projects.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members requested that marketing safe and responsible riding be an agenda item at the next meeting.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Members discussed how off-road riding has skyrocketed across the state while people deal with social distancing and quarantine amid Covid 19 concerns.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests from the public to speak.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next OHVAG meeting will be held in August or September.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.