



DRAFT MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dale Larsen, Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 10:01AM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Sefton, Vice Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

Members Present: Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Shawn Orme (Arrived at 10:05AM), Lisa Atkins (Phone), Terri Palmberg (Phone)

Staff Present: Bob Broscheid, Tim Franquist, Kevin Brock, Michelle Thompson, Mickey Rogers, Matt Eberhart, Dan Roddy, Dawn Collins, Jeff Schmidt.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – Board may approve the Board minutes from June 28, 2019.

John Sefton moved to approve the Board minutes from June 28, 2019. Lisa Atkins seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Kevin Brock, Chief Financial Officer, presented FY 2020 operating, donations, and capital budgets. John Sefton moved to endorse the executive directors recommended FY 2020 operating, donations, and capital budgets as lump sum and that the Executive Director be authorized to implement the program as has been presented to the Governor's Office and Legislature. Shawn Orme seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins abstained. Sean Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

3. Kartchner Caverns 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Michelle Thompson, Chief of Communications, briefed board members on upcoming events and activities for the 20th anniversary celebration for Kartchner Caverns State Park.

4. Bureau of Land Management – Travel Management Plans Update.

Jody Weil, Bureau of Land Management, discussed the status of two OHV grants that provided funding for the BLM's travel management plan for six districts. The funding has been placed on an indefinite hold by the Trump Administration. The funding will be revisited in the future.

5. Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Update.

Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, briefed Board members on the status of State Parks LWCF projects. He informed the Board that due to funding and grant requirements, the agency will request a time extension for project #04-00744 – Roper Lake Infrastructure. He went on to provide updates on projects at Homolovi State Park, Oracle State Park, Red Rock State Park, and Dead Horse Ranch State Park. He also informed Board members that project #04-00751 – Fool Hollow Campsite Electrification has been withdrawn.

6. Recreation Trails Program Update.

Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, provided Board members with an update regarding Recreational Trails Program administrative procedures for grant applications related to application deadlines, cultural documents and other required documentation. He informed the Board that the Agency intends to switch to a rolling grant cycle.

7. Executive Director Delegation of Authority.

Tim Franquist, Deputy Director, discussed delegation of authority granted to the Executive Director.

8. Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park Update.

Tim Franquist, Deputy Director, briefed board members on the current status of negotiations with Boyce Thompson Arboretum. He also discussed the challenges with developing a future agreement for management of Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

9. Arizona Peace Trail Programs Update.

Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, provided Board members with a status and progress update on the Arizona Peace Trail.

10. Bouse Staging Area Public Stakeholder Meeting.

Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, briefed Board members on stakeholder meeting recently held in Bouse, as well as the due diligence process.

11. September Park Highlight: Lake Havasu State Park.

Dan Roddy, Lake Havasu State Park Manager, briefed the Board on the parks revenue, visitation, and operations.

12. Arizona State Parks Trail Plan.

Dawn Collins, Chief of Resources and Public Programs, provided an update regarding the Trails Plan. She also provided an update on the economic contribution study.

13. Arizona Management System Update.

Tim Franquist, Deputy Director briefed Board members on the progress of the AMS program at State Parks.

E. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Member Sefton requested an update on Cavco Cabins, including successes, challenges, and next steps. Member Orme requested an update on Rockin' River State Park.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Board Members discussed current events.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Janice Miano, President of the Arizona Heritage Alliance, addressed the Board. She mentioned that 2020 is the 30th anniversary of the Heritage Fund. She also mentioned that her and the Alliance would like to hold a joint meeting with State Parks Board and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to discuss the future of the program.

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Members discussed future meeting dates and locations.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shawn Orme moved to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.013(A)(3) and (4) for the purposes of discussing or consulting with legal counsel for legal advice and considering its position and instructing its legal counsel regarding legal representation and strategy recommendations in the matter of Render v. Allen, Case Number CV 201900068. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed unanimously.

After reconvening, John Sefton moved to direct the Attorney General's Office to proceed as discussed in executive session. Shawn Orme seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed unanimously.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:58PM.