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# MINUTES of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD of ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS JANUARY 25, 2019

# A. CALL TO ORDER

Dale Larsen, Chairman of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

# **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dale Larsen led the Arizona State Parks Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

# C. BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

<u>Members Present:</u> Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Lisa Atkins, Debbie Johnson, Orme Lewis Jr., Shawn Orme, Terri Palmberg.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Ted Vogt, Brandy Reinke, Darla Cook, Mickey Rogers, Matt Eberhart, Lauren Cook, Wesley Yeager, Gustave Sexauer, Kenny Zamecnik, Vince Schiavitti, Jeff Schmidt.

#### D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

# 1. Transition Update.

Ted Vogt, Arizona State Parks and Trail Interim Director, provided board members with an update on the transition process. Mr. Vogt introduced incoming director, Robert Broscheid, who joined the meeting via phone.

# 2. Highlighting a state park: Jerome State Historic Park.

Wesley Yeager, Manager of Jerome State Historic Park, provided board members with information regarding the history, and current operations of Jerome State Historic Park.

# 3. Update on the Off-Highway Vehicle Economic Impact Study.

Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, provided board members with an update on the Off-Highway Vehicle Economic Impact Study. Carl Yoshioka, Arizona State University School of Community Resources and Development was also in attendance to answer questions regarding the findings of the study.

#### 4. Update on the Arizona Peace Trail.

Matt Eberhart provided board members with an update on the Arizona Peace Trail. Mr. Eberhart mentioned that Arizona State Parks has met with Arizona State Trust, and that the agency is planning to host additional meetings that will include the Arizona Peace Trail, county stakeholders, and the Bureau of Land Management, in order to discuss how to better manage Off-Highway Vehicle use specifically related to State Trust Land.

# 5. Trail data collection update.

Mickey Rogers, Arizona State Parks and Trails Chief of Grants and Trails provided board members with updates regarding the agencies current trail related initiatives. Gustave Sexauer, Arizona State Parks and Trails GIS Intern updated the board on the progress of the Statewide Comprehensive Trail Map. Kenny Zamecnik, Arizona State Parks and Trail GIS Intern provided updates regarding other agency trail activities including the creation and distribution of new park maps and installation of trail counters. He also discussed Arizona State Parks effort to secure Google 360 camera in order to capture images of all state parks trails.

6. Update on the Grand Canyon National Park Protection Plan.

Darla Cook, Arizona State Parks and Trail Deputy of Development and Operations, provided board members with updates regarding operation of Grand Canyon National Park.

# E. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Review and Approval the Meeting minutes of the December 13, 2018 Meeting.

  Motion: Debbie Johnson moved to approve meeting minutes of the December 13,2018 meeting,
  Orme Lewis Jr. seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins
  approved, Debbie Johnson approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri
  Palmberg approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. City of Apache Junction's Police Department Law Enforcement Supplemental Application for Off-Highway Vehicle Patrol Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00- Discussion and possible action to approve funding, including review and consideration of Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and OHVAG recommendations.

  Matt Eberhart provided board members with an overview of the City of Apache Junction's Police Department Law Enforcement Supplemental Application for Off-Highway Vehicle Patrol Grant request.

Motion: John Sefton moved to approve the City of Apache Junction's Police Department Law Enforcement Supplemental Application for Off-Highway Vehicle Patrol Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00. Debbie Johnson seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Debbie Johnson approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Nomination Requests and Appointment of Members to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group ("OHVAG")- Review ASPT staff recommendations for appointments to the OHVAG and appoint members to OHVAG.

Matt Eberhart provided board members with a breakdown of the current OHVAG makeup, and discussed staff recommendation for Charles Wood.

Motion: Shawn Orme moved to approve Charles Wood to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Debbie Johnson approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed unanimously.

#### F. THE BOARD WILL NOMINATE AND ELECT ITS CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2019.

Terri Palmberg nominated Dale Larsen to be Chairman of the Arizona State Parks Board. Debbie Johnson seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Motion: Orme Lewis Jr. moved to approve Dale Larsen as Arizona State Parks Board Chair. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Debbie Johnson approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Terri Palmberg nominated John Sefton to be Vice-Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board. Debbie Johnson seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Motion: Terri Palmberg moved to approve the nomination of John Sefton as Vice-Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board. Debbie Johnson seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Debbie Johnson approved, Orme Lewis Jr. abstained, Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

# G. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Orme Lewis Jr, expressed his desire to receive updates regarding Boyce Thompson Arboretum, and the status of the tripartite agreement. Ted Vogt informed Mr. Lewis that discussions are in progress, and that updates will be provided in coming months.

# H. CURRENT EVENTS

Member Palmberg expressed her appreciation for the agency attempting to go paperless. Member Sefton discussed his unscheduled visits to various Arizona State Parks including Kartchner caverns, Tombstone Courthouse, Patagonia Lake, Tubac Presidio, Picacho Peak. Member Sefton complimented staff at these parks for their dedication.

# I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lonnie Lott, from the Arizona Heritage Alliance expressed her pleasure that the agency is working toward holding more regular board meetings. She also discussed the state parks heritage fund, hoping to place it back into statute, and asking for the agency's support.

Robert Broscheid, Incoming Director of Arizona State Parks was given time to make comments, during which he thanked Director Vogt for his assistance during the transition.

# J. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board members discussed potential upcoming meeting dates.

# K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.