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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD TELEPHONE MEETING
of
ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

August 31, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dale Larsen, Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board, called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Sefton led Board Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

Prior to roll call, Dale Larsen read the Arizona State Parks Board Mission Statement.

Members participating telephonically: Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Jeff Buchanan, Debbie Johnson and Terri Palmberg.

Staff : Bob Broscheid, Kevin Brock, Nancy Jasculca (via phone), Mickey Rogers(via phone), Mark Weise, Brittany Hudson, Kelley Santillanes

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Board Meeting.** Terri Palmberg moved to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting. Debbie Johnson seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.
- 2. Heritage Funding Opportunities.** Mickey Rogers provided the Board with an overview of the 2021 appropriated Heritage Fund including non-motorized trail grants, historic preservation grants, environmental education grants, and Local, Regional and State Park grants. Kathryn Leonard advised the Board under the new legislative mandate 'Purchase of Easement' is not an allowable grant item. Member Buchanan asked why archeological mitigation is not an allowable activity. Kathryn Leonard responded archeological mitigation in the form of data recovery is considered destructive treatment to a historic property. There are processes in place to ensure mitigation does not create an adverse effect to a historic property. Member Sefton requested a copy of the Administrative Guidelines and Grant Manual be distributed to the Board. He also requested Mickey Rogers elaborate on the advanced funding for rural communities. Mickey Rogers explained contractors perform the work and are paid directly rather than go through a non-government organization. The Board did not take any action.
- 3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Proposed Scoring Criteria for the 2021 Heritage Fund Grant Applications.** Mickey Rogers reviewed the scoring criteria for use when evaluating the 2021 Heritage Grant Applications in the following areas: trail funding, historic preservation, environmental education, Local, Regional and State Park funding.

Heritage Fund -Trails: Member Jeff Buchanan requested clarification regarding scoring clarification of land acquisition and the prohibition of using funds to obtain land for trail access. Mickey Rogers explained the match for the Heritage Fund points (total of 4 points) would not be eligible. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the Heritage Fund - Trail scoring criteria.as presented. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed

Heritage Fund – Historic Preservation. Mickey Rogers explained the modified scoring criteria presented to the Board. The Arizona Historic Advisory Committee (AHAC) recommended a modified scoring criteria as follows: Community Impact 30 total points (Community Benefit: 27, National Register Nomination: 3). Long Range Use 10 points. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the Heritage Fund - Historic Preservation modified scoring criteria as presented. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed

Heritage Fund - Environmental Education John Sefton moved to approve the Heritage Fund – Environmental Education scoring criteria as presented. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed

Heritage Fund – Local, Regional, State Park. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the Heritage Fund – Local, Regional and State Park scoring criteria as presented. Debbie Johnson seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed

4. **State Lake Improvement Funding Opportunities.** Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails provided the Board with an overview of the 2021 appropriated State Lake Improvement Fund. Dale Larsen asked Mickey Rogers why the grant does not have matching funds. Mickey responded the majority of the grant requests are from small communities that do not have the resources. The Board did not take any action.
5. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Proposed Scoring Criteria for the 2021 State Lake Improvement Grant Applications.** Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails presented the Board the scoring criteria to use when evaluating the State Lake Improvement Fund. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the State Lake Improvement Fund scoring criteria as presented. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.
6. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.** Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails presented to the Board information on the \$5,000,000 ARPA funds that are available for the Heritage Fund grants. Member Sefton asked if there is an expiration date for the funds. Kevin Brock advised the Board the agency has some latitude on using the funds and are not bound by the date. The Board did not take any action.
7. **Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Overview.** Kevin Brock, Chief Financial Officer updated the Board on the FY22 Board. Director Broscheid expressed to the Board the significance of the Building Renewal Capital Projects. The appropriation allows the agency to address emergency repairs with dedicated funds. The Board did not take any action.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board did not discuss any future agenda items.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director of Arizona State Parks & Trails gave an update to the Board on the recent agency move. The move is complete and the individual teams are working to organize. The Director also gave kudos the Tourism Director Johnson on the success of the recent Governor’s Conference on Tourism. He thanked the Board for their consideration of the scoring criteria approval. The state parks team leveraged their relationships with many outside organizations to begin moving forward.

G. CURRENT EVENTS

Jeff Buchanan shared his recent visit to San Rafael and his list of needed repairs on the property. He asked the Board to begin thinking about the long-term opportunities for the property. Two opportunities he shared: a local equestrian tour group would like to bring in groups to ride the property. Another group of cyclists have inquired about using the property. He shared his riding experience and how overgrown the trails are due to the robust monsoon this year.

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Janice Miano, past president and current Board Member of the Arizona Heritage Alliance addressed the Board. She shared her memory of the funds being swept in 2009 and her dedication to have the funds reinstated to their original amount.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

September 16, 2021

October 21, 2021

November 18, 2021

December 16, 2021

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35am.