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MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
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May 20, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dale Larsen, Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Terri Palmberg 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 Present (Via Phone): Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Lisa Atkins (via dial in) Jeff Buchanan, Terri Palmberg,

Staff Present: Bob Broscheid, Tim Franquist, Mickey Rogers, Brittany Hudson (via dial in), Nancy Jasculca, Kelley Santillanes

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consider of Action to Approve Minutes of the April 15, 2021 Board Meeting.** *Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*
- 2. Discussion And Consideration Of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding an Amendment to The Budget for Arizona State Parks' State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan ("SCORP").** *Mickey Rogers updated the Board on the current ("SCORP") budget amendment to increase the original \$100,000 approved grant to \$130,160. Terri Palmberg moved to approve the amendment to the budget for Arizona State Parks & Trails Project Number 04-00770 ("SCORP") in the amount of \$30,160. The new award amount will total \$130,160. Lisa Atkins seconded the motion. Dale Larsen abstained. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*
- 3. Discussion And Consideration Of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Application.** *Mickey Rogers updated the Board on the Recreation Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Applications. Terri Palmberg moved to approve funding for the Arizona Trail Association, Passage 21 maintenance in the amount of \$48,000. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*
- 4. Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications.** *Mickey Rogers updated the Board on the Recreation Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications. Jeff Buchanan presented a picture of his recent trail ride via horseback at Temporal Gulch. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve funding for the 2021 non-motorized grant applications as follows: Arizona Trail Assoc., Temporal Gulch: \$149,990, City of Apache Junction, Silluy Mountain: \$82,000, City of Kingman, White Cliff Wagon Wheel Phase 2: \$144,910, City of Scottsdale, McDowell Sonoran Preserve Trail Maintenance: \$47,300, City of Showlow, ADA Meadow Trail: \$133,952 and the City of Sierra Vista, Garden Wash Trail: \$150,000. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*

5. **Discussion And Consideration Of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Safety and Environmental Grant Applications.** *Mickey Rogers updated the Board on the Recreational Trails Safety and Environmental Grant application project. John Sefton moved to approve funding for the 2021 Safety and Environmental Education applications as follows: Verde Valley Search and Rescue Posse- Bike Unit Safety Training: \$900, and the Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition – Trailhead Map Replacements: \$10,000. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*
6. **Presentation And Discussion Of Development Of Updated Strategic Plan For Fiscal Year 2022.** *Deputy Director Tim Franquist provided an update to the Board on the development of the Arizona State Parks Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2022. The Board discussed updating the Strategic Plan. Jeff Buchanan recommended the team perform a review of the 2020 ASPT Strategic Plan to determine how we can apply the best practices to the new plan. He also suggested a balanced approach to key goals of conservation and access. Dale Larsen recommended the Board hold future meetings in strategic locations around the state to be more transparent to stakeholders, partners and the community. The Board did not take any action.*
7. **Legislative Update.** *Brittany Hudson updated the Board on the current legislative bills before the 2021 Arizona State Legislature. The Board did not take any action.*

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed the following future agenda item: The recent announcement that the Arizona Attorney General's Office has closed the recent investigation concerning Arizona State Parks & Trails and the search to fill the vacant Arizona State Parks Board, ASCOT, AORCC vacancies.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director of Arizona State Parks & Trails, updated the Board regarding the status of State Parks central office. Arizona State Parks will be moving to 1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85085 in August 2021 due to the lease expiring. The state of Arizona is working to consolidate several agencies into one location due to the number of employees working from home and the buildings not being at full capacity. The Director also shared with the Members a poster that was distributed to all Parks employees for Arizona State Employee Appreciation Day. The poster was illustrated with comments from the public thanking employees for the outstanding customer service during the pandemic and how their dedication to the agency improved their recreation experience. This poster will be presented to Governor Ducey at a later date. The Director also reminded the Board of the upcoming Yarnell Hill Memorial Park Dedication on June 30, 2021.

G. CURRENT EVENTS

Member Sefton updated the Board on the expansion of Paloma Community Park in Peoria, AZ and the important role Arizona State Parks & Trails grant program was to the success of the park.

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

*June 17, 2021
July 2021 TBD
August 19, 2021
September 16, 2021
October 21, 2021
November 18, 2021
December 16, 2021*

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35pm.