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Vanessa Hickman,  
State Land Commissioner

ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS OFFICES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2014  
MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

Alan Everett, Chair; R.J. Cardin; Walter D. Armer; Kay Daggett; Vanessa Hickman

**Board Members Absent**

Mark Brnovich; Larry Landry

**Staff Members Present**

Bryan Martyn, Executive Director; Kent Ennis, Deputy Director; Jay Ream, Deputy Director, Parks and Development; Monica Enriquez, Public Information Officer; Ellen Bilbrey, Chief of Marketing and Public Information; Dawn Collins, Chief of Resources and Public Programs

**Attorney General's Office**

Laurie Hachtel, Assistant Attorney General

AGENDA

**(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** – Roll Call

Chairman Everett called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Cardin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF** – Board

Statement - "As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners."

The Board and Staff introduced themselves.

**D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Presentation time may be limited to three minutes at the discretion of the Chair; the Chair may limit a presentation to one person per organization. The Board may direct staff to study or reschedule any matter for a future meeting.

Barbara Barnes, Arizona Heritage Alliance, said the Heritage Alliance continues to work on getting the \$10 million Heritage Funds restored to Arizona State Parks. She



said she hoped the Parks Board would continue to support the Heritage Alliance as they work to make that possible.

**E. DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS** – The Executive Director will provide a report on current issues and events affecting Arizona State Parks. A list of items to be discussed under this agenda item will be posted on the State Parks website (AZStateParks.com) 24 hours in advance of the Parks Board meeting.

Mr. Martyn noted that Mr. Ken Travous, former Arizona State Parks Director, was in the audience.

Mr. Martyn gave a presentation on the Director's Summary of Current Events. The presentation is posted on the Arizona State Parks website at [AZStateParks.com/board](http://AZStateParks.com/board), Presentation 02/19/14.

**F. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consider the Appointment of Aaron Soggs, Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board designate Aaron Soggs as an Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Ream said Aaron Soggs graduated in the top 10 in his class even though he broke his ribs three weeks before the end of the academy. He said staff does recommend that the Board grant him peace officer certification.

Mr. Armer motioned that the Arizona State Parks Board, pursuant to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 3, 41-511.09, confer upon designate Aaron Soggs the full authority and powers of a Peace Officer for the protection of the Parks and Monuments against damage and for the preservation of peace therein. Ms. Hickman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Consider Submission of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant request for the electrification of campgrounds at Buckskin Mountain, Catalina and Lost Dutchman State Parks – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks approve the LWCF grant application to fund the electrification of campgrounds at Buckskin Mountain, Catalina and Lost Dutchman State Parks.

Mr. Ream said this is the second half of the \$1 million received from the Legislature last year. Staff told the Legislature that Arizona State Parks would match those funds through the Land and Conservation Fund. This will authorize the use of those funds in \$750,000 of LWCF funds using this grant program.

Ms. Hickman motioned the Arizona State Parks Board approve the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application to fund the electrification of campgrounds at Buckskin Mountain, Catalina and Lost Dutchman State Parks. Ms. Daggett seconded the motion. The motion passed.



3. Consider Appointing New Member to the Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC) – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board appoint Santiago Garcia to the NAPAC to fill the vacant position and serve a 3-year term effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Mr. Ennis said this is to replace a member of the Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee. There was a resignation on January 1, 2014 by Sheridan Stone. Staff recommends the appointment of Santiago Garcia. He said this is a seven-member group and typically serve for three years. NAPAC currently provides guidance for the Natural Areas. NAPAC met on January 27, 2014 and also recommend Mr. Garcia for this position.

Mr. Cardin motioned to appoint Santiago Garcia to the Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee to fill the vacant position and serve a 3-year term effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. Mr. Armer seconded the motion. Chairman Everett commented that Mr. Garcia's application was outstanding. The motion passed.

Chairman Everett asked if the Board could get a list of members of all of the Advisory Committees. Mr. Ennis said that would be sent out the same day.

4. Approve Minutes of January 15, 2014 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting

Mr. Armer motioned to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 Arizona State Parks Board meeting. Mr. Cardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **G. CAPITAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT (CHM) Consulting Assignment Update –**

Consultants from CHM under contract by Arizona State Parks to examine and analyze business and concession activities within Arizona State Parks will present to the Arizona State Parks Board (ASPB) their preliminary finding, results of their studies and recommendations. Discussions with CHM, ASPB members and ASPB staff may include but not limited to, current study findings and results, business models, third-party operations on parks including restructuring concession contracts, planning, marketing, best practices and future areas of study and strategies for study or plan implementation.

Mr. Ennis said CHM were awarded the contract after the Request to Purchase (RTP) process. He introduced Margaret Bailey who would present their findings on park operations.

Ms. Bailey gave a presentation on the findings by CHM. The presentation is posted on the Arizona State Parks website at [AZStateParks.com/board](http://AZStateParks.com/board), Special Presentation from 02/19/14.

Chairman Everett said the Board would not discuss agenda items H-1, H-2 and H-5 since there was supporting documentation in the agenda packet. The agenda packet and supporting documentation is posted on the Arizona State Parks website at



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## **H. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Revenue Forecast by Major Fund and Park Visitation Update
2. Overview of Spending vs. Budget Fiscal Year to Date through December
3. Overview of the Executive Budget Recommendation

Mr. Ennis said the results of the Executive Budget Recommendation from the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) was a continuation of Arizona State Parks' baseline budget with the addition of \$1.5 million per year for two years for capital expenditures out of the State Parks Revenue Fund (SPRF).

4. Legislative Update will include but is not limited to the following bills for discussion and may take action: HB 2038, HB 2149, HB 2178, HB 2403, SB 1326, SB 1328 and potential Yarnell Memorial Bill.

Mr. Ream said Arizona State Parks (ASP) staff is watching eight bills right now. HB 2038 is a bill that would allow the Parks Board to give discounts to veterans but has not been assigned to any committees.

Mr. Ream said HB 2149 is the one staff is watching the most. This would take the entire ASP State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF), which is \$5 million, and transfer it through a grant program to the Counties. He said this bill would be devastating to State Parks. He said staff would continue to watch the bill. Ms. Hickman asked if the bill says how the monies would be allocated to the counties. Mr. Ream said the bill does not say how the monies would be allocated. It just says divert the money to the counties. He said in the past ASP gave out about 60% to the counties and ASP kept some percentage for administration and the rest was used for capital projects. Since 2009 the all of the money has been used for operations and a little for capital projects.

Mr. Ream said HB 2178 would re-establish the Heritage Fund. He said he has not seen this bill on any legislative agendas.

Mr. Ream said HB 2403 passed the Rules Committee. This would authorize ASP to give discounts to disabled veterans. This would allow free entry to 30% disabled veterans. Currently ASP offers 50% discount to those disable veterans but also allows them to bring three other adults into the parks with them. ASP's current discount program is more robust than the one offered in this bill.

SB 1093 was originally about bringing guns into events and then providing lockers for gun holders. This would affect some of the events that include period costumes and fake guns. Currently at those events guns are not allowed. This bill has now changed to be requiring the FBI to notify the local sheriff if they come into a town. He said he would watch this bill to see if the original intent comes back.



Mr. Ream said SB 1326 would allow people to give a donation to ASP when registering their vehicles. The bill passed the Transportation Committee and Appropriations. He said this bill went far last year as well but some say it is unconstitutional to add anything to vehicle registration that doesn't have to do with highways.

Mr. Ream said SB 1328 is an identical bill to HB 2403 and is passing through committees. This is less of a discount than ASP is offering now.

Mr. Ream said the Yarnell memorial bill did not have a number when the agenda was written but is now SB 2624. This bill passed out of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The bill would appropriate \$500,000 for the purchase of Arizona State Trust Land where the firefighters deployed their shelters and passed away. He said it is a 250-acre parcel.

5. State Parks Operations Status Update
6. Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park Name Change

Mr. Martyn said the City of Yuma sent a letter with recommendations for renaming the Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park. He asked the Board to look at them and contemplate it and discuss it further at the next meeting.

#### **I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. The next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, March 19, 2014 at 10:00 AM** at the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant.

Chairman Everett said the next meeting would not be at the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant. It would be at a location to be determined.

2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Everett adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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