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MEETING MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
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DECEMBER 13, 2018

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 Board Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

Members Present: *Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Orme Lewis Jr., Terri Palmberg, Lisa Atkins (Phone), Shawn Orme (Phone).*

Staff Present: *Ted Vogt, Brandy Reinke, Darla Cook, Mickey Rogers, Matt Eberhart, James Hannasch, Thomas Allen, Dawn Collins, James Meza, Lauren Cook, and Jeff Schmidt.*

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Arizona State Parks and Trails staff will present a report on the deobligation and reobligation of grant funds for projects under the Recreational Trails Program, including the deobligation of funds for four state park approved projects, 471902, Slide Rock ADA Trail, funded at \$41,000, 471903, Tonto Natural Bridge Wooded Trail Project, funded at \$73,390, 471908, Oracle State Park Trail Improvement Project funded at \$81,000 and Roper Lake State Park Trail Maintenance Project, funded at \$29,000 to the Kartchner Caverns Trail Lighting Project in the amount of \$224,390.**

Mickey Rogers, Arizona State Parks and Trails Chief of Grants and Trails, provided Board Members with a report regarding the deobligation and reobligation of grant funds.

- 2. Update on the Arizona Peace Trail Master Plan.**

Wayne Colebank, Landscape Architect from Logan Simpson provided Board Members with an update on the Arizona Peace Trail Master Plan.

- 3. Update on Boyce Thompson operations and tri-partite agreement.**

Ted Vogt, Arizona State Parks and Trails Interim Director provided board members with an update regarding Boyce Thompson and the tri-partite agreement. He informed the Board that on September 20, 2018, Boyce Thompson Arboretum exercised the option to terminate the tripartite cooperative management agreement between state parks, the University of Arizona, and Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Member Orme Lewis Jr. requested that State Parks consider involving one or more Board Members in future discussions.

4. Recurring discussion to the board regarding updates of park operations, capital projects, and events on a monthly basis, choose a date.

Ted Vogt, Arizona State Parks and Trails Interim Director, proposed that Board Members agree to one day a month to receive updates on park operations, capital projects, and events.

5. Highlighting a state park.

Thomas Allen, Arizona State Parks and Trails Chief of Operations, provided Board Members with updates regarding visitation, revenue, and programming at Lost Dutchman State Park. Ted Vogt added that the agency intends to highlight a different state park each meeting.

6. Discussion of potential property available adjacent to Catalina State Park.

Ted Vogt discussed potential property adjacent to Catalina State Park.

7. Discussion of potential property available adjacent to Oracle State Park.

Ted Vogt discussed potential property adjacent to Oracle State Park.

8. Discussion of potential property available of an in-holding within Buckskin Mountain State Park.

Ted Vogt discussed potential property available of an in-holding within Buckskin Mountain State Park.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Review for approval meeting minutes from the September 21, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Orme Lewis Jr. moved to approve meeting minutes from the September 21, 2018 meeting. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

2. Review for approval meeting minutes for the November 20, 2018 meeting.

Motion: John Sefton moved to approve meeting minutes for the November 20, 2018 meeting, Orme Lewis Jr. seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

3. Review for approval funding for 2020-2024 Trails Plan in the amount of \$196,680.41 with \$94,590.41 from the Off-Highway Recreation Funds and \$102,090.00 from the Land and Water Conservation Funds.

Dawn Collins, Arizona State Parks and Trail Chief of Resources and Public Programs, provided Board Members with an update on the 2020-2024 Trails Plan.

Motion: Orme Lewis Jr. moved to approve funding for the 2020-2024 Trails Plan in the amount of \$196,680.41 with \$94,590.41 from the Off-Highway Recreation Funds and \$102,090.00 from the Land and Water Conservation Funds. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

- 4. Review and possible action approving funding requests totaling \$1,153,858.00 for the July 2018 Motorized Grant applications as follows: Arizona Peace Trail--\$658,000, Trail Riders of Southern Arizona--\$53,075, Natural Restorations--\$275,330, La Paz County--\$137,453 and Arizona Game and Fish--\$30,000.**

Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, provided Board Members a summary of each project. Project sponsors were also in attendance to answer questions from Board Members.

Motion: John Sefton moved to approve funding requests totaling \$1,153,858.00 for the July 2018 Motorized Grant applications as follows: Arizona Peace Trail in the amount of \$658,000, Trail Rider of Southern Arizona in the amount of \$53,075, Natural Restorations in the amount of \$275,330, La Paz County in the amount of \$137,453, and Arizona Game and Fish in the amount of \$30,000. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins abstained, Orme Lewis Jr. abstained, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

- 5. Review for approval change of scope of a board approved Land and Water Conservation funded project at Roper Lake State Park from a restroom/shower building and leach field to a sewer line connecting to the town of Safford's sanitary district.**

James Hannasch, Arizona State Parks and Trail Chief of Development, provided a report to Board Members.

Motion: Orme Lewis Jr. moved to approve change of scope of a board approved Land and Water Conservation Funded project at Roper Lake State Park from a restroom/shower building and leach field to a sewer line connecting to the town of Safford's sanitary district. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

- 6. Review for approval the Executive Director authority to discuss the potential purchase of Ryberg Ranch to the Governor's Office with instructions from the Governor's office to the Executive Director by the Arizona State Parks Board regarding negotiations thereto.**

Motion: Terri Palmberg moved to approve the Executive Director authority to discuss the potential purchase of Ryberg Ranch to the Governor's Office with instructions from the Governor's office to the Executive Director by the Arizona State Parks Board regarding negotiations thereto. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins approved, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

- 7. Review for approval the release of funds and delegating the Arizona State Parks Executive Director authority to negotiate and purchase of real property and initial development related to Bouse State Park.**

Matt Eberhart provided a summary of the proposed project, as well as due diligence tasks completed by State Parks staff since the last Board meeting.

Motion: John Sefton moved to approve the release of funds and delegate Arizona State Parks Executive Director authority to negotiate and purchase the real property as related and proposed to the Bouse State Park project, specifically not approving the further development of the project

until agreement is reached between Arizona State Parks, and Arizona State Land Department. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved, John Sefton approved, Lisa Atkins abstained, Orme Lewis Jr. approved, Shawn Orme approved, Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Board Members discussed current events.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Members agreed to a tentative meeting date of January 25, 2019.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.