

## Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Committee

January 26, 2022

## **MINUTES**

Committee Members: Debbie Burgos- Chair – PRESENT

Michael Frye- Vice Chair- PRESENT

Steve Paxton- PRESENT Ross Williams- PRESENT Kenny Thatcher- **PRESENT** Ken Freeman- **PRESENT** 

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I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and County Staff Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m. Commissioner Kirkpatrick was present

II. Public Comment

Rayette Martin, Nevadans for Cultural Preservation, is an archeologist and offered her assistance in Issue Tracking List items number 22 & 23 as she has interest in education and preservation. Her organization plans to apply for a grant in July to reduce impacts to cultural sites, provide education, provide an avenue for the ohv community to participate in preservation and enhance the visitor experience.

III. Approval of July 28, 2021 Minutes

Moved by: Michael Frye Action: Approved Vote: 6-0/Unanimous

IV. Approval of Agenda for January 26, 2022

**Moved by: Kenny Freeman** 

Action: Approved Vote: 6-0/Unanimous

- V. Informational Items (for discussion only)
  - 1. Identify Emerging Issues to be addressed by the committee during future meetings.

Marilyn discussed the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument resolution by Commissioner Naft. Commissioner Gibson and Commissioner Kirkpatrick have requested information and how this may impact the ohv community. If you have questions, please submit them to her office so they can be included on the record.

Debbie Burgos - Spoke with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto's Office regarding the lands bill which is still moving forward. Nearly every concern that the committee raised has been addressed except for Avi Kwa. There will be continued discussions regarding the Dead Mountain area to address conflicts, and language is being addressed to specify use. There is a hearing set to take place within the next few weeks, but this will be ongoing. Senator Cortez-Masto is working on a path to address the ohv community being included in the solar process sooner, so that there is proper representation. This stems from the ohv community raising concerns that they are not being invited to the table in instances where community involvement is required. As a result, groups will be required to attend future ohv committee meetings to address issues which may impact the ohv community.

2. Announcements of general information that may be of interest to committee members or the general public.

Debbie listed off multiple ohv events taking place in Nevada during the months of January, February and March. This information will be provided on the Clark County website.

Nevada Off Road Association to discuss OHV funding opportunities, stewardship, Statewide land
use status, federal planning, and OHV community concerns including OHV trail use and
accessibility.

Mathew Giltner, Executive Director of the Nevada Off-Road Association, discussed programs offered using his services. His group assists with grant writing and educational training related to State law, ethics, and stewardship. Those is attendance expressed the difficulty that ordinary potential recipients are having with the grant application process. Mathew discussed that the OHV Commission is now accepting grants twice a year, and the next round of grants will be opening in July with over \$800,000 of grant dollars available. Marilyn expressed that trail maps remain a large need for the ohv community in Southern Nevada.

4. OHV Committee to receive an update regarding the Nellis Dunes OHV Park

Currently, this land is in the Bureau of Land Management's patent process to get the land relinquished. There are plans to install restrooms and Marilyn is working with Republic Services to be proactive in keeping the area clear of trash. Marilyn has already received a sign off from the military which allows up to 400,000 people within the designation.

Marilyn is continuing to work with the BLM and believes it may take an additional 8-9 months. She's working with the Moapa Valley Fire Department and station 23 to provide emergency services. If it becomes a staging area, then it'll need to go through the Rural Neighborhood Preservation (RNP) process. If this land becomes an RNP then the County will need someone to manage the land.

5. OHV Committee to discuss Clark County land near the Avi Casino and the possibility of using it for OHV events.

Marilyn asked Kenny Freeman to send her the information and she'll work with Commissioner Naft.

## VI. Business Items

1. Reprioritize Issue Tracking List, identify issues to add/delete, provide updates and select Issue Tracking Managers. (for possible action)

Debbie Burgos -the next scheduled cleanup is March 5th @9am located near Jean, Nevada. Marilyn will work on getting tools and materials donated. Debbie is planning the April cleanup for the Nellis Dunes area. Marilyn asked that Debbie share the dates with her as soon as possible and she'll work on providing supplies, volunteers, and breakfast for the April cleanup. The committee expressed the need for education when it comes to outdoor shooting areas as there are safety concerns. Marilyn suggested that they work with Ducks Unlimited, Big Horn Sheep, Shot Show and like groups who can help begin conversations with the gun community. The last cleanup included about 6 tons of materials removed with most of the material removed being related to outdoor shooting community.

Debbie is working to identify future areas of concern such as Red Rock, Creech, Nelson Hills, Coyote Springs, and Logandale Trails. Debbie is working with 3 different groups to begin the educational forums on topics such as overlanding and providing resourceful/educational information for responsible use.

Ross Williams - is in the Environmental Assessment portion of the loop trail which is to be submitted to the BLM within the next 30 days. The BLM piece will cover their portion of the mileage for the project and includes 2 national park areas. Ross needs to get this portion designated which will make up approximately 80% of the needed mileage designation. Ross is also set to begin work on the pieces that include land with the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, Clark County, and Nellis Airforce Base. Marilyn suggested that he begin working with Nellis now because the process can be lengthy. Marilyn asked that Ross send her a detailed email and will need to schedule a meeting so she can begin working on the process.

VII. Public Comment

**NONE** 

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting March 30, 2022

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.