



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ATV Grant Subcommittee Meeting

February 23 and 24, 2023, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Hybrid OPRD Salem HQ- Zoom Meeting

OPRD ATV Grants Subcommittee Members Present:

Chair Virgle Osborne – Class II Representative
Dave Kimball – Class I Representative
Barrett Brown – Class III Representative
Matt Miller – Class IV Representative (remote)
Ron Price – Member at Large
Ann Haak – ADA Representative (remote)

Other:

Tim Custer, Steve Doane

OPRD Staff Present:

Michele Scalise, Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Jeff Trejo, Jayme Jones, Nohemi Enciso, Jodi Bellefeuille, Alison Kyser.

Meeting called to order at 8:12 AM on Thursday, February 23, 2023 by Ron Price.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Review Agenda
2. Public Comments: none
3. Approval of February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes **(ACTION)**

Motion: Virgle Osborne moved to accept the February 2022 Grant Subcommittee meeting minutes.

Second: Dave Kimball

Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

4. Budget Review

We're not quite sure where we are currently at, the governor's recommended budget was due 2/1/2023. We had our budget hearings in the natural resources subcommittee ways and means, they hear our presentations based on what our government recommended budget is. We are running at 11 million with a 3 million POP package, we

are not sure when this will be passed. They have a hearing and then they evaluate March/April work session. But won't know final budget until June.

Baseline budget for grants is 11 million and we're right at 8 million for maintenance and currently looking at 3 million for law enforcement. But nothing is for sure until closer to the end of the session and will keep you updated.

5. Update on Legislative Concepts

Katie Gauthier - Session started early January, 2585 bills, as an agency 280 bills. In order to have the bill not die, have to have a work session by March 17. As an agency, we have no position on any bill unless we go through a process within the government's office to request permission. The ones that you would like to have a hearing, let the chairs know.

ATV identified Bills:

- SB 888 Safety Card for Class IV
- SB 889 Class IV definition
- HB 2796 ATV Access Routes on county roads
- HB 3248 – ATV allowed on roads and highways

Ian – we talked about writing a letter of support from the committee, are we still on track with that.

Katie – Yes, you have a draft letter, I sent to Ian yesterday for language to add. You can send that now to encourage a hearing, or wait for the hearing and submit it as testimony.

Virgle – Happy to testify for it as long as someone lets me know.

Ron – willing to testify, just need to be given notice due to living far away.

Katie – we can definitely give notice, it is usually a couple of days' notices, but you can also testify online.

6. Review Operations & Maintenance Grant applications:

7. Recusals:

Virgle – Douglas County O&M 2023-2025 – Coos County - Not recusing himself, he is officially no longer the planning commission chair.

Ann - MGCOHV Operations & Maintenance 2023-2025 – Morrow County – not recusing herself, son is a sheriff deputy up there though.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM on Thursday, February 23, 2023 by Ron Price.

Meeting called to order at 8:03 AM on Friday, February 24, 2023 by Ron Price.

8. Finalize Scores/Recommendations

(ACTION)

Motion: Barrett Brown motions to fund all the grant applications as presented.

Second: Dave Kimball

Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

Comment or questions: Virgle has a comment on the scoring - there is a spot for scoring economic development, these are O&M grant, it doesn't really help anything for the most part. Feels it doesn't need to be scored the same as the other categories. Ian: the intent was more about economic "impact" as opposed to "development". Can look at changing wording in the future.

9. Next Meeting:

- April is going to be hard with schedules and availability of meeting venues.
- Proposing May 18-19, 2023.

10. Site Visits 2023:

- Virgle – Winchester Bay or Florence (everyone agrees) Suggest somewhere he can use his Honda Side by side.
- Ron - Morrow County and Coos Bay for sound issues.
- Ann – Mount Emily is a good one. Also agrees with Class IV friendly.
- Ian – we can always do a combined trip for Morrow County and Mount Emily. We will play with some dates and if we do Winchester Bay we can add some other locations while we are there.

11. Other Business:

- Staff Updates:
 - USFS – Huckleberry delayed due to Cedar Creek Fire, may need an extension.
 - Douglas County Parks – Umpqua North CG Development – Entire project should be completed by the end of March/Early April 2023.
 - Coos County Park – Feasibility Study: Douglas County Board of Commissioners have not decided whether to approve a feasibility study.
 - Coos County Park – Riley Ranch Paving: weather delayed project. Project expected to start in May 2023.
 - Hood River County Forestry – Kingsley Reservoir improvements: installation of double vault toilets at Kingsley staging area. CXTs installed at Pinemont Staging area and Post Flats Staging area. Completion of all match work at Kingsley Staging area. Campsite installed as part of County Opportunity Grant.

- Hauser RFD – Delays due to Ford not having inventory to take orders. As of 2/23/23 Ford may be coming with 4x4 as standard feature. May need extension.
- Barrett - thoughts about the process, trying to get comfortable with judging the staffing when someone is requesting staff. Trying to guess if this is the right staffing etc. for my benefit and others having a grant budget worksheet is paired with the previous 3. The presentations with the organization chart were really helpful.
- Ann - in this grant cycle we did a lot of DEI from an ADA prospective, we focus a lot of time on class III. A lot of trails are still closed to individuals with disabilities with limited capacity trails. If were going to do DEI, we need to start thinking about including people with disabilities in our trails and not just the parking lot. In order to have my mobility devices with me, the 50 inch does not work.
 - Ron – with SXS/Class IV trails being 50 inches, those are nonexistent anymore, the minimum is 64 to 72.
 - Virgle – what percentage of a trail system would you recommend be ADA accessible?
 - Matt – feels this needs to be addressed more in the development cycle grants, don't feel the answer is converting ATV and single tracks.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM on Friday, February 24, 2023 by Ron Price.