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**PINAL COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF April 8, 2014**

PRESENT:

Mr. Vogler, Sr., Member	Mr. Bristow, Member
Mr. Kavathas, Member	Ms. D'Abella, Member
Mr. Standage, Member	Ms. Ruehl, Member
Ms. Johnson, Member	Ms. Butler, Member
Mr. Brown, Member	

ABSENT: Mr. Carnes, Commission Member

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Costello, Deputy County Attorney

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS STAFF PRESENT:
Mr. Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director
Ms. Cortez, Administrative Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m., this date by Director Kent Taylor in the Pinal County emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hearing Room, Building F, Florence, Arizona.

Mr. Taylor introduced staff members, and had commissioner members introduce themselves and give a brief description of their history.

Mr. Taylor had commissioner members read, review and sign the Oath of Office. Ms. Cortez notarized signatures.

Mr. Taylor opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Taylor closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Taylor gave a brief history of how the department was developed, and used a power point presentation.

Mr. Taylor also covered:

- Open Space and Trails Plan/Comprehensive Plan
- Current Park and Trail Inventory
- Department Budget and Staffing
- 2-5 Year Department Priorities

Mr. Taylor continued with the power point presentation, and presented a handout on Trust for Public Land Conservation Services Program. Mr. Taylor encourages the Commission members to attend the regular scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Taylor covered the Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses. Mr. Taylor stated Commission members can be reimbursement for 2 meetings at a time. Mr. Taylor stated if the form is not submitted mileage will not be reimbursed.

Mr. Taylor presented Mr. Kevin Costello; Mr. Costello gave a brief history of his background.

Mr. Costello covered the Open Meeting Law, and used a power point presentation.

Mr. Taylor stated the Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission Bylaws are presented to the Commission on the CD provided to members. Mr. Taylor advised the Commission to give staff a week prior notice if they cannot attend a meeting in person and would like to do it telephonically.

Discussion/Election of OS&T Chairman and Vice-Chairman pursuant to Article V: Officers and Duties, Section 3. A of the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission Bylaws – OS&T Clerk/OS&T Chairman

Mr. Taylor read to the Commission the Chairman and Vice Chairman Job description. Mr. Taylor advised Commission members to discuss who they would like to have as Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner D'Abella nominated Commissioner Ruehl for Chairman.

MOTION

Commissioner D'Abella motioned to appoint Commissioner Ruehl as Chairman of Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bristow asked Commissioner Ruehl if she would have time to be Chairman since she is part of other Commissions/committees. Commissioner Ruehl stated yes, she would.

Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Chairman Ruehl nominated Commissioner D'Abella for Vice Chairman.

MOTION

Commissioner Bristow motioned to appoint Commissioner D'Abella as Vice Chairman of Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of future meeting dates

Mr. Taylor stated it would be best for the Commission to pick a common reoccurring date for future meetings.

Chairman Ruehl asked for suggestions on what day would be best to make it official. Commissioner Brown stated that Tuesday's would be the best day. Commissioner Bristow suggested keeping it the second Tuesday of the month.

MOTION

Vice Chairman D'Abella made a motion to have the next regular scheduled meetings to be, July 9, 2014.

Chairman Ruehl suggested amending the motion to schedule the meetings for a reoccurring date and not individual dates for the meetings.

Vice Chairman D'Abella amended her motion. Vice Chairman D'Abella made a motion to have all regular scheduled meetings for Pinal County Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission on the second Tuesday of the month, for July, October and January, and April (quarterly meetings) at 6 p.m. Commissioner Kavathas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Open Space and Trails Director Discussion Items/Possible future agenda items

The commission discussed potential future agenda items including:

- Work session to discuss Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission Strategic Direction

- Thunderbird Arena Community Council (TACC) Master Plan updates
- West Pinal (Kortsen) Park updates
- San Tan Regional Park update
- Bureau of Reclamation Recreation Agreement update
- Pinal Partnership, Open Space and Trails Committee presentation
- Discussion of existing park property ownership details
- Presentation on impact fees

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Standage made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bristow seconded the motion. Chairman Ruehl accepted the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

RESPECTFULLY submitted July 8, 2014.



Kent Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director