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

PRESENT: Mr. Vogler, Sr., Member Mr. Carnes, 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. Bristow, Member (Unexcused)

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 6:02 p.m., this date by Director Kent Taylor in the Pinal County emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hearing Room, Building F, Florence, Arizona.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: April 8, 2014

MOTION

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the minutes of April 8, 2014. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Ruehl opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Hearing none, Chairman Ruehl closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Carnes arrived at 6:06 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Taylor gave a brief Presentation on the Conservation Funding Survey Results, used a power point presentation.

Commissioner Brown arrived at 6:13 p.m.

Chairman Ruehl asked to have a discussion and recommendation for the funding survey to the October agenda.

Discussion/Recommendations of the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department submitting a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Lease application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Regional Park #4, Palo Verde. Under the R&PP application Pinal County intends to lease qualified BLM property for the ultimate development of a Regional Park in the far western portion of Pinal County.

MOTION

Commissioner Carnes made a motion to recommend a lease application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Regional Park #4, Palo Verde. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Discussion/Recommendation of the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department submitting a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Lease application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Regional Park #5, Peralta. Under the R&PP application Pinal County intends to lease qualified BLM property for the ultimate development of a Regional Park in the northern portion of Pinal County.

MOTION

Commissioner Standage made a motion to recommend a lease application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Regional Park #5, Peralta. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Discussion/Recommendation of the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department submitting an Application for Community Assistance from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program for assistance in the development of a Master Plan for Regional Park #5, Peralta.

MOTION

Vice Chairman D'Abella motion in favor of submitting an application for community assistance from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program for assistance in the development of a Master Plan for Regional Park #5, Peralta. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Discussion/Recommendations recommendations regarding the future management of Pinal County's existing park inventory.

Mr. Taylor gave a brief presentation on each of the parks, used a power point presentation.

- Dudleyville
- Oracle Community
- Oracle Liberty
- Randolph
- West Pinal (Kortsen)

Mr. Taylor summarized the Advisory Commission recommendations as 1) Continue operations and maintenance "as is" for Dudleyville, Oracle Community, Oracle Liberty and West Pinal; 2) Continue efforts to add "Adopt-a-Park" program sponsors for these 4 parks; 3) Continue outreach for partners to assume all or part of the operations and maintenance for these 4 parks; 4) Find a suitable solution for the elimination of the Randolph Park as a County operated/maintained park.

Open Space and Trails Director Report

Chairman Ruehl congratulated Mr. Taylor on the addition of Open Space and Trail related goals and objectives in the Countywide Strategic Business Plan. Mr. Taylor indicated that Board of Supervisor Chairman Smith was the primary supporter for these additions, the Open Space and Trail Department just provided background information.

Discussion Items/Possible future agenda items

- Work session to discuss Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission Strategic Direction
- Pinal Partnership, Open Space and Trails Committee presentation
- Open Space and Trails Commission next steps regarding the Conservation Funding Survey Results

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carnes. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Chairman Ruehl accepted the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.p.m.

RESPECTFULLY submitted October 14, 2014.



Kent Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director