

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Committee

March 29, 2023

MINUTES

Committee Members: Debbie Burgos- Chair - PRESENT

Michael Frye- Vice Chair- PRESENT

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

Secretary: <u>CCOHV@ClarkCountyNV.gov</u>

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Gibson and Clark County DA was present

II. Public Comment

NONE

III. Approval of July 27, 2022 Minutes

Moved by: Steve Paxton Action: Approved Vote: 6-0/Unanimous

IV. Approval of Agenda for March 29, 2023

Moved by: Ken 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.

Steve Paxton - the committee needs to monitor and receive further input on the National Monument so the committee can make future recommendations to the Board of County Commission. The BLM will be putting together a management plan and will be organizing an advisory committee. Updated maps will be provided by next meeting. Commissioner Gibson provided an update after meeting with the White House. There will be impacts that are an area of concern. A monument will be declared which will impact future airport plans and areas used for OHV use. Debbie - will work to get an updated map.

Debbie Burgos - Sand Mountain also known as "Sand Hollow". Utah is looking to build a new reservoir which will include selling off land to be used for development and lakeside homes. Debbie submitted packets on how residents can inquire on how this will carry economic impacts and reduction to trails. There is a comments period that ends midnight on April 19th.

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

Debbie discussed many OHV activities taking place through May. The Logandale Trail cleanup with be held on April 15th.

3. Chair to provide an update regarding the Bureau of Land Management's Travel Management Plan.

The BLM is opening a protest period for the Logandale Trails soon regarding the special recommendation area that's been in the works for 3 years.

Vegas Valley 4 Wheelers was awarded a grant to create signage for the Logandale Trails area.

Muddy Mountain Special Recreation Area - Commissioner Kirkpatrick discussed the need for input regarding the location of trails. Ken Freeman offered to provide GPS for the trails. SNORE and MRAN will assist with the GPS of the trails. There are 2.5 million acres of land to create a travel management plan for. They are working on this systematically by area. They are still being inundated by solar and wind projects being headed by an energy and infrastructure team to assist with hundreds of projects. Debbie will work on receiving additional information to discuss this in a future meeting.

Kenny Kendrick (BLM) encourages people to reach out to him with any questions

4. Department of Conservation of Natural Resources Off-Highway Vehicles Program to discuss OHV grants and NAC 490 and receive input from OHV Committee.

There are 3 bills in legislation that impact OHV use. Commissioner Kirkpatrick provided input regarding AB56 which would allow OHV's to ride on the streets and NDOT encroachment of 300ft. and received no opposition from any OHV groups. This would allow the building of a trail system along the highways.

The Outdoor Recreation Committee which is chaired by the lieutenant governor worked on duel operating permit to allow riding similar to Utah, use in the right of way and extending the licensing time frame.

The OHV Commission is rewriting language for NRS 490.068 which includes language for OHV grants and would like input to be submitted to Nikhil.

NACO appoints a representative to serve on the OHV Commission. Commissioner Kirkpatrick suggested maintaining a list of interested parties for the OHV Commission to be shared with Nevada NACO.

VI. Business Items

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

Kenny Thatcher discussed Issue Tracking Item #4 - he requested a list of permits thru 2023 and was told that he would need a letter from the committee to make this request. Debbie will follow up with Kenny Kendrick with the BLM.

Marilyn discussed the need to adopt a resolution and guidelines - the resolution can be updated to reflect the needs of the committee to make these sorts of requests moving forward.

Ken Freeman discussed Issue Tracking List #8 – Are they able to do mitigation to allow events in the area. There are 5 different permits in the Nellis Dunes area. This will have to be revisited due air quality in the area due to ash from fires.

Mike Frye inquired about Issue Tracking List # 19 - Commissioner Gibson and Commissioner Kirkpatrick are currently working on the bill and are looking to introduce it in the House of Representatives. They are on a strict timeline to get this submitted.

Commissioner suggested that the OHV Committee and interested parties reach out to Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) to express the needs and interests of the OHV community and the economic value that the OHV community brings to our state. On May 6th the Wester Region counties are meeting in Saint George. It would be a good time to reach out to the officials and provide an educational packet to them.

Ross Williams provided an update for Issue Tracking List # 12 - the EPA draft is complete and has been submitted to the BLM and is currently under review.

VII. Public Comment

Jeff Phillips, Race Director of SNORE, read through the President's proclamation and stated that the majority control of 51% will be given to the tribes creating concern for future loss of lands. Commissioner Kirkpatrick suggested reaching out to the congressional delegation. Kevin Bailey spoke in regard to an issue with bill 407 which allows changes for a 3 year tag with no change in the rate of the tag which loses money for the OHV Commission to use towards grants. He also stated that full size plated vehicles would have to surrender their license plates in order to get an OHV tag. Don Wall - discussed the continued loss of trails and the need to organize and begin initiatives that can be designated to trail use. Debbie - explained that there are several areas in the bill that are working to designate several areas to be dedicated to OHV use. The need for the OHV Committee to be active in clean ups was expressed as data can be used to showcase the impact their stewardship makes in our community.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting May 31, 2023

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.