



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ATV Advisory Committee Meeting

April 8, 2021, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Remote- 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
Ron Price – Member at Large
Sgt Nick Hansen – Law Enforcement Representative
Ann Haak – ADA Representative

Other:

Tim Custer, Jody Phillips

OPRD Staff Present:

Michele Scalise, Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Jeff Trejo, Jodi Bellefeuille, Mark Cowan, Jayme Jones

Meeting called to order at **8:00 AM on Thursday April 8, 2021** by Virgle Osborne.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Review Agenda
2. Public Comments: none
3. Approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes **(ACTION)**

Motion: Ron Price moved to accept the February 2021 Grant Subcommittee meeting minutes

Second: Ann Haak

Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

4. RTP Update:

Jodi: RTP grant cycle opened last week. Applications are due on June 15, 2021. 30% of funds are set aside for motorized projects both OHV and snowmobile trail projects. Don't fund maintenance, only development and restorations. Building new trails, bathrooms, trailheads. Close to \$600k, carry over funds. Please contact Jodi.Bellefeuille@oregon.gov.

Oregon Recreation and Trails Summit (ORTS) is being planned for this October 2021, mainly virtually with a potential of in field stewardship opportunities. Accepting session proposals right now. If interested or know someone who like to make a session proposal, please contact Jodi. Accepting full session proposals, case study workshops, and/or field stewardship. Mainly all virtual this year except the infield.

5. Budget Review

Ian: All dollar amounts still need to be approved by legislators. Grants special payments allocations are \$11M. At the February 2021 meeting, awarded \$9.2M. For this meeting, April 2021 meeting we have \$600K in request which would leave over \$1M left for a future meeting in 2022. We are also expecting carry over from last biennium which would reduce the \$1M amount. We have enough money to fully fund all the grant request today and will have remaining funds for the February 2022 meeting next year.

6. Update on Legislative Concepts

SB 106- Safety Card

SB 107- Class IV definition

Ian: Reached out to Katie but she was unable to provide any updates on legislative concepts. Hearing was during our February grant meeting. Took testimony and joint session. (Note: both Bills died in session)

7. ATV Highway Access Routes

Opened up Sumpter Hwy in December 2020. A lot of snow this winter, so can't install signs until spring. Sumpter is currently working on updating their ordinance, from 2003. Old laws that didn't recognize Class IV. Prairie City has submitted an application to allow ATV use on Highway 26 in town. City streets and County roads are currently open to ATV use. In town there is not good access to businesses. Processing application now.

Virgle: There are discussions about opening up county roads to ATV use in Douglas County. Many roads are 55 mph, so need to look at specific roads to open. Potential to connect Roseburg area with coast through the coast range.

8. OSU- ATV Hands-on Training Update

Jeff: Currently have 4-5 entities that provide hands on training. Two largest ones are OMRA (certify in Class I & III) & OSU (certify in Class I & IV).

Dave White is retiring in end of June 2021 from OSU extension program. In discussion with what this means going forward. Latest communication is Dave White is trying to get Team Oregon to take on the responsibilities of providing youth safety. Main feature of our program is that it is affordable to parents. Collecting \$60 per kid to come through the program, if low attendees occur then funding issues occur. Jeff will be working with Dave in next few months to see how this will transition as we want OSU to remain a part of our program. OSU going through their own COVID financial circumstances.

Virgle: OMRA new training location at Champagne Creek Ranch Jeff: Yes, new training sites have to go through OPRD. Glad to hear they are opening a new training location near Lookingglass area. Training facilities are not located all throughout Oregon, we try to cover as much area as possible. Having one in Roseburg area is huge for folks along I-5.

9. Grant Presentations and Discussions

#7140 Klamath County Sheriff's Office \$26,093.56 Purchase of Side-by-side for patrols. Presentation/discussion: Have 2006 UTV but worn out and having more mechanical issues. Can be used for both LE Patrols and EMS calls. Most patrols on USFS and BLM Lands.

#7139 Mt Scott Motorcycle Club \$ \$39,904.45 Purchase of ATV, 2 motorcycles and tools for trail work.

Presentation/discussion: Club mostly volunteers in the Tillamook State Forest and Mt Hood National Forest. ATVs, motorcycle, cargo trailer for storage, and tools for working on trails.

7135 Douglas County Parks This project will complete a feasibility study of a 1,200-acre site in North Douglas County. *Recusal: Sgt. Nick Hansen. Virgil not voting*

Presentation/discussion: 1100 acre site was originally going to be a reservoir. Want to focus on Class II and IV use, but still allow Class I and III. Potential to build trail system and construct challenging obstacles. Does this have to go through Conditional Use Permit? Probably, it is an allowed use but likely go through that process. Is there a Forest Management Plan for the area? No. Managing it for Farm and Forest with some grazing and timber management for the last 30 years. Concerned about spending money on feasibility studies and whether it would result in riding opportunities. Michele asked about the 2 phases. Phase 1 is match and will be County Staff working on Site Suitability consisting of Land Use Review, Legal Review, Public Engagement, Recreation

Needs Assessment and OHV Site Analysis. County Commissioners would need to approve the project before proceeding to Phase II, which will develop a Conceptual Plan of facilities, trails and costs. Phase II will be a consultant/contractor with ATV Grant Funds. No ATV Funds will be used on Phase 1. How will you construct system? Public Works department, three clubs in area, have some county fees and would be looking for grant opportunities.

7126 Douglas County Parks \$499,950.00 Develop North Loop campsites in Umpqua Dunes RV Park (ATV Campground) and rebuild ATV recreation focused building with store and laundry mat. *Recusal: Sgt. Nick Hansen.*

Presentation/discussion: Completed Phase 1 (middle of campground). This is Phase 2 (North side of campground). Phase 3 (South) will be in the future. 33 campsites and ATV Commercial Building. Paving sites, restroom, cabins and group camp are not part of project. County is also putting in about \$600,000 to the campground, which is outside of grant application. Talked about concession building and how it will be used. Michele was concerned that revenue the county generates from the building should be used for ATV purposes. Overall committee was happy with many of the improvements in the area.

10. Finalize Scores/Recommendations

Average Scores	Project Name
91.33	Douglas Co – Umpqua Dunes Campground Development
88.29	Klamath Co – UTV Purchase
87.86	Mt Scott – Equipment Purchase
83.33	Douglas Co – Feasibility Study

Motion: Dave Kimball makes a motion to approve Application ID#7140 Klamath County Sheriff's Office for funding
Seconded by Nick Hansen
Passed unanimously

Motion: Barrett Brown makes a motion to approve Application #ID7139 Mt. Scott Motorcycle Club for funding
Seconded by Ron Price
Passed unanimously

Motion: Ann Haak makes a motion to approve Application ID#7135 Douglas County Parks Feasibility Study for funding

Seconded by Dave Kimball

Passed Dave, Barrett, Matt, Ron and Ann in favor, abstain by Virgle Osborne and Nick Hansen.

Motion: Ron Price makes a motion to approve Application ID#7126 Douglas County Parks Campground application for funding

Seconded by Dave Kimball

Discussion: How concession revenue will be used. Michele and will work it into the agreement

Passed all in favor, except abstain by Nick Hansen.

11. Next Meetings:

- August 2021-Site Visit- Mt. Hood **(Canceled)**
Week of August 23-27, 2021
- September 2021- Site Visit- Mt. Emily/ Morrow County **(Canceled)**
Week of September 20-27, 2021
- November 2021- ATV Advisory Committee- Salem **(Postponed to Feb)**
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 9:00am- 3:00pm
- February 2022- Grant Subcommittee remaining funds- Salem
- Week of April 11, 2022- Law Enforcement Workshop- Eagle Crest

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM on Thursday, April 8, 2021 by Virgle Osborne.