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## **MEETING MINUTES -THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

**Date and Time:** March 12, 2025, 1:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Tahoe Room #2001, Richard Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart St,  
Carson City, NV 89701

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Maurice White, Chair (0:00:18)
- 2. ROLL CALL OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS** – Kaden Barmore, OHV Program Manager (0:00:35)

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Appointed Representation</b>
Maurice White, Chair - Present	Nevada Association of Counties
Mike Cullen, Vice Chair - Present	Law Enforcement
Julie Boyer - Present	Offroad Motorcycle Racing
Ken Ravago - Present	ATV Riders
Robert Adams - Present	Conservation Interests
John Glenn - Present	OHV Dealers
VACANT	Snowmobile Riders
Darrell Pursel - Present	Ranching Interests
James Eason - Absent	Sportsmen Interests

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice Chair Cullen (00:02:10)

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** (00:02:28)

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Mathew Giltner – Douglas County NV, was requested to brief every meeting, cannot do that if not on the agenda, feels during public comment is inappropriate.

Ken Ravago – Appreciated having the last meeting in Vegas, has seen more interest in

the grant program. An example is the Dunes and Trails club will be presenting a grant. Would like to see more meetings in Southern Nevada. There's a stop the bleed class on June 12th. The Mint 400 Desert cleanup had a dozen volunteers from Dunes and Trails club with 58,550 pounds of trash removed. Encourages more clubs to do clean ups.

**5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* - Maurice White, Chair (00:07:20)**

Motion to approve Cullen, second Pursel, motion passes

**6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF December 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* - Maurice White, Chair (00:07:52)**

Motion to Approve Pursel, second Boyer, motion passes

**7. OHV PROGRAM UPDATE \*FOR DISCUSSION\* - Kaden Barmore, the Nevada OHV Program Manager, will provide an update on the OHV Program. (00:08:52)**

Barmore – Request for grantees to have permanent agenda items, was denied by our Deputy Attorney General (DAG), as it would appear as favoritism. Commission can always request program updates from Grantees. Grantees can give updates during public comments.

The Program is focused on grant management, reimbursements, and following up on older grants. Currently twenty-five are open grants, seven have closed since our last meeting. All current grant funding agreements since our last meeting have been signed. Lyon county Sheriff's denied accepting funds. Monthly grant updates will now be quarterly.

Cullen – Why did Lyon County deny funding?

Barmore – Didn't tell us. The final award was \$13,000 out of \$141,210 requested.

Vehicles update: Ford F250 needs battery and oil change, Ford Escape is running, side by side (SxS) needs new tires, oil change and battery.

OHV Logo is approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Will have a logo audit. Looking at merchandise for the program.

White – Wonders if it's worth the time to do a retroactive logo update.

Barmore – Agrees, will send an email to all grantees with new logo for consistent branding.

KPS3 contract is complete for the new website. Working with a contractor manager on rebuilding the back end of the website to enable the Program to edit the website itself. The website will be completely redone. Working with our GIS analyst for a dashboard and Trail Finder for our OHV maps. Working with BLM on SRP training.

White – Concerned with the issue that the builder owns the website and art.

Ravago – Concerned about the Search Engine Optimize Component with the website.

Barmore – Will investigate that once the website is more under control.

Boyer – Can we copyright the logo (vector)?

Barmore – Yes, previously we have done that, and we currently have the vector.

Education & Safety – Big priorities, really trying to engage new applicants and registration. Examples of reaching new applicants: attending the Wild Sheep foundation Sheep Show, Illegal dumping clean up committee, interview with Las Vegas Weekly. Outreach examples: meeting with DMV to use SxS to promote registration, Rural Round up, Douglas County Business & Recreation Showcase, Sand Mountain helmet drive and site visits with current applicants.

The current grant round is open. Grants due March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Next commission meeting will be on May 29<sup>th</sup>. We currently have an extra \$78,440.21 for this grant round bringing our total to \$828,440.21

Ravago – What time were the grant trainings?

Barmore - Was Tues at 5PM and one is Thursday 10AM, I have been promoting them on social media. Office hours were from 1-3.

Glenn – Have you asked the grant applicants what is the best time for them?

Barmore – No, we do a post grant survey and could include that in the next one.

If we don't have a decent turnout for tomorrow's training, open to doing a third.

White – Wants a video option for the grant trainings.

Barmore – Once the website is done, we would like the video to be on there.

Registration process update: Would like to see the process similar to AZ or UT, but we don't have jurisdiction over this. It is under DMV. Would need to change Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) during legislation. It is a long-term goal for the program.

White – Would like to see in field registration.

Boyer – How do AZ and Utah do OHV registration?

Barmore – Not too familiar. They both have plated vehicles. Want ours to be something simple and addressed in the field without a plating requirement.

Boyer – Why wouldn't we want a plate?

Barmore – Thinks the plate is purely for highway use.

Boyer – No. All are plated and offer a nonresident sticker fee. Which allows all vehicles to be insured. This is an advantage for the consumer and the state.

Glenn - Anything financed must have insurance. One reason they opted not to do a plate is because people on dirt bikes did not want a plate.

**8. CHANGES TO THE GRANT CYCLE \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\*** - Kaden Barmore, the OHV Program manager, will present recommended changes to the OHV grant process to increase efficiency and accountability for both the grantees and Program staff. (00:43:38)

Barmore – Would like to change to one grant cycle of 1.5 million per fiscal year. Program staff would like to be out in the field more and working on other things. Reporting and tracking issues with phases on grants difficult for the Program. Half of our commission meetings are for grant presentations and awards. We could use the extra meeting for other conversations. Competition has not increased. One cycle will allow for larger projects. Applicants can ask for the full grant amount and not use phases. This would help the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) by only meeting once a year and be at a more convenient time for them.

White – What groups are involved in the TAC?

Barmore – Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation (NDOR), State Parks, Forest Service, DMV, Tourism, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), also trying to get

a Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) rep. The next cycle would be awarded in May or June of 2026. Funding agreements would start on July 1. White – What does the TAC do? They ensure the grant requests are complete and fit the criteria we are looking for.

Ravago – What was the motivation to move to two a year?

Barmore – The idea was to increase competition and get money on the ground faster. We haven't seen an increase in competition.

Glenn – One of the other reasons we moved to two rounds was because if a grant applicant didn't make it on the first round, they didn't have to wait for another year.

Ravago – If we don't see strong numbers tomorrow will have a large surplus of funds to wait until May 2026.

White – Doesn't have any objection to go back to one cycle or stay at two. One cycle gives us time to have better meetings and give the Program direction.

Boyer – Is there a limitation to the number of meetings we have? Since there is not, we should have more meetings to discuss things. I like the argument grantees can come back in the next grant round and not wait over a year.

White – We are not tied to the fiscal year, correct?

Barmore – The main reason I was going off the fiscal year is because the Program does a biennium report to the legislature.

Cullen – OHV funds belong to the OHV Community. When we decided to go to two cycles, it was so they could use these funds quicker. It's our responsibility to get those funds back into the community as soon as possible.

Barmore – In the grant survey we sent out, 62% of grantees said one cycle would work better for them.

Adams – Likes the two grant cycles based on if you miss one you don't have to wait another year for the next one but agrees with staff recommendation.

Glenn – Is in favor of moving the times we do the two rounds to help people out. Why can't we hire another person or vendor to do the outreach?

White – We did have the media group and Nevada Offroad Association (NVORA.) A change in outreach focus is what we are talking about.

Glenn – If the Program needs more time, that will give it to them. I don't see how going back to one cycle is going to be best for the users.

White – Hiring another person takes money off the ground.

Elisabeth Johnson – OHV registration money supports the program as a whole, but 1.5 million a year is reserved for grants. If registration went down money would be first cut elsewhere, not from the grant fund.

White – How much over the 1.5 are we generating?

Johnson – I can follow up with a number.

Glenn – Would like to know how much money the program has and breakdown of expenses.

DAG – That information should be available to the public unless otherwise noted.

White – Would like the overall budget for OHV.

Cullen – Was under the impression all registration funds go back into the community. Not used to support paychecks.

White – Lets take this up in agenda items at the next meeting.

Ravago – MXT Media's funding was for the website and outreach. How have we replaced that roll.

Barmore – We have not replaced MXT Medias role. We have been working on the Program, and plan to look at marketing later.

Ravago – I think marketing and new applicants should be the priority. We should do a third opportunity for grant training if we don't see many show up tomorrow.  
Barmore – If we need a third option for appropriate numbers, we will do that.

Leave to vote on next meeting

**9. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS \*FOR DISCUSSION\*** - The Commission and Program Manager will discuss moving the quarterly Commission meetings around the state to increase attendance and awareness. (01:21:17)

Barmore - Discussion about moving commission meetings around the state.

Traditionally the Commission held quarter three at the Summit. As the Program I would suggest we don't move the meeting. Maybe doing one grant cycle down south. Moving around the state is not a great use of funds. Open for discussion.

White – If we go back to one cycle, we can't be in a room that cuts us off at 5PM.

Likes the idea of the grant meetings being predictable. Pick an anchor location.

White thinks we should give every region of this state an opportunity to come to a meeting. For grant awards, predictability is more important than moving around.

Cullen – Thinks it gives us an opportunity to see more projects and meet more people to move meetings around. He likes the predictable grant meetings.

Ravago – Would like to see a grant meeting in Las Vegas. Wants to see an even distribution of projects down south. The Commission meeting in Virginia City during the Summit should have been front and center.

Johnson – Thinks that's a great point. Had to move it to another location because of technology. Will work with the Commission to make sure we have the capabilities to meet open meeting requirements.

Glenn – Does Ravago want meetings in Vegas or just a grant meeting?

Ravago – Looking at my travel log it looks very skewed at coming up north, would like to have a big meeting in the Vegas area.

Glenn – Agrees, but should we just have a regular meeting down there?

Adams – Agrees to have more meetings in the South.

Ravago – Does the cost of accommodation factor into this?

Barmore – Yes, we all have a shared travel budget

**10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE \*FOR DISCUSSION\*** - Kaden Barmore, will provide a brief update on SB78 and the current legislative session. (01:34:10)

Barmore – SB78 could have radically changed the makeup of the Commission. Currently an amendment is being worked on that will not affect the Commission.

Glenn – SB243 could affect OHV, who keeps track of this?

Barmore – Currently looking into SB243 and how it will affect the program. DMV said it will not have an impact.

Glenn – Why are we finding out about this so late and don't have time to react? We should be getting emails when anything arises that affects OHV. Just because it doesn't affect it fiscally it can still affect users.

Pursel – What is SB243?

White – It's hopeful that a third-party contractor could go out and register OHVs for DMV.

**11. REGISTRATIONS BY COUNTY \*FOR DISCUSSION\*** - Maurice White, Chair, will lead a discussion regarding increasing registrations in rural counties and other outreach strategies. (01:47:51)

White – Has noticed many rural areas don't register their OHV's. Wants to have a discussion with staff on outreach. Things we could outreach to are farm bureaus, University of Nevada Reno (UNR) extension, local chamber of commerce, local recreation departments, and local sheriff's offices.

Pursel – People think it's too much work since it must be done through the mail.

Boyer – You should be able to buy a sticker like a fishing license.

White – What outreach do we need to do to get people more inclined to register?

Ravago – Looking up registration on social media groups there are many comments. Getting a sticker would be so much easier through an app.

Boyer – How difficult would it be to switch registration to an app?

Barmore – We do not have authority over this, it must go through DMV.

Cullen – Would SB243 cover this?

Barmore – It would give more opportunities to register but not change the process.

White – Direction to staff would be inform the Director that it's time to have a serious conversation with DMV about getting this automated. Tag onto wildlife's system or build our own system. Reaching the folks we need to reach; does anyone have any ideas?

Cullen – The people who aren't inclined are the ones who race. Let's get out to the races.

Boyer – I go to 32 races a year and can get vendor fees sponsored. There's a race almost every weekend with 5000+ people in attendance. Education is the biggest part of this. Going to huge events would get the most outreach.

White – We currently don't make racers buy a sticker.

Boyer – My idea is to impose a race fee where all that money goes to OHV. The race could give out the stickers.

Cullen – If you start mandating kids to pay \$29 extra dollars to race, they may not go. The audience should be the accompanying SxS.

Ravago – There's nothing we can do in our current system. How often do dealerships do vin checks? How hard is it?

Glenn – We do all the paperwork for them at the dealership. There are issues with the way the forms are filled out. There's a lot more involved than just handing out a sticker. We should have an out-of-state sticker and collect on that.

Adams – It's a total lack of enforcement. I have never been checked for a sticker.

White – Two things we got out of this is go work with the director and DMV to get an in-house system and figure out a way to get registration on the vehicles accompanying racers.

Barmore – We are working on this and taking steps to move forward.

**12. OHV SAFETY DISCUSSION \*FOR DISCUSSION\*** - Kaden Barmore, the OHV Program Manager, will lead discussion on steps the Commission can take to increase safety in OHV recreation and racing in Nevada. (02:10:52)

Barmore - Went to our DAG to see what the Commission can do regarding safety. It is not in the Commissioner's mandate to advocate for a helmet program or to write letters to racing organizations. You can base your funding priorities on safety-based projects. The Program can go out and work with safety projects.

Boyer – Had a meeting with the governor discussing this topic. Concerned with

whose role in NV it is to enforce safety. Sounds like it is no one's role. Requesting an OHV Safety working group, made up largely of people involved in racing. The Governor said we could make a subcommittee off the OHV committee. Concerned we do not make children wear helmets in OHVs.

Ravago – Do we have any data on safety related grants we are getting?

Barmore – We can get those numbers.

Boyer – Someone in our group should solicit the message of the stop the bleed program.

Glenn – Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) has a great program where they work with Renown and hand out helmets. They could be a good resource for this.

Adams – Agrees with Ravago. First aid training is great. I would like to see training offered through the Commission.

**13. OHV SUMMIT \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* - Kaden Barmore, The OHV Program Manager will lead discussion on the Commissions role in attending the 2025 Nevada OHV Summit in Elko (October 1-3, 2025). (02:22:41)**

Barmore – In the past the Program has paid for the Commission to attend the Summit, and we need a motion supporting that Commissioners will be there in an official capacity. Recommend delegating two people to make avoiding quorum easier.

White – We don't need quorum since it's a social event.

Johnson – If you are not representing the Commission at the event, the travel cost would be on you and not paid by the travel fund. Do you want to attend the Summit as a commissioner or a private citizen?

Ravago – Last year we had a discussion if I would for pay myself, or the Program would pay for me attending the Summit. There should be enough funding.

Johnson – We want to know more are you on or off duty. Not just the Summit, but other events. It was advised to us if you do want to attend events as representing the Commission that you should all vote on it.

White – It's necessary for Commissioners to be at these events as Commissioners.

Ravago – How do state employees go about this?

Johnson – When we travel, we state a case and submit for preauthorization. It must be signed off by leadership, and the budget money must be there.

Boyer – If you go to an event, is your time entirely dedicated to your job?

Johnson – How I consider it on or off duty is if its personal time or not.

White – When the event ends then you are off the clock. Doesn't think we need a policy about this. It is important we have a presence at least at the Offroad Summit.

DAG – Clarifying open meeting law, and things that can come up. You could accidentally meet and have a quorum. Open meeting law requires the Commission to agendize any discussions within its jurisdiction, so the public knows what is going on and can comment on it.

Pursel – Sand Mountain, where they want to give out helmets, do we get paid or is that donating time?

White – It's always good to have a presence at any OHV gathering. If you want to go on your own dime, you should, if you want to go as a commissioner, you should check in with Kaden.

Cullen – Many things I do for this Commission is just because I want to. I don't expect to be calling Kaden all the time about it.

Ravago – Motion to pay for the Summit in Elko NV with OHV funds.

Second by Pursel. motion approved.

**14. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S) \*FOR DISCUSSION\* -**

Maurice White, Chair – Commission Members may at this time recommend agenda items, dates, and locations to the chair for the next meeting. No deliberation or action will be taken on any information presented until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (02:44:30)

White – Wants the meeting to be on 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. Request for the budget breakdown items from registration fees. We need to talk about advertising vs grants.

Ravago – Wants to add stop the bleed to the list, if time avails.

Boyer – Having a video created for stop the bleed that maybe the program can use.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Adams – The Pahrump OHV Park has a soft opening March 29th.

Ravago – Wants to acknowledge partnerships with Las Vegas Valley 4Wheelers and NVORA who was awarded a donation. Awareness for first responders and servicemen while Debbie Burgos group, Race to Erase 22, [www.racetoerase.com](http://www.racetoerase.com).

**16. ADJOURNMENT \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\* – Maurice White, Chair (02:51:40)**

Motion to adjourn White, second Boyer, motion passes