



# Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Committee

July 28, 2021

## MINUTES

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Committee Members:   Debbie Burgos- Chair – **PRESENT**  
                                  Michael Frye- Vice Chair- **PRESENT**  
                                  Steve Paxton- **EXCUSED**  
                                  Ross Williams- **PRESENT**  
  
                                  Dave DeMarais- **PRESENT**  
                                  Kenny Thatcher- **PRESENT**  
                                  Ken Freeman- **PRESENT**

Secretary:                   Amelia Smith, 702-704-4572, [CCOHV@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCOHV@ClarkCountyNV.gov)

Legal Counsel:             Timothy Allen, Deputy District Attorney

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I.    Call to Order – Roll call

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

II.   Public Comment

Kevin Bailey, VV4W, announced that the Battle Born solar project planned for the Mormon Mesa was withdrawn  
Steve Abbott, ATV Cycle Sports, introducing himself and looking to get involved  
Kit Stokes, looking to get involved

III.   Approval of May 26, 2021 Minutes

**Moved by: Ken Freeman**  
**Action: Approved**  
**Vote: 6-0/Unanimous**

IV.   Approval of Agenda for July 28, 2021

**Moved by: Kenny 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.

Ken Freeman- would like to invite Fish and Wildlife to a future meeting

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

Debbie Burgos- Best in the Desert Vegas Arena Race August 11-14, All Terrain Concepts UTV Legends Championship September 9-12 in Laughlin, King Shocks Laughlin Desert Classic September 23-26, SNORE Racing Battle at Primm October 15-17, Legacy Racing Association Battle at Primm September 30 – October 3, MRAN Coyotes Motorcycle Club Race in Ely July 31 , MRAN Trail Blazers September 11 in Panaca, The Bushwackers Motorcycle Club September 25 in Pioche, Hump N Bump October 28-31 in Logandale, Mint 400 Desert Cleanup November 20 9am-5pm in Jean.

Debbie Burgos – spoke with Nikhil from the OHV State Commission, their last meeting was July 6. Their scheduled meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup> and will be in person. Debbie encouraged folks to attend and visit their website at [ohv.nv.gov](http://ohv.nv.gov) and the meeting location and time will be provided there. There is a 1.5 million in grant funding available this fiscal year.

4 new OHV Commission members were appointed and they're currently looking to fill two positions.

3. Discuss Powerline Rd: historic value, closures in the conservation easements and accessibility.

Kenny Freeman, when the Hoover Dam was originally built there wasn't enough power to feed the project, so they ran a power line from San Bernardino California to Eldorado Valley in the 1930s. This is now on the national registry as a historical place and also includes a telephone easement. Approximately 5 years ago, this area was closed off to the public. Kenny would like to see this portion of the trail to be reopened to the public. This is a part of the Desert Conservation Program within the Department of Environment and Sustainability. Marilyn encouraged everyone to reach out to the BLM since they're currently working on their RMPs. Marilyn is willing to facilitate a round table which would include the appropriate agencies governing the lands involved.

VI. Business Items

1. Committee to review and approve 2021/2022 meeting calendar dates (for possible action)

**Moved by: Kenny Thatcher**

**Action: Approved as presented**

**Vote: 6-0/Unanimous**

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

- Identify areas where clean ups are needed and create an action plan

Debbie Burgos and Dave DeMarais will be the issue managers

Areas of interest will include but will not be limited to Nellis Dunes, Jean, Nelson Hills, Cayote Springs, Logandale Trails. There will also be plans to have clean ups on National Public Lands Day on the third Saturday in September each year.

Jeremy Walters, Republic Services, will help with obtaining dumpsters for the clean ups.

The Mint 400 has a desert clean up in Jean and that may be a good starting point on

November 20, 2021. The Hump N Bump also organizes a clean

Marilyn said it may be good to organize a cleanup at Nellis Dunes in the Spring of next year. Nellis AFB will have interested volunteers willing to participate and will be a great introduction in where they can learn great outdoor areas to explore. Nellis AFB would love VIN registration day because of the challenges of getting the DMV on base. Steve Abbott helps register folks and will share his information with Debbie for future reference. Kevin Bailey suggested creating a social meeting campaign to promote and encourage folks to be good stewards of our public lands. Marilyn, this may be a good time to get involved with Get Outdoors Nevada, Tule Springs Monument and NV Energy because when there are multiple groups involved people tend to take ownership in regard to the cleanliness of the lands. This will be added to the Issue Tracking List designed to identify areas where clean ups are needed and work with the various land managers and partners for Clark County. This will also include educational pieces to promote being good stewards of the lands and will be key in identifying, promoting, and creating clean ups; this will include creating needed signage promoting educational, informational, trail markers etc. This item is marked as a high priority.

**Moved by: Debbie Burgos**

**Action: Approved as discussed**

**Vote: 6-0/Unanimous**

- Create maps to help with visitors in the northeast Clark County and other areas as necessary

Debbie envisions this as a public outreach opportunity where safety will be promoted and will work with partners to create maps to help identify where folks can and cannot ride. The information will be shared in public meetings quarterly and may take place in conjunction with clean ups. The BLM is willing to join and work as presenters to provide pertinent information. Debbie will work with multiple partners and agencies to provide informational opportunities. This item will be added to the Issue Tracking List and Debbie Burgos will be the issue manager. This item is set as a high priority.

**Moved by: Debbie Burgos**

**Action: Approved as discussed**

**Vote: 6-0/Unanimous**

- Coordinate with the BLM to help distribute materials to the public.

This has been added to the Issue Tracking List and Kenny Thatcher will be the Issue Manager. This item has been added as a high priority. Marilyn suggested submitting a proposal to the BLM to the state director and cc the local director. The BLM is no longer going to move people around in an attempt to run more efficiently.

**Moved by: Kenny Thatcher**

**Action: Approved as discussed**

**Vote: 6-0/Unanimous**

- Issue Tracking List Item 4, 10, &14  
Kenny Will reach out to the BLM and these items will potentially be marked as complete in the near future. Donald Jackson has been removed as an Issue Manager
- Issue Tracking Items 20  
Donald Jackson was removed as the Issue Manager and Ken Freeman was added as the new Issue Manager
- Issue Tracking List Item 12 update  
In phase two and in the process of an environmental assessment (EA) on the BLM, BOR and National Parks portion of the loop. Forest Service 80 miles is already a designated route. The BLM portion is approx. 215 miles, the BOR is approx. 203 miles and National Parks contains two spurs. The EA should be complete by October and once it's complete the designations should be received within approx. 1 year. Ross is mainly working on the BLM portion of the project.

3. The OHV Committee requests the Board of County Commissioners to provide a letter of support for outdoor recreation on Bureau of Land Management lands (for possible action)

**Moved by: Debbie Burgos**

**Action: Approved,** Mike Frye will provide a letter to Commissioner Kirkpatrick's office and staff will finalize. This will be placed on emerging issues for a future meeting

**Vote: 6-0/Unanimous**

VII. Public Comment

Kenny Thatcher - working on a directory for OHV related purposes and will have it available soon.

Marilyn - Clark County is getting the patent and easement on Pepco Rd.

Jeremy Walters - Republic Services Community Relations Manager, have removed over 200,000 lbs. of trash from Jean alone. Would like to make cleanups broader throughout the Vegas Valley area.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting September 29, 2021

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.