

## MINUTES

Washington County Flood Control Authority  
Executive Committee  
Washington County Administration Building  
111 E Tabernacle, St. George, UT 84770  
June 3, 2025

### **PRESENT**

#### **Executive Committee**

Gil Almquist, Washington County Commission  
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council  
Michele Randall, St. George City Mayor – via Zoom  
Natalie Larsen, St George City Council  
Craig Coats, Washington City Council  
Ben Shakespeare, Santa Clara City Council  
Alicia Carlton, St George City  
Troy Belliston, Washington City  
Jay Sandberg, St. George City

#### **Other**

Paul Mogle, Washington City Engineer  
Steve Meismer, Virgin River Program  
Rick Rosenberg, Rosenberg Associates  
Todd Edwards, Washington County

### **Welcome:**

Jimmie Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. It was determined that a quorum was present for voting on action items.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2025**

**MOTION: Motion by Ben Shakespeare to Approve the March 4, 2025 minutes.  
Motion seconded by Troy Belliston carried by a unanimous vote.**

#### **B. Consideration of Approval of Additional Work Request from Rosenberg Associates for Washington City Virgin River & Millcreek Erosion Protection FEMA Grant Applications in the Amount of \$9,500**

Rick Rosenberg explained in fall of 2024, \$75,000 was approved for Washington City to use to apply for two FEMA grants. Both grants were accepted by the state, however, one grant was returned to remove all DEI information. The grant was resubmitted, but was cancelled. Additional money is needed for modifying the grant applications.

**MOTION: Motion by Craig Coats to Approve of Additional Work Request from Rosenberg Associates for Washington City Virgin River & Millcreek Erosion Protection FEMA Grant Applications in the Amount of \$9,500. Motion seconded by Natalie Larsen and carried by a unanimous vote.**

**C. Consideration of Approval of Agreement with WCWCD/Virgin River Program/UDWR for the 2025 Budgeted Fish Clearances and Santa Clara River Instream Flow Management Assistance in the Amount of \$70,000**

Mr. Rosenberg explained this agreement is for 2025 budgeted fish clearance and beaver study. This is in the approved 2025 budget. Steve Meismer stated that with the many beaver ponds that were built up, the fish weren't reproducing in the numbers originally thought. This mitigation should keep the fish off the endangered species list.

**MOTION: Motion by Ben Shakespeare to Approve Agreement with WCWCD/Virgin River Program/UDWR for the 2025 Budgeted Fish Clearances and Santa Clara River Instream Flow Management Assistance in the Amount of \$70,000. Motion seconded by Troy Belliston and carried by a unanimous vote.**

**D. Consideration of Approval of Reimbursement Agreement with Santa Clara City for the Engineering and Permitting for the 2025 Budgeted Pioneer Parkway – Tuacahn Wash Culvert Replacement Project in the Amount of \$130,532**

Mr. Rosenberg explained this reimbursement is with Santa Clara City for engineering and permitting for the budgeted 2025 Pioneer Parkway – Tuacahn Wash Culvert Replacement Project. This is the design and permitting for a new crossing on Tuacahn Wash on Pioneer Parkway. This would get the project construction ready for when funds become available through the program or federal sources. Permitting will last for a few years, and can be renewed upon request.

**MOTION: Motion by Gil Almquist to Approve the Reimbursement Agreement with Santa Clara City for the Engineering and Permitting for the 2025 Budgeted Pioneer Parkway – Tuacahn Wash Culvert Replacement Project in the Amount of \$130,532. Motion seconded by Craig Coats and carried by a unanimous vote.**

**E. Consideration of Approval of an Agreement with Natural Channel Design to Update the Santa Clara River Master Plan to Update Recommendations for Channel Dimensions and Vegetation Management in the Amount of \$25,370**

Mr. Rosenberg stated this agreement is with Natural Channel Design. After the 2005 floods, the cities in conjunction with the WCWCD and Washington County to create Master Plans for all regional drainage to give guiding documents to property owners and the community. Natural Channel Designs created master plans for all rivers in

2005 that have been used extensively. The Santa Clara River vegetation has become an issue recently, and as a result, recommendations need to be updated.

**MOTION: Motion by Troy Belliston to Approve an Agreement with Natural Channel Design to Update the Santa Clara River Master Plan to Update Recommendations for Channel Dimensions and Vegetation Management in the Amount of \$25,370. Motion seconded by Gil Almquist and carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Financial Update June 2025**

Mr. Rosenberg explained revenues are on par so far for 2025, but the ACE contribution is over budget by approximately \$70,000. All other items are in line with the 2025 budget.

### **B. Other Business**

None presented. The next meeting will be held as needed, likely September to start the 2026 budget.

**MOTION: Motion by Troy Belliston to Adjourn. Motion seconded by Ben Shakespeare and carried by a unanimous vote.**

Adjourned: 05:45 PM

Minutes prepared by: Sarah Lloyd