

MINUTES

Washington County Flood Control Authority
Executive Committee
Washington County Administration Building
111 E Tabernacle, St. George, UT 84770
February 3, 2026

PRESENT

Executive Committee

Jimmie Hughes, St. George Mayor
Craig Coats, Washington City Council
Troy Belliston, Washington City Council
Jay Sandberg, St George City Council
Gil Almquist, Washington County Commissioner
Mark Hendrickson-Santa Clara City Council
Natalie Larsen-St George City Council

Other

Todd Edwards, Washington County
Camille Hastings, Washington County
Alicia Carlton, St. George City Legal
Rick Rosenberg, Rosenberg Associates
Steve Meismer, Virgin River Program

Welcome:

Mayor 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. New Member Introductions and Election of New Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mayor Hughes introduced new members Mark Hendrickson, Santa Clara, and Austin Anderson, St. George City. Mayor Hughes shared his concerns regarding signing documents as the Chairman of Flood Control and St. George City Mayor. It was determined that his term as chairman had ended, and new chairman and vice chairman nominations were needed. Nominations were made for Mark Hendrickson and Troy Belliston. The nominations were amended to have Troy become chairman and Mark vice-chair.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to appoint Troy Belliston as Chairman. Motion seconded by Craig Coats and carried by a 4 to 1 majority vote.

MOTION: Motion by Troy Belliston to appoint Mark Hendrickson as Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Craig Coats and carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Approval of Minutes: December 2, 2025.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the December 2, 2025 minutes. Motion seconded by Craig Coats and carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Flood Control Authority Orientation: Policies and Procedures, Financials, Budgets, Past Projects, Goals, And Five-Year Plan Update.

Rick Rosenberg-Rosenberg Associates, shared that the Flood Control Authority was created in 2012 after the flooding of 2005 and 2010. Originally, all cities in Washington County were contacted. Santa Clara, St. George, and Washington all agreed to participate.

Alicia Carlton-St. George City Legal, highlighted some changes that would need to be addressed in the Flood Control polices at a future meeting. Mrs. Carlton also shared key points from the current polices.

Camille Hastings- Washington County Senior Staff Accountant, explained that each utility connection within the participating cities contributes to the Flood control funds. Grant funds are also applied for and received.

Mr. Rosenberg updated everyone that the Flood Control five-year plan will need to be updated this year.

Mrs. Hastings shared the yearly budget outlines, when the budget will be presented, and that budget hearings will typically occur in December of the calendar year.

Washington County's portion of contribution to Flood Control is invoicing and budget planning. All invoices should be sent to Camille.Hastings@washco.utah.gov.

D. Approval of Additional Work Order A-1 to the Existing Agreement with Natural Channel Design Engineering as Part of The Virgin River Master Plan Update, Santa Clara Confluence downstream to the Utah State Line, in the amount of \$20,000.

Rick Rosenberg stated this was to add to the original master plan aerial imaging in order to identify Phragmites and map locations. Later on, a pilot program will be developed where a treatment diagram will be established based on the images.

MOTION: Motion by Craig Coats to Approve Additional Work Order A-1 to the Existing Agreement with Natural Channel Design Engineering as Part of the Virgin River Master Plan Update, Santa Clara Confluence downstream to the Utah State Line, for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Recognize Jay Sandberg for his years of service to the Flood Control Authority; he is retiring on February 13, 2026.

Everyone thanked Jay for his years of service. Several experiences were shared with the group.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Financial Update October 2025

Mrs. Hastings reviewed the current fund balances. Stating she was waiting for a payment before she could completely close out 2025.

B. Other Business

None presented.

MOTION: Motion by Craig Coats to Adjourn. Motion seconded by Troy Belliston and carried by a unanimous vote.

Adjourned: 06:08 PM

Minutes prepared by: Jayanne Lewis