

MINUTES

Washington County Flood Control Authority
Executive Committee
Washington County Administration Building
111 E Tabernacle, St. George, UT 84770
August 4, 2026

PRESENT

Executive Committee

Jimmie Hughes, St. George Mayor
Craig Coats, Washington City Council
Mark Hendrickson, Santa Clara City Council
Natalie Larsen, St. George City Council
Austin Anderson, St. George City Council

Other

Paul Mogle, Washington City Engineer
Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
Camille Hastings, Washington County Accountant
Alicia Carlton, St. George City Legal
Rick Rosenberg, Rosenberg Associates
Steve Meismer, Virgin River Program

Welcome:

Craig Coates stood in for Troy Belliston, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, and welcomed everyone in attendance. It was determined that a quorum wasn't present, so discussion items were done first. Then, when the quorum was present for voting on action items, the action items were discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss findings of 2026 Virgin River Master Plan Update and Vegetation Mapping; Rick Rosenberg

Mr. Rosenberg discussed five main findings from the 2026 Virgin River Master Plan Update and Vegetation Mapping; these findings were compared to the previous study from 2007. The first finding was that bank discharges have increased. The second finding was that the channel has remained stable. Third, the level of migration and meandering is stable due to the levees. Fourth, the floodplain is narrowing. Fifth, a full geomorphic and vegetation mapping was conducted, which highlighted the concern about phragmites along the Virgin River. A team of staff is addressing this issue, and a five-year plan is in the process of being created.

B. Update on Woundfin Culture efforts at Utah Aquatic Animal Health and Research Center in Logan; Steve Meisner

Mr. Meisner presented and discussed the endangered species of Woundfins. They are being bred in a hatchery in Logan, UT, which has resulted in 300 fish. The goal is to breed 40-50 thousand fish by the following year, which will be released in the Virgin River.

Presentation:

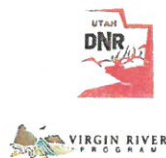
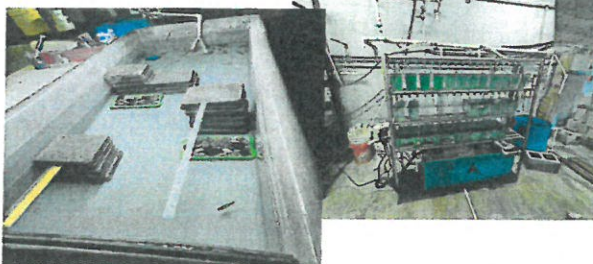
Virgin River Program Updates

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Steve Meisner
Virgin River Program Local Coordinator

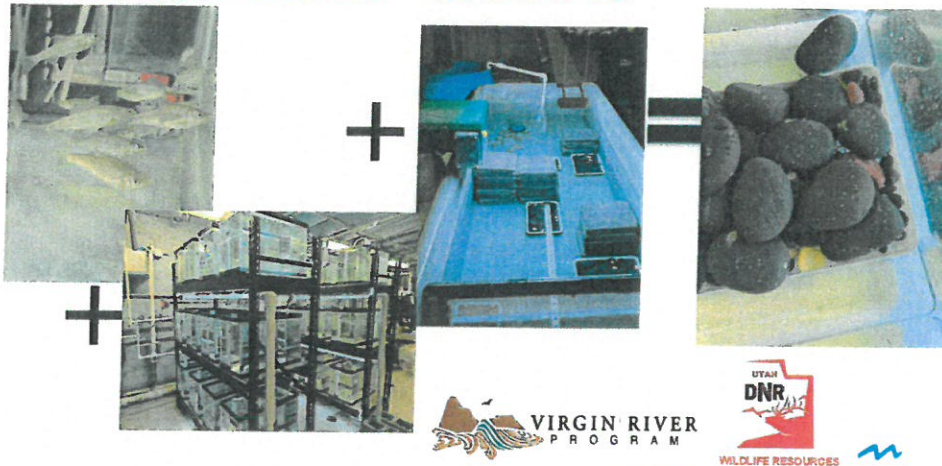


Situation

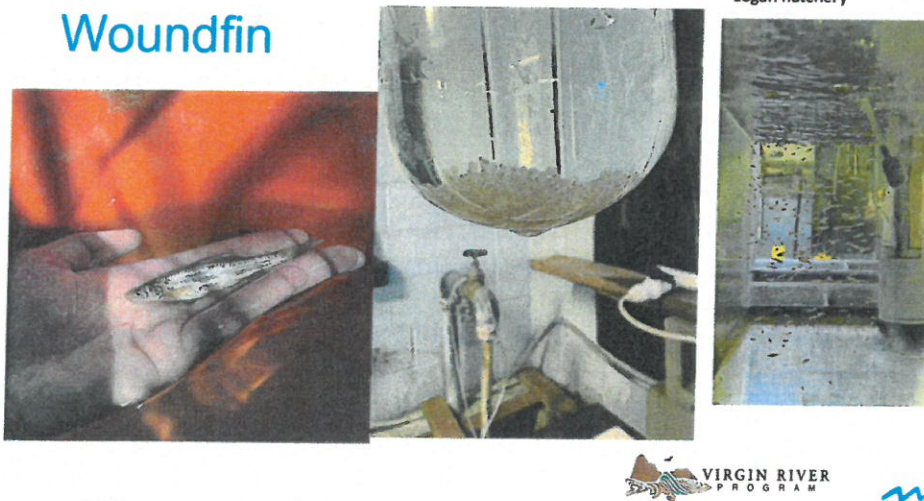
- Majority of Woundfin in hatcheries
- Only one WF found in river since 2025
- Historically extensive/pond culture
- Intensive effort = costly
- Excellent success at AAHRC



Woundfin Status - UAAHRC



Woundfin

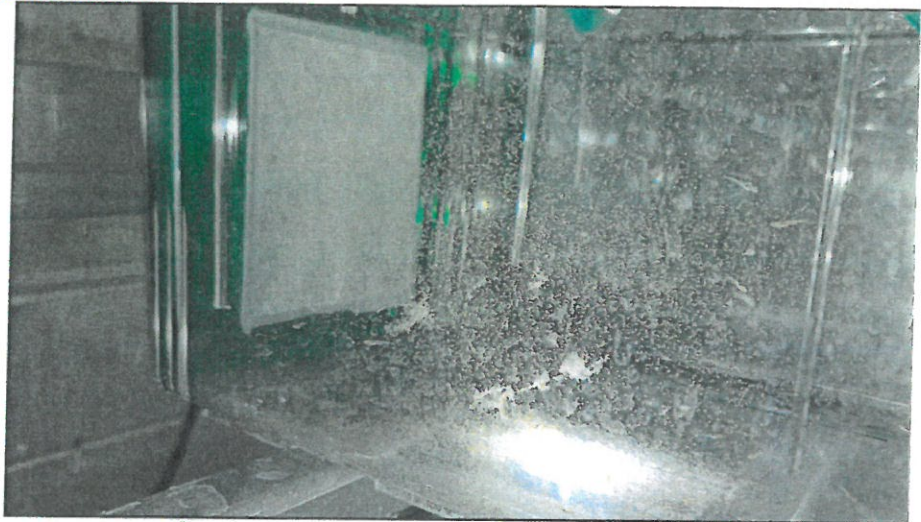


Woundfin Status - UAAHRC

- 300 spawners produced >4,000 offspring
- > 75% hatch rate
- Multiple small spawning efforts



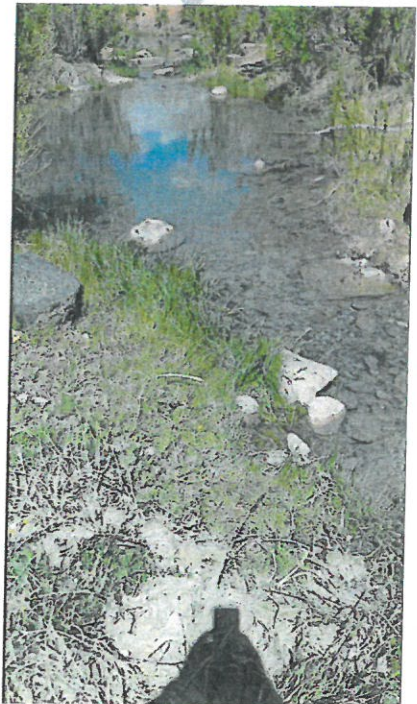
Woundfin Status



Virgin River Chub

- **Stocking**

- 14,000 – 2025 offspring
- 1,000 into RHDG
- 13,000 into Black Desert Ponds
- Students from Trinity Lutheran School



C. Financial Update July 2026

Mrs. Hastings reviewed the current fund balances. She stated that she hadn't received any invoices on the city projects this year. She also discussed the Washington City NRCS project, which is being worked on. There will be discussion on the 2027 budget in the following months.

D. Other Business

None presented.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes of EC Meeting held on February 3, 2026.

The Minutes for the meeting on February 3, 2026, were read by the executive committee.

MOTION: Motion by Mark Hendrickson to approve minutes of EC meeting held on February 3, 2026. Motion seconded by Austin Anderson and carried by a unanimous majority vote.

B. Recommendation from the TAC to approve a Reimbursement Agreement with the City of St. George for property acquisition in the Ft. Pierce Wash.

A discussion was had about approving a reimbursement agreement with the City of St. George for up to \$50,000 for the property acquisition in the Ft. Pierce Wash. Of the five total properties, one will be sold, one will be dedicated, and 3 will be moving material out of the floodway area.

MOTION: Motion by Austin Anderson to approve the recommendation from the TAC to approve a Reimbursement Agreement with the City of St. George for property acquisition in the Ft. Pierce Wash. Motion seconded by Natalie Larsen and carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Recommendation from the TAC to approve the Amended Flood Control Authority Policies and Procedures.

Attorney Alicia Carlton led the discussion of the amended Flood Control Authority policies and procedures. She addressed that the policies and procedures are being amended so they are clear and refined, formalizing what the Flood Control Authority already does. There was a section added about Emergency Funding, as well as a section about Urgent Repair.

MOTION: Motion by Natalie Larsen to approve the recommendation from the TAC to approve the Amended Flood Control Authority policies and procedures. Motion seconded by Mark Hendricksen and carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Recommendation from the TAC to approve Amended Flood Control Authority Bylaws.

Attorney Alicia Carlton led the discussion of the amended Flood Control Authority bylaws. She stated that the bylaws are being amended so they are clear and refined.

MOTION: Motion by Austin Anderson to approve the recommendation from the TAC to approve the Amended Flood Control bylaws. Motion seconded by Mayor Jimmie Hughes and carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Recommendation from the TAC to maintain \$5,000,000 Liability Insurance Policy.

Mrs. Hastings reviewed the recommendation to maintain 5,000,000 liability insurance. A discussion was held on what the liability insurance covers.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Jimmie Hughes to approve the recommendation from the TAC to maintain \$5,000,000 liability insurance. Motion seconded by Mark Hendricksen and carried by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Motion by to Adjourn by Austin Anderson, Motion seconded by Mayor Jimmie Hughes and carried by a unanimous vote.

Adjourned: 06:13 PM

Minutes prepared by: Carissa Vera, Deputy Clerk