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Confluence Park Executive Board and
Technical Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 4:00 p.m.
435 N. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

Present:

Board Members:

Bob Sandberg	Washington County-HCP
Lynn Chamberlain	Washington County-HCP
Kerry Gubler	La Verkin City
Clark Fawcett	Hurricane City

Others:

Rhett Boswell	UDWR
Kathleen Nielson	Grant Writer
Ken Hooten	La Verkin City Council Representative
Christy Ballard	La Verkin City

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Kerry Gubler called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. Kerry introduced Lynn Chamberlain who will be taking over Bob Sandberg's position and Rhett Boswell who has taken over Trail Kreitzer's place.

II. **Approve Minutes:**

Motion was made by Bob Sandberg to approve the April 20, 2016 minutes, second by Clark Fawcett. Bob-yes, Kerry-yes, Clark-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Business:**

A. Discussion on SR9 parking issues-Bob Sandberg

Bob has not had any complaints, so the parking arrangement must be working for now. The sign does need to be uncovered so something will need to be worked out.

Kathleen explained to Lynn the history behind this situation.

Bob had signs printed for the pole at the top of 300 South indicating Confluence Parking was available by the animal shelter. He has also ordered signs that will go on the block wall by the animal shelter that says Confluence Park parking.

B. Discussion on the restroom cleaning/maintenance schedule-Bob Sandberg

Clark wasn't able to talk to the Parks Department about this, so he will keep things the way they are now.

Clark reported the Hurricane Trail Head would be getting some benches and trees.
Kathleen reported she received a call from the Land Trust. The members that went to the Hurricane Trail Head were very impressed.

She suggested placing a sign in between the doors on the restroom indicating the kiosk at the back of the building.

Bob mentioned Toquerville has missed their last several turns in cleaning the restrooms. Lynn took the schedule, he will find out who needs to get it.

C. Discuss work done by Ash Creek Sewer District-Bob Sandberg

Bob explained Ash Creek had an overflow issue at their pump station about a year ago. They received a fine and were required to complete some work. Ash Creek contacted Bob to see if the Park needed anything done. The work done at the Park will also count towards the fine they were issued. Ash Creek will put in two culverts were the water goes into the field. They will also fix the road so you can get around the east side of the La Verkin Creek parking lot, which will help with weed control. Ash Creek will also mow the brush in the fields and the tumbleweeds.

Rhett asked how the rabbit brush was being controlled. He suggested using a mower with the herbicide in the blade.

D. Update on property exchange/purchase-Bob Sandberg

Bob explained to Rhett and Lynn the property the Park would like to exchange with Lane Blackmore.
Bob feels the exchange makes more sense from a conservation standpoint and fits with Confluence Park.
The trade will need to be done at a value-to-value trade, not an acre for acre trade. The Park's property is developable so it will be worth more but Lane has more acreage.
Steve Hansen has been the stopping point for this exchange.
The County Commission has sent a letter to UDWR. They replied that if the County were willing to do an Environmental Assessment, they would proceed. The County Commission was not willing to spend the money for the assessment.
Bob has also talked to Larry Crist and Henry Maddux who seem to be in favor of the exchange. Larry told Bob he would find out if an EA was really needed to amend the agreement.
Rhett felt like an EA could be done for much cheaper than the quoted $50,000-$100,000.
Rhett would like to get some maps from Bob to take to Steve, in the Salt Lake office, to see if his staff could begin working on it and let him know the value of the exchange.

Bob explained on the large map where the different properties are located.
He also explained the Ken Anderson/Cache Valley Bank property purchase and where it is located.

Kathleen reported Lori Rose told her if Confluence was not going to submit a grant to the LeRay McAllister Fund this year they were going to submit a grant to help purchase this property.

Bob reported he heard from Chris Blake, Virgin River Land Preservation Association that the Conservation Fund was going to close on the property in the next several weeks. The Conservation Fund does expect to be paid back. Bob listed the different entities that have been petitioned to help raise that money.

E. Report on Concrete truck accident-Bob Sandberg

Bob reported Tom Kuhlmann notified him that a concrete truck had crashed into Ash Creek. UDWR and VRP went to look at the scene and said what the emergency crew had done was adequate.
Confluence Park did not receive any damage.
There was no concrete in the Creek, only diesel fuel from the truck.

F. Discuss foreseeable needs and change in managers

Kerry reported Bob is retiring June 1, 2016 and Lynn Chamberlain will be taking his place.

Bob will get Lynn a copy of the Master Plan for Confluence Park.

Kathleen will put a report together of the grants that have been done over the last 5-6 years along with contact information for them.
She is retiring also. She is willing to write the grant but someone else will need to manage it.

Rhett will get Lynn a copy of the Deed between Confluence and UDWR.
He is planning to continue habitat improvements in the Park.

Bob has two more picnic tables. They are at the powder coater.
An Eagle Scout is working on one more picnic table for his project.
There are three piles of lumber stacked by the dairy. Tom Kuhlmann will remove them.

IV. **Public Concerns for Board Consideration:**

No comments were made.

V. **Board members concerns:**

No comments.

VI. **Adjourn:**

Motion was made by Clark Fawcett to adjourn, second by Bob Sandberg. Bob-yes, Kerry-yes, Clark-yes. Motion carried unanimously at 5:00pm.

Minutes taken by Christy Ballard.

June 15, 2016
Date Approved

Kerry Gubler, Chair