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**Confluence Park Executive Board and
Technical Advisory Committee Field Trip Summary
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 3:00 p.m.
La Verkin Trailhead Confluence Park**

Present:

Board Members:

Richard Hirschi	LaVerkin City
Cameron Rognan	Washington County – HCP
Clark Fawcett	Hurricane City
Paul Heideman	Toquerville City

Advisory:

Dennis Kay	VRLPA
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Others:

Mike Schijf	HCP
Kathleen Nielson	Washington County Grant Writer
Richard Cutts	Hurricane City resident
KC Ellingford	Hurricane City resident
Patty Wise	La Verkin City resident
Todd Goss	St. George resident
Reed Martin	La Verkin City resident
Scott Lowrey	La Verkin City resident
Ray Justice	La Verkin City Council representative
Christy Ballard	LaVerkin City staff

The meeting began at the La Verkin Trailhead.

Reed Martin started off the meeting by discussing an issue with turkeys his neighborhood is dealing with. He mentioned he spoke with Rhett Boswell with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) who suggested he come to this meeting and let the Board members know he would like the turkeys relocated.

Cameron said he has been contacted by and given permission to UDWR to remove the turkeys. They are the only authority to handle wildlife.

Reed will contact Rhett and let him know the Board's decision.
He also said mule deer are an issue.

Cameron replied that the wildlife is UDWR's responsibility.

2nd stop: Dairy

Cameron explained La Verkin City had removed all the graffiti. There was a small amount back.

Mike Schijf said there was a sign posted but it was stolen shortly after it was installed.

Patricia Wise suggested posting a sign stating it is a historical building to help with vandalism.

Cameron agreed and wondered if placing a phone number to report any vandalism would help people police themselves.

Richard Cutts suggested starting a volunteer/steward program to help maintain the trails and clean up the Park.

Mike agreed and got Richard's contact information.

There was a discussion on ways to help and improve the Hurricane dump trail.

Cameron mentioned the Reserve has a trail steward, who is a volunteer, that coordinates the volunteers and projects. It is a great program. He wondered if Richard would be willing to be the steward for Confluence Park.

Cameron received a request for a wedding by the beach area in the Park and wondered how the Board felt about allowing it. It will be a group of 50-75 people and they would also be using some of the camp spots. The requester would need some vehicle access to set things up but would have it all cleaned up by the next day. She does do work in the Park so he feels she would be very conscientious of the area.

Reed suggested having people do a service project as the fee for using the Park.

Patricia mentioned if you allow it once then you are opening it up to everyone.

Cameron said permission is granted on a case by case situation. Large groups, such as Father and Sons groups or Boy Scout troops have been allowed to camp and have vehicle access into Confluence Park.

Clark pointed out that we can change the policy if it's ever necessary.

The Board members were fine with allowing the wedding so Cameron will work with the requestor.

3rd stop: Beach area

KC Ellingford explained, several months ago when he presented the idea to the Board of allowing rock climbing in the Park, this is one of the areas he was speaking about.

There is so much potential, and he would like to see it done legally so the bolts are installed correctly and camouflaged. He pointed out on the large rock noticeable bolts that have been installed.

KC went on to explain the different levels of climbing and the location he would like to see routes established on the large rock as well as the cliff.

There would be 10-15 routes for multiple skill levels. He would like to start out small, just to see how rock climbing was accepted in the area, and hopefully build to 10-15 different routes in the Park.

The routes would not go all the way to the top for safety reasons but also so people would not be climbing onto private property.

Cameron mentioned this is the area he would like to use as the trial area in Confluence Park for rock climbing. Rock climbing is already happening since there are bolts in the large rock. He would like to see it controlled so we know professionals are installing the bolts and developing the routes. We want people to be safe.

Ray Justice pointed out that having people in the Park will help "police" what is happening.

Patricia said she feels this would be very good for La Verkin.

Todd Goss is in the business of rock climbing and said the cliff is very rare. If a picture of that is posted online, people will come to climb it.

He also pointed out locations along the cliff that could be beginner routes and advanced routes.

4th stop: Proposed Trailhead

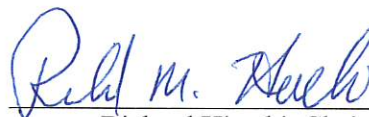
Kathleen reported the Park has received an \$81,000 grant. The money has already been designated to the areas of the project.

She explained the location of the rim trail and the trail leading into Confluence Park. There was a meeting with La Verkin City officials, County Representatives and the neighboring property owner before this meeting to work out some issues the neighbor has.

Cameron explained the two other locations KC proposed for rock climbing. One is by the proposed trailhead and the other is by River Rock Roasting Company.

The meeting ended at 4:25pm
Minutes taken by Christy Ballard.

March 20, 2019
Date Approved


Richard Hirschi, Chair

