



City of La Verkin

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Confluence Park Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee Minutes Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members:

Richard Hirschi	La Verkin City
Cameron Rognan	Washington County HCP
Kaden DeMille	Hurricane City

Advisory:

Dennis Kay	VRLPA
Jessica Kinross	UDWR

Others:

Richard Cutts	Hurricane City resident
Rex Sorenson	Hurricane City resident
Christy Ballard	La Verkin City staff

I. Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Richard Hirschi called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

II. Business:

1. Ash Creek Sewer District penstock update

Mike had not arrived.

2. Discussion on the La Verkin Power Plant Trailhead grant and City Park

Richard Cutts said there is an open space next to the staircase on the top that is a potential hazard.

Cameron reported railing has been installed that connects the stairway to the asphalt trail.

Mayor Hirschi reported La Verkin City is going to install lava rock along the asphalt trail to help with erosion and to discourage people from getting close to the edge. The City will also be putting in the grass.

The sign has been installed.

He will find out from Derek when the City will be finished so the County can plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

3. Status of the bridge and LeRay McAllister grant projects

Cameron reported the engineers are still working on construction plans for the bridge. It should be out to bid in early September.

The permit is good until March 2022, so the work needs to be completed by then.

Cameron said he believes we have funds available for restoration projects from the LeRay McAllister grant. He will confirm that with Kathleen.

Restoration projects such as tree removal are best in the winter so they will be planning something in the next couple of months.

Mayor Hirschi asked if Hurricane had any more information on the removal of the foundation.

Kaden said the structure appeared on the 1990 map but was not on the 1973 map so there shouldn't be an issue removing it. Hurricane will remove it the next time they are cleaning in the area.

Cameron will check with Commissioner Iverson to make sure the County is in favor of removing it.

4. Update on farming work in pastures

Cameron reported Casey Lofthouse has been working on the fields this year.

The County put out flower seeds in the first field by the trailhead to beautify the area. The ground has a thick crust that is preventing them from sprouting.

Casey is having a similar problem with some of the other pastures.

The County is considering putting better fertilizer/softer dirt there as a topsoil layer. Hopefully, that will improve farming over the next couple of years.

Mayor Hirschi reported the La Verkin irrigation system has been off and on for several weeks which may have affected the fields. When the Virgin River gets too muddy, we need to shut down our system. The Ash Creek SSD treatment plant will help with keeping a consistent watering schedule.

1. Ash Creek Sewer District penstock update

Mike was not able to attend the meeting.

Dennis said he brought this item up at the last VRLPA meeting and they feel they own the right of way on the penstock. The District has not mentioned anything to them about removing it.

Christy said that during the last meeting, Mike reported that there was a quitclaim deed given to VRLPA by Gordon Wood for his interest in the penstock. According to Mike, Gordon Wood never had any interest in the penstock.

Dennis explained VRLPA feels they have the right of way and the penstock.

Richard Cutts said he thought the issue was removing most of the penstock because Ash Creek SSD did not want to stabilize the entire thing just to use part of it. They also didn't want the liability. He explained the route Mike proposed for the sewer line so it would have the ability to gravity feed over to the Toquerville pump station.

Mayor Hirschi commented that he did not want to see the pipe removed. It is historical. He will talk to Mike.

Cameron said he was told a road was associated with accessing the new pipeline. He asked if the potential issue of adding a new road with the easement was discussed.

Richard said Ash Creek SSD wanted access to maintain the line under the ledge.

Jessica said any maps of the proposed road would be good. The establishment of roads could be a little tricky.

Cameron thought a road would require an amendment to the easement. He also reported they are getting maintenance calls regarding the new restroom. The doors need to be locked or maintained.

Mayor Hirschi will get them locked until the official opening.

5. Other projects

Richard Cutts asked about the farming project. He thought Ash Creek SSD was originally supposed to develop the fields for the distribution of their water. That was done ahead of time with County funds. Couldn't the dirt be supplied by, and coordinated with, Ash Creek SSD to make sure it is in alignment with where they are headed?

Cameron replied that could be a possibility. The contract with the farmer is a 5-year lease. The County will revisit the contract at that time to see if Ash Creek SSD will take over the maintenance of the fields or they will continue to work with the independent farmer.

III. Public Concerns for Board Consideration:

No comments were made.

IV. Board Member Concerns:

No comments were made.

V. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Cameron Rognan to adjourn at 3:26 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Christy Ballard.

10/20/21
Date Approved


Richard Hirschi, Chair

