

Minutes for May 6, 2016
Montrose, Colorado
Fairgrounds Building in Pioneer Room
1001 N. 2nd St., Montrose, CO 81401
Co-Chair Bruce Adams, Conducting

Introduction of the Six County Infrastructure Coalition by Bruce Adams.

Back ground: It is a Political Subdivision it is like a county but it is a political entity so we can apply for funding and create public Private partnerships

Leadership: Bruce Adams co-chair from San Juan County, Utah, Mike McKee co-chair from Uintah County, Utah, Ralph Okerland is the executive director and is also the Utah Senate Majority Leader, Ron Winterton boardmember from Duchesne County, Utah, Keith Brady boardmember from Emery County, Utah, Jack Lytle boardmember from Daggett County, Utah, and Jae Potter boardmember from Carbon County, Utah. Senator Van Tassel is a Utah Senator as well and has been very supportive. Jones and Demille Engineering has provided engineering services. Seth Ovenson the Carbon County Clerk/Auditor is the financial director for the Coalition. Eric Johnson is legal counsel.

Website Overview: It is Public and User friendly. The web address is SCIC-utah.org. It includes the coalition mission statement. There is and interactive course that talks about the Counties involved. Recordings of Public meetings are also posted as well as the minutes. The projects that the Coalition is considering are also overviewed on the website.

2. Socio – economic Overview

Compare Counties Needs are similar in other states. There is more agriculture in Colorado and Arizona than there is in Utah. The economies are not very different; Poverties trends are high in Arizona and similar in Utah and Colorado.

Rural County Commonalities

The smaller communities are going down in population and the population is older. Many of the counties have tribal land. Federal Lands are an issue. Natural Resources are similar and the endangered species are similar. Tourism also has a lot of similarities.

Group Discussion

Discussion on the native independent nations with in counties. Discussion on needing a larger organization with the Counties with smaller population and how that helps to get things done and have political strength and helps multiple counties.

The challenge of moving product is that there are not sufficient pipelines of railway. There has been a study on rail ways related to the Uintah Basin.

To have a corridor that goes from state to state and each state can be in charge of the funding in the state that they are in. We do need to decide what the priorities are there is a benefit for small counties to band together they can get things done that 1 county alone could not

They are looking at projects that help not only Utah but are equally valuable on the other side of state lines. There are a lot of the same topographic hurdles. There are also a lot of entities who could help fund good projects. They need to decide which projects are most beneficial.

Review examples of Inter Regional Projects

Rail Project: they need to show the need for this rail line.

Recreation trail: There are many place they could put in trails one is between Moab and Colorado this would help tourism.

Road work: An example of a road extending between Uintah County, Utah and Rio Blanco County, Colorado that is degraded and redoing it is a need and a safety issue for both counties.

Broadband: There is a big need for broadband in the Navajo nation, in San Juan County, Utah and in Daggett County, Utah, as well as in Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Montezuma County, Colorado..

Possible Multi State Coalition

The discussion today is a witness of a need for the interstate infrastructures.

Discuss holding another coordination meeting
November 18th in Montrose.

Motion to approve minutes by _____, seconded by _____

SIX COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon	Board Member	Yea ___ No ___
Daggett	Board Member	Yea ___ No ___
Duchesne	Board Member	Yea ___ No ___
Emery	Board Member	Yea ___ No ___
San Juan	Board Member	Yea ___ No ___
Uintah	Board Member	Yea ___ No ___

Co-Chair Mike McKee

COALITION SEAL

ATTEST:

Eric Johnson

