Six County Infrastructure Coalition Meeting
June 5, 2015
Carbon County Administration Building
Price, Utah

Draft Minutes

Voting Board Members present: Bruce Adams, Mike McKee, Jae Potter, Keith Brady, Ron Winterton, Jack Lytle

Also present: Executive Director Ralph Okerlund, Eric Johnson, Seth Oveson, Tami Ursenbach, Darren Roberts- Jones and DeMille, Tammie Lucero, Brian Raymond, Jordan Leonard

1) Welcome – Mike McKee

Mike McKee welcomed everyone and had them introduce themselves.

2) Minutes - Mike McKee

Ron Winterton made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2015 meeting. Keith Brady seconded. Motion carried. Jae Potter was not in attendance at this meeting and abstained.

3) Finance Director Report and approval of expenses-Seth Oveson

Seth explained the expenditures since the last meeting including payroll, payments to Jones and DeMille, ETJ Law for counsel and ESRI GIS Software and the profit and loss statement. The current balance with the CIB is approximately 4.7 million.

The policies and procedures for sign offs is still being worked through. The initial budget was submitted and will carry the Coalition to September.

Jae Potter made a motion to approve the financial report. Bruce Adams seconded. Motion carried.

4) Executive Director Report – Ralph Okerlund

Director Okerlund asked if everyone had a chance to look at the SWOT analysis and he would like to spend more time on this in a work meeting. There was good attendance at the Energy Conference and the topics discussed were great. It goes along with what the Coalition is doing.

He has met with Rocky Mountain Power at the Mona gas fired power plant. He talked to them about the markets and the transmission issues. Eastern Utah is being looked at for the possibility of a new gas-fired plant because of the market and the closing of the Carbon Power Plant. It was a worthwhile visit and he was encouraged by the conversation.

Ralph has visited some of the Coalition counties looking at their priorities and important issues. The Coalition is getting a reputation as being innovative with a regional approach to moving projects along. People are already taking notice especially financial institutions and other entities who are interested. He asked for a detailed report from the consultants and is interested in hearing from Jones and DeMille.
Ralph also met with the Governor’s Rural Partnership board concerning the Coalition and rural issues especially the energy potential in Eastern Utah. Mike McKee thanked him for the work he is doing.

5) *Monthly Report on Infrastructure Study – Jones & DeMille*

Darren Roberts from Jones and DeMille reported. They are still in the data gathering phase and are looking forward to presenting the analysis of the data. A lot of the data is proprietary and there are concerns on how the information will be presented and in what setting. The public data can create obstacles to the project corridors.

They are a head of schedule in collecting energy data, which is a good thing because the energy companies have pulled back and are not working together as well because of the downturn in the market. Jones and DeMille are identifying oil and gas production hot spots and how they can be linked to a central point or pipeline. They are identifying the potential, wrapping up data gathering and beginning the data analysis.

Darren reviewed and explained what was in the packet given to the board. Jones and DeMille see a benefit to the Coalition because of the downturn in the production of oil and gas. There is less competition for the investment dollar and with the downturn in the market there is more competition in the construction area for building infrastructure. There is more opportunity for projects with less money. It is a great opportunity for companies to improve their margins for the future through projects that create efficiencies.

Jones and DeMille are working on making more key contacts and gathering data on large scale projects. The next part of the packet was discussed including, transportation corridor deficiencies, safety data and being careful on how and to whom that data is presented and the improvement of transportation systems.

The data should be available next week through the link. They are beginning to analyze freight deficiencies and power transmission and the economics involved. They have gathered data concerning coal mine production and reserves, analyzing the economics, freight capacities and different corridor options to bolster that industry. There is coal mine information available from studies completed by the CIB, Mike Hanson and World Planning. Jae Potter said another organization to contact would be South Eastern Utah Energy Producers Association.

Jones and DeMille have also met with Rocky Mountain Power and discussed the gas powered electrical plants, pipelines, power transmission and the possibilities of a plant in Eastern Utah.

They are putting together core conceptual analyses framework in which they will evaluate project performance indicators and other metrics. They look forward to identifying the Coalition’s short, medium and long term goals and project performance indicators that are important to the Coalition. They want to tie this into how each corridor is analyzed in order to compare them on an equal basis.

There are other potential projects beyond the state boundaries including power lines and pipeline data and how Utah fits in with the region. They are working through ideas with Ralph. They are excited with the progress on the website, public outreach and marketing. There are different perceptions of the Coalition and this is an opportunity of defining who we are and what our goals are and what direction we are going.

Ralph said in the economic directors meeting they discussed potential projects that may be ready to come to the board. These projects may not be included in the Jones and DeMille’s information. As these opportunities come about, the Coalition needs to have flexibility for these kinds of projects. Mike Adams said we should expect to see projects that have not been contemplated and we will need the flexibility. We need to be available to help these

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types of projects be successful. The information we are collecting will be valuable to anyone doing a project within our area. Jones and DeMille are aware of some of these projects. This would be valuable to discuss in the work meeting.

6) **July Meeting on July 10, 2015, Date for Workshop – Eric Johnson**

Eric said the meeting schedule resolution was adopted last December but allows for adjustments in location and changes in dates for the meeting.

Ralph said the next meeting is scheduled for July 3rd which conflicts with the 4th of July holiday. If the meeting is held on July 17th it could be combined with August’s meeting and the board could take time for a workshop meeting with Jones and DeMille in order to review the data in detail. They could also discuss the reports from the financial institutions.

The discussion continued concerning involving the Economic Developers who said they can be flexible, what time to start the meeting, how long the workshop would be and having the September meeting on the 11th in Vernal during their Energy Summit. Eric said the meetings are set up so members can participate electronically or another elected official can be sent in your stead. Meetings will start at 10:00 and the Economic Developers will hold their meeting before or after.

Following the discussion Eric reiterated the meeting schedule through December 2015.

The next meeting will be held on July 17th in Price at 10:00 a.m. and run into the late afternoon. There will not be a meeting in August.

The September meeting will be held on the 11th in Vernal at 10 a.m. at their Conference Center, further arrangements will be made.

October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in Price
November 6th at 10:00 a.m. in Price
December 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Price

Jack Lytle made a motion to approve the above dates. Ron Winterton seconded. Motion carried.

Ralph asked that everyone let him know what should be on the agenda for the meetings. Eric asked that everyone sign the attendance roll for this meeting.

7) **Public Comment (limit 3 minutes) – Mike McKee**

Jeff Bear from the Governor’s Office of Energy Development offered their resources to the Coalition. Ralph asked Jeff about the infrastructure bill that is a new incentive created to facilitate world economic development. It is designed for infrastructure for remote projects in rural parts of the State. Jeff explained the bill.

Tammie Lucero invited everyone to the Energy Summit on September 10th. It will be held in their new Conference Center at 313 E. 200 S. in Vernal just north of the Western Park. This will be the first event held in their new building.

8) **Motion for closed (executive) session pursuant to §52-4-205-Eric Johnson**

There was not a need for an executive session.

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Keith Brady said the web site is up and working and Seth Oveson can post the agenda and minutes. The web site address is www.scic-utah.org.

9) Motion to adjourn-Mike McKee

Bruce Adams made a motion to adjourn, Jae Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Bruce Adams, Co-Chair

Seth Oveson, Treasurer

Moved Lytle
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Unanimous
Lytle
Winterton
Adams
McKee
Brady
Potter

Mike McKee, Co-Chair