Board Members Present: Casey Hopes (Carbon County), Jack Lytle (Daggett County), Greg Miles (Duchesne County), Lynn Sitterud (Emery County), Willie Grayeyes (San Juan County, arrived at 10:35 a.m.), Garth (Tooter) Ogden (Sevier County), and Brad Horrocks (Uintah County)

Also, in attendance: Mike McKee, Eric Johnson, Brian Barton, Mike Hawley, Doug Rasmussen, Kristi Sharp, Heather Hoyt, Kevin Keller, Pamela Juliano, Mark Hemphill

Attended telephonically: Stan Holmes, Ryan Beam

Absent:

Others Present: Commissioner Kent Wilson, Troy Ostler, Daryl Fordham, Andrew Baxter, Mike Dennis, Ron Winterton, Alair Emory, Anna Boynton, Angelia Crowther, Mechelle Miller, Scott Hacking, Frances Stevens, Hank Stevens, Staci Wheeler, Renee Memmott, Chris Hansen

1. Welcome (Lynn Sitterud)

Commissioner Sitterud welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Public Comment (Lynn Sitterud)

Daryl Fordham, representing Argyle Wilderness Alliance – Mr. Fordham began by noting that in his opinion the Coalition’s Mission Statement contradicts its actions. It’s the role of government to do the people’s business, not to compete with private industry. He can find nowhere that the Coalition’s profits have been shared among the member counties. Rather, its profits are being used to support Director McKee’s compensation package. Such self-serving action by a “governmental entity” is wrong.

The second thing he addressed is the taxpayer burden for this project. It is clear, through various agreements, that the Coalition intends to own the project rights-of-way. When this happens, and thousands of acres of private land are removed from the property tax base, how are these counties going to offset these revenue losses? It seems clear that property owner’s taxes will have to be raised to make up these shortfalls. Do the residents understand this? Are they
OK sharing in the cost of this railroad? You may try to say that this difference will be offset by increased revenues and oil production, but not if Senator Winterton has anything to say about it as he pushes for the passage of SB201 which will exempt oil and gas production from Utah sales tax. So, not only will County residents lose tax revenue, they will have to help with infrastructure improvements required due to roads, etc. being pushed well beyond their capacities. All this while the Counties will be experiencing a reduction in property tax and sales tax revenues. So, where is this money going to come from? Do your County residents know where it’s going to come from? How many of them know they will be on the hook through massive tax increases? All of your careers are in jeopardy from this single project and all the handouts that are being given to support it. You have already squandered almost $28 million dollars of CIB money that could have been used for necessary infrastructure improvements. If the rail is built and the infrastructure can’t support the temporary boom it creates, you will be the ones to blame.

The STB (Surface Transportation Board) just issued the scope for their draft EIS. They flat out stated that they are not considering landowner impacts and/or owner concerns. Time and again you’ve pushed responsibility off onto the STB saying they are the ones responsible to make decisions but now they are saying they aren’t even considering these impacts to us private landowners. So, that puts the responsibility back on you.

We do all we can to fight this. If we challenge this in a legal manner, that comes out of our pockets. You guys, as a “governmental entity”, you have unending resources to fight us. We use our own money. We are just trying to protect what is ours and really what it comes down to is we are powerless against you guys and the government that is supposed to be serving us and protecting our interests.

3. Approval of November 15, 2019 Minutes

Commissioner Ogden requested clarification on No. 11 in the minutes concerning the BLM Cost Recovery on the Seep Ridge Road project. He wondered why the Coalition is not required to do cost recovery on the $3.2 million from the State of Utah, but later in the minutes it states that we are approving the cost recovery? Director McKee stated that we are not required to pay it right now, but if it is put off a few years into the future, when it comes due an inflation factor could cause the Coalition to have to pay millions more than if it is paid right now.

Commissioner Ogden also asked where the $4.2 million dollar number came from if we are talking about $3.2 million dollars? Director McKee explained that they had previously received $500,000 from the CIB and have another $500,000 pledged by the Uintah Transportation Special Service District, making the total funds $4.2 million dollars. The CIB grant expires the end of December, this year, and there is only around $50,000 left in the grant. The Coalition will be submitting a request to extend the deadline allowing for the full use of all the grant funds. Director McKee has checked with the Special Service District and that money is still waiting for us to use on this project. Commissioner Ogden had no further questions.
Motion to approve November 15, 2019 meeting minutes by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Hopes. Unanimously approved 6-0-1 absent. (Commissioner Grayeyes arrived after the discussion on the minutes.)


Commissioner Sitterud began by stating that the Coal Combustion Machine is assembled and most of the building improvements are complete. They did not make their December 31st deadline to begin operations. They are held up waiting on a switch gear and a few other items. They have spoken with their first customer in England and they are willing to extend their start date to January 31, 2020. The electrical should be all done by then. The gas company is set to purge the gas line the end of the week. All of the installation has been completed. The water-cooling tower has been ordered and is expected by January 31st. They have had some delays but it is expected all should be ready by January 13th.

Commissioner Lytle wanted to thank Commissioner Sitterud for all of the hard work that has been done on this project. He wanted the Commissioner to know that they have his support and he believes the support of the Coalition Board. The project has positive long-reaching benefits for all of the Coalition counties.

Commissioner Hopes stated that they had a meeting with Utah State University in Logan and talked about letters of support and the University’s interest in this project. It was a very positive and valuable meeting. Their letter of support has already been drafted and should soon be received.

Commissioner Sitterud stated that there has been a request submitted from the office to our federal representatives. They are looking at a meeting with 3 congressional offices, Senator’s offices, the last week of the month before they have to return to Washington D.C. This will be an opportunity to give them more information about the project and let them know what kind of federal help and support is needed.

Commissioner Lytle said that he presumed they had been able to work out the problems with the gas company? Commissioner Sitterud reminded everyone that Dominion Gas had given them a bid of $625,000 to install the gas service. Right before work began, they jumped the price to $1,020,000. They were able to get the phone number for the President of the company. They had a very productive conversation with him. Some people under him found themselves in a bunch of trouble and they went back to the original bid.


Commissioner Horrocks began by noting that there has been a lot of good work and a lot of great people involved in bringing this project along. There was a great presentation last Tuesday at the Vernal Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The buzz and excitement were unreal.
Commissioner Miles added some comments. He noted that the project is on schedule. Also, the STB (Surface Transportation Board) posted in the Federal Register concerning the Craig Route being dropped from consideration. He, too, appreciated all of the work that Director McKee and the contractors have been doing.

Commissioner Lytle wanted to thank the board and everyone working on the project. He, also, wanted to thank the public for their oversight and comments. He noted that the public keeps them aware of the issues so they can be addressed.


Commissioner Ogden stated that there was not a lot to report. He had been unable to make the meeting set for yesterday. They are still in the process of looking for the right individual or firm to help put this together.

Brian Barton, with Jones and DeMille, noted that they are working on a Scope of Work to put with a Request for Qualifications or Proposals for a consultant to do an initial feasibility study. This will help us to understand all of the dynamics and how this will fit into the bigger Salt Lake City Inland Port picture.

Commissioner Horrocks requested that Commissioners Ogden and Hopes let them know how they can lend support to the project. He mentioned that Legislature is about to begin and they will all be on the “Hill” during January and February. If they know how to help, they might have an unexpected opportunity.

Commissioner Ogden stated that he appreciated the offer and noted that the project is still in its infancy with them still trying to figure out how it all fits together.

7. **Legal Items and Updates.**

Attorney Eric Johnson stated that he had reviewed the State’s Travel Policy and it is many, many pages and quite detailed. In addition, he had reviewed the Travel Policies from other similar governmental entities. The policy before you today reflects the best of these.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12A the Travel Policy** was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Unanimously approved 7-0-0 absent.

8. **Presentation by Andrew Baxter on sequestration (Carbon Capture).**

Mr. Baxter was introduced as the CEO/Cofounder of Sustainable Energy Solutions. They have 10 years into research and development and over 80 patents filed. This is a Utah corporation. Cryogenic Carbon Capture can be used at power plants or gas plants to separate CO₂ from plant exhaust and pressurize it in a single process delivering it as a high-pressure liquid ready for transportation and use or to be stored underground. Its benefits are that it is the lowest cost retrofit carbon capture technology and it produces high-purity, liquid CO₂.

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This process recognizes that the real-life solution is not to rid the world of coal, gas, oil, carbon products, but to come up with innovative means to clean up the by-products. There have been a couple of small, successful demonstration projects. Now they are ready for the first commercial demonstration that could result in moving a couple of trucks a day of CO₂. This is projected to be a $25 million dollar project. Senator Hinkins supports the project and is helping to promote it at the State level. The bulk of the funding will come from private investors, industrial partners, and the federal government. They have asked the State of Utah for $2 million dollars.

The project would happen entirely in the State of Utah. Engineers, manufacturers have all been sourced within the State. The demonstration project will take place at either the Hunter, Huntington or IPP Power Plants.

Commissioner Miles asked what the power requirement was for this process? Mr. Baxter stated that it is only about 14 to 15% of the plants power, which is about 50% less than any other process available at this time.

Commissioner Ogden asked if he understood correctly that Rocky Mountain Power was in support of this pilot project? If so, what is the “take away” for them? This could be very important for Sevier County which relies heavily on revenues from coal production. Mr. Baxter stated that he could not speak for them, but they have represented a willingness to host the demonstration project at one of their plants. They appear very interested in seeing this technology developed to help clean-up plant emissions.

Commissioner Miles asked, as far as regulations go, could this be used to replace “SCR” or is this in addition to that? Mr. Baxter stated that his process is a one-stop shop for capturing a variety of emissions, in addition to CO₂, which makes this process even more cost effective.

Andrew Baxter was asked if this still needed to be approved by the EPA? He stated that yes, before it is implemented full scale at some place like the Hunter Plant, they would either need a pretty large market to support it or regulations forcing the use of this type of carbon recapture. It appears like this is coming in the near future.

Commissioner Miles went on to say that this could be a game changer for the Uintah Basin. If they could use this CO₂ to flood zones instead of water, it would be much better for the environment. They’d be using CO from the air and using it to lift petroleum out of the ground. This is a very exciting process.

Commissioner Hopes asked if they had had communication with the DOE (Department of Energy)? He went on to say that a few of the Commissioners have met with the DOE, on other projects, and the DOE seems very interested in some of these alternative options.

Mr. Baxter stated that the DOE has been an important stakeholder for them and supported parts of their work to date. The pilot project at the Hunter Plant was partially supported by the DOE.

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The DOE will be putting out some requests for projects this next Spring and they are hoping to get some more of their funding for cost sharing.

The board thanked Mr. Baxter for his presentation and asked him to come back in the future with an update.

9. Discussion and consideration of allowing the Co-Chairs and Executive Director to approve the June 2020 Eastern Utah Regional Connection (Seep Ridge Road) invoices for payment prior to the July 2020 meeting.

If you will remember, last year, we needed to have the July meeting the first week of July in order to approve all the invoices and get them submitted timely to the State due to their end of year deadlines. This year, the only contract that comes under that same deadline is the Seep Ridge Road Project. That project’s expenditures need to be approved right at the first of the month, like last year. In order to do that we will need board approval for the Co-Chairs and the Executive Director, along with our financial people, to review the Seep Ridge Road expenditures and submit those to the State timely on the first of July. Those expenditures would then be brought to the July 10th board meeting for ratification. This will give the contractors and vendors time to get their invoices submitted for payment and allow the board ample time to review expenditures prior to the meeting. Last year was very difficult for everyone and this should make that process much smoother.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12B allowing the approval of the June 2020 Seep Ridge Road Invoices by the Co-Chairs and Executive Director was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Unanimously approved. 7-0-0 absent.

10. Discussion and consideration of the 2020 Annual Meeting Schedule.

As we look at the proposed 2020 meeting schedule meetings will remain on the 3rd Friday except for the July meeting, which we just spoke about, which will be on July 10th, and the November meeting which will be on the 13th because UAC is on November 20th. All meetings will be in Price, except for the February 21st meeting which will be at the CIB office in Salt Lake City to accommodate those who will be at Legislature.

Commissioner Lytle asked about September and the Energy Summit. Did we miss that date? Commissioner Horrocks stated that he believed that we had missed that date. Staff will double check to make sure.

NOTE: Staff checked the dates for the 2020 Energy Summit and they are August 28th to 29th.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12C adopting the 2020 Annual Meeting Schedule was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks. Unanimously approved. 7-0-0 absent.

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11. Executive Directors Report.

Executive Director McKee began by thanking the board for the amount of time and effort each member is putting into these great projects. Also, he thanked all the other County elected officials, Senators, Representatives and project members who lend their help and support. These kinds of complex projects cannot happen without this kind of ongoing support.

Director McKee next introduced Staci Wheeler with Alphatech Research Corporation. Ms. Wheeler is helping in conjunction with the Research Lab. This is one of the public/private partnerships which help projects advance and develop. Ms. Wheeler reported that they are working on a design to separate out various elements from the Molten Salts. She then introduced Renee Memmet who also works with Alphatech. She reported that Staci and Matthew Memmet have been in Washington, D.C. Out of that trip has developed more interest from the Department of Defense (DoD). This interest may lead to another source of revenue for the Research Lab. If the DoD continues to show interest and support this project could move from research to the production stage.

Staci added that the Federal Appropriation Bill contains the most funding for nuclear that they have ever seen. It, also, includes funding for 2 demonstration plants and an additional $30 million to be used for research. There is, also, $70 million in the DoD budget for mobile nuclear reactors. They have had some conversations about mobility design for the military or domestic use. There is a lot of interest in developing smaller power sources without having to construct a full-sized plant. In referring back to the $30 million, these are funds that the Research Lab is in a great position, along with a partner, to apply for and possible receive a portion.

Commissioner Sitterud mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled for the last week of the year to educate congressional people about this research and these possibilities. They also plan to educate federal people about what’s going on with nuclear and Molten Salts. Matthew will be teaching them hoping to increase their knowledge and background giving them a better ability to make decisions as concerns these appropriations.

Commissioner Grayeyes requested a copy of their presentation, a briefing paper or some kind of additional information concerning Uranium mining and the medical isotopes. He wanted to know if this is medically viable technology? Staci addressed his question stating that this is now state of the art and widely used medically. She stated that previously all of the sources for these medical isotopes came from out of the country, but at times there have been shortfalls in product and the U.S. has not had any control. Consequently, Congress has mandated that a U.S. domestic source be developed, but that has not happened yet. But this is proven technology. The U.S. is the largest consumer but has no supply of its own. Executive Director McKee and Commissioner Sitterud requested they get Commissioner Grayeyes some fact sheets.

Executive Director McKee next introduced Alair Emory with the Utah State Office of Energy Development. The million-dollar grant awarded to the Research Lab came through her office and she will be the person administering the grant. She has experience with nuclear advanced concepts, as well as carbon capturing and sequestration, so she is very excited to be helping with this grant.

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Director McKee mentioned that there was a group that met with him in Vernal that has computerized equipment used for testing oil shale and can be used with coal, also. Although it is not for sure at this time, it appears they may donate this equipment to the Coalition.

As to the rail project, the fact that this project is on schedule is monumental. This has been a very aggressive schedule, yet the project is still on task. Thank you to everyone for making this possible.

He also reported that the Seep Ridge Road project is moving forward. That, too, requires a lot of coordination and he wanted to recognize everyone working on it for a job well done.


This is tabled until the January meeting.

13. Discussion and consideration of the Fraud Hot Line.

A policy was adopted a couple of months ago establishing a Fraud Hot Line. The actual phone number to be used had not been determined at that time. This Hot Line would give someone who might be aware of suspicious or fraudulent activity a way to report. In addition, the State is requiring a Hot Line to be established. In order to keep the cost down, Carbon County has offered one of its phone lines to be used. If a call is received on that line the substance of the report would be passed on to the Coalition’s Co-Chairs for review and determination of the appropriate action to be taken.

UPDATE: The Fraud Hot Line phone number is 1-435-636-3224. The number is posted in the bottom margin of the website’s home page (www.scic-utah.gov).

14. Discussion and consideration of the ground lease with Emery County.

The purpose of this ground lease is to memorialize the relationship between Emery County and the Coalition as concerns the San Rafael Research Lab. Emery County has purchased the property, has been paying for the utilities, and has put in a lot of sweat equity. They have also applied for and received a CIB grant. The ground lease is not quite ready for review, so it won’t be considered at this time. Hopefully it will be ready for next month.

Commissioner Sitterud had some concerns he wanted addressed before the project went any further. Because of questions he has received and comments he has heard, he was concerned that the Coalition may not really want to move forward with this project. He wondered if it was the board’s preference that Emery County move forward on its own? The lease will be a 15-year lease with an annual review during which the Coalition could pull out, if it so chose. So, every year the Coalition could opt out. Right now, Emery County has about a million dollars invested in this Lab.

Commissioner Miles stated that he believed this Lab and the Molten Salt Project represented an amazing opportunity and this project fits into the 7 County’s portfolio. This is as big, if not
bigger, for Emery County than the railroad is for all of the other counties. He finished by saying that Duchesne County is 100% in support of this project.

Commissioner Ogden stated his only concern is how the Coalition comes out in the end of this project? He thinks it's a good project but would like a better vision of where it is headed. How does 7 County fit in? There are still a lot of unanswered questions. He supports the project but still needs some questions answered. Is the Coalition suppose to be incubating projects? Owning projects? Is it suppose to develop and at a later date sell of its interest?

Director McKee addressed his concerns. He stated that this project had already been voted on and accepted by the Coalition. To the best of his knowledge this has always suppose to have been a Coalition project. As to the end game, some projects are always going to bring in more revenue than others. Some projects may have more to do with community building through adding jobs and enriching communities. Emery County has taken on a lot of risk with this project. Until it is up and running there is not a revenue stream to cover Operation and Maintenance (O&M) expenses. But, Alair Emory, with the State Office of Energy has confirmed that the State grant can be used to cover some of these costs. Emery County can submit those appropriate expenses for reimbursement.

The Coalition’s attorney, Eric Johnson, added that when a governmental body enters in to a lease for more than one year, under the Constitution, the entity must have the opportunity to step away each year. It’s called an Annual Appropriation Lease. So, everyone understands, this clause was not added to this lease to give the Coalition an “out” each year. It is a required provision. Were that provision not in the lease there would have to be a public bond election supporting the long-term project.

Director McKee stated that what he thought was really needed today was to have the board reflect its support for this project.

Commissioner Hopes stated that Carbon County is 100% behind it. There are still some questions as to where all of the money will come from, but if we can use some of the State’s grant money for right now that would be great. Then, if we can get some of the letters of commitment from those planning to use the Lab that would add additional security. That helps establish a future revenue stream. The Coalition is not financially in a position to help pay for these things.

Director McKee added that Senator Hinkins is looking to get a $9 million dollar appropriation from the legislative this session. There is a good chance this could happen. Also, there is a chance of getting some of the federal appropriation money.

Commissioner Sitterud stated that Emery County has hired a consultant who is working with the Department of Energy right now to get some of the remaining 2019-year end money. It was his understanding that the Coalition was going to help pay the insurance and help with the utilities, but so far that hasn’t happened. So, right now, Emery County is paying all of the expenses.

Commissioner Kent Wilson, from Emery County, stood up from the audience and addressed the board. He wanted them to know that the expense pay back wasn’t really the issue. The issue
was the lack of support from the Coalition to Commissioner Sitterud and Emery County and the project in general.

Commissioner Horrocks stated that he fully supported the project and Emery County needs to use some of the State grant funds to reimburse themselves for these expenses. He further stated that everyone needs to pull together on this project. He, personally, is excited about the opportunity this represents for those three counties. He is 100% behind it.

Alair Emory further added that these expenses incurred after the start of the funding, July 1st, 2019, used to get the facility up and running, may be submitted for reimbursement.

Commissioner Lytle doesn’t think there is a question as to whether 7 County supports this project. It sounds like the retroactive expenses can be paid, which is great for Emery County. He’d like to see a motion to support the project and move forward with the agreements. It’s time to just move forward and get this done.

Commissioner Ogden once again reiterated that he is not opposed to the project. He just has some questions. It’s a good project and he would not want Emery County to believe he was not in favor of it. He has reservations when it comes to signing contracts if the revenue stream has not been identified. That’s just being fiscally responsible.

Commissioner Miles stated that they would find the money. He will help knock on doors if needed. He has done it before on other projects in his County and he is not opposed to doing it again for this project.

Commissioner Horrocks stated that there are still details to work out but he thought it was time for a motion in support. Commissioner Hopes added that it would be his recommendation that everything reimbursable through the State grant be paid as soon as possible. Commissioner Miles stated that there are still some things in the actual agreement that he would like to see addressed.

Commissioner Sitterud added that there are ownership questions still to be resolved. Whose money is the CIB grant? But, the big question for him is whether the 7 County board is in favor of the project and do they want to move forward?

**Commissioner Hopes made a motion** that as long as there is a funding source then Emery County should be reimbursed for appropriate project expenses out of the State grant. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. 7-0-0 absent.

**Commissioner Miles made a second motion** to put this to a role call vote as to whether the board members were in support of the project and whether or not it should remain a 7 County project. Commissioner Hopes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. 7-0-0 absent.

Roll call vote was as follows:

**SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:**

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15. Resolution approving monthly expenses.

Accountant Doug Rasmussen led the discussion. He began by stating that initially there were expenditures presented for approval in the amount of $1,203,812.92. The check copies and invoices had been submitted prior to the meeting for the board’s review.

Director McKee stated that there was one check to pull and hold until next month. It was Jones & DeMille check number 1570, Invoice number 021589. This check is made up of 3 invoices. The invoice in question is for $2,312.36. Once this invoice is removed the check will have to be re-issued for $10,782.25. This would change the total amount of invoices to be approved.

Commissioner Ogden questioned why Heather (Staff to Board) had spent 4 hours reviewing the audio of a CIB meeting? Attorney Eric Johnson stated that there was information from the June meeting that needed to be reviewed prior to responding to a Request for Information. It was essential to double check to make sure they were accurately responding with what was on the public record.

Commissioner Ogden requested additional information as to the background concerning the check to ICF in the amount of $111,464.05. Director McKee stated that ICF was the 3rd party consultant hired to provide information to the Surface Transportation Board for the NEPA environmental document. They are independent from any of our other consultants as required by law and we have to pay their bill.

There was one other question from Commissioner Sitterud concerning a check to Duane Moss. Duane Moss is a water attorney for the Ute Indian Tribe and is working on the utilities for the Leland Bench Project.

Commissioner Horrocks wanted to address an invoice where there had been a charge for alcohol. Although our position is that the board will not reimburse alcohol, and that particular charge had been stricken from the invoice and not paid, he just wanted to ask that Contractors be reminded that this is not acceptable and, if possible, please pay any alcohol charges separate from the meal.

Doug Rasmussen, accountant, stated that alcohol charges are not currently a board policy, but the board could adopt such a policy if it wished.
### SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION FINANCIALS

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**Total Payment Approval**  
$1,201,500.56

Commissioner Lytle requested to make a motion to adjust the total of the invoices being presented, less the $2,312.36 reflected by Invoice 021589, payable to Jones & DeMille, making a new total of $1,201,500.56.

Minutes of December 20, 2019
Motion to approve Resolution 2019-12-D approving expenses dated 12-20-2019 in the amount of $1,201,500.56 was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Hopes. Unanimously approved. 7-0-0 absent.

Roll call vote for expenses for payment was as follows:

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Doug Rasmussen next directed the board to the financial reports to include the Balance Sheet, followed by the Profit and Loss sheet thru 10-31-2019. The Profit and Loss is also provided by class, individual operating revenue and expenses associated with the various funding sources.

Note that negative amounts represent expenses where there is not an income stream to offset the expenses. These are often professional or technical expenses which have been paid but are not associated with a specific project. Or, it can be things like bank charges. The Coalition has a little money of its own, but not a lot. They will take a careful look at these expenses and see if there is any way to reimburse them.

Motion to accept the financials as of October 31, 2019 was made by Commissioner Horrocks, seconded by Commissioner Miles. Unanimously accepted. 7-0-0 absent.

Mr. Rasmussen next took the board through the sheets depicting each project and how much remains in each fund. This is solely for the board’s information and does not require board approval.

Commissioner Miles directed a question to the Jones & DeMille staff wondering whether we were on budget with the rail project? Are there any overages? Brian Barton, with Jones & DeMille, responded that the project is on track to be under budget at this point. Lessening the role of BLM has helped save money. They feel very good about the rail project budget.

Commissioner Lytle asked if we were expecting any reductions in cost recovery with BLM’s reduced role? The response was yes. Initially there was $500,000 budgeted for cost recovery. To date, BLM has been paid $100,000 of that money. If that is not all spent the balance will be returned.

Commissioner Hopes wanted the board to know that he had performed his expense oversight audit. He has gone through October 31, 2019. He will get November and December finished as
soon as he can. The board reflected its appreciation for his doing this. The oversight is something required by the State and he is keeping the Coalition compliant.

Commissioner Horrocks wanted to remind everyone that the Coalition is under scrutiny at the State level as concerns its expenditures. These are public funds and they need to be very careful to see they are used responsibly.

16. Public Hearing to adopt the 2020 budget.

**Commissioner Miles made a motion** to go in to the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Unanimously approved. 7-0-0 absent

Doug Rasmussen, the Coalition accountant, began by asking board members to look at the 2020 Tentative Budget adopted at the last meeting. As to the CIB proceeds, currently there is $19,740,000. The 2020 Budget needs to have this amount increased to $19,790,000. Of that amount, $19,000,000 is for the Rail Project, $740,000 is the General Grant, and $50,000 is the remaining money in the Seep Ridge Road grant carried forward into 2020.

Another modification is in Intergovernmental Income, where we take the $85,000 down to $50,000. So, $50,000 is the I70 Transportation Project.

Of the $13,325,000, there is $9,000,000 from the Energy Center coming from Senator Hinkins, and a million coming from the Department of Energy. Then, the UDOT I70 Project for $3,325,000.

There is debt financing anticipated, $10,000,000 for the Water Project and $4,500,000 for the Leland Bench Project. That makes up the total anticipated revenue for the 2020 budget.

When preparing line items in a budget, the revenues and expenditures are required to be the same. There is an increase in the line item for the Eastern Utah Regional Connection pre-construction. That $3,300,000 is increased by $15,000 which will bring the total expenses for 2020’s budget to $47,665,000.

Commissioner Sitterud asked if there was any public comment. Seeing none:

**Commissioner Miles made a motion** to leave the public hearing and return to the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hopes. Unanimously approved. 7-0-0 absent.

**Commissioner Miles next made a motion** to adopt Resolution 2019-12D accepting the 2020 budget in the amount of $47,665,000.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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17. Engineer's Report.

Brian Barton stated that everyone, today, has heard a lot about the different projects. He turned the time over to Michael Hawley, from Jones & DeMille. Mr. Hawley mentioned that there is a very large data transfer going to the STB right as he was speaking. In the past month that has been the biggest project, gathering all of this data to submit to the STB. There is still engineering work taking place and mapping efforts are still underway.

18. Update concerning the refining of the Whitmore Park preferred alignment.

Director McKee opened this stating that the last time we met this alignment was running along the Emma Park Road. There are several different factors that have to be considered once a route is determined – habitat, wildlife, birds, etc. These all influence the alignment.

Kevin Keller noted that each of the Commissioners had been given a copy of the Federal Register Notice containing the STB Scope of Study. In the beginning there were 30 alternatives being considered. That has been refined down to 3 proposed alternatives to carry forward to the STB NEPA process. Since then there has been a lot of work – public scoping meetings, meetings with the various agencies, etc. The Craig Route has been dropped. The Indian Canyon Route has been modified to what we are calling the Whitmore Park route. One of the things modified on the Whitmore Park alignment is the western part that runs through Utah/Carbon Counties. Originally it was thought to use the Emma Park Road to cross Hwy. 191. This would be on BLM land. We quickly found out that being on BLM land was not an advantage. Because it is BLM land, we would have had to do a couple of amendments to either Land Management Plans or Resource Management Plans. This would have been possible but typically takes a couple of years to do. We don’t have a couple of years in our schedule. So, we altered that alignment to go North of Emma Park Road onto private property. We aren’t skipping any steps, but that allows us to maintain our aggressive schedule. We have tweaked other parts of that alignment to avoid impacting Sage Grouse Management Areas, trying to avoid too many water crossings, and any other sensitive habitat. We are looking hard at the far western terminus where we connect with the Union Pacific Railroad. It ends up there is a little piece of BLM property right in there that we will need to avoid. Then, right along Emma Park Road there is a strip of BLM land that was not initially identified but indeed exists. We are moving the alignment a little to avoid this. So, this is the new preferred alignment. This is the preferred alignment that STB, with the help of ICF, will be evaluating for impacts. While they are evaluating all of this data, we will be doing what is called a “minimization exercise”. This is used to further refine the route. For example, if there is a place where we cross a body of water several times, can we
figure out a way to reduce that to one crossing, or no crossing. The goal is to reduce as many impacts as possible. But we are on schedule and the STB and other agencies are all on schedule.

The Chair recognized Darrell Fordham who had a question. Since the public scoping meetings took place there have been a lot of changes. Will the public have an opportunity to comment on these changes?

Director McKee and Kevin Keller both stated that when the STB releases the draft EIS, probably the end of March, first of April, the public will have a comment period. Then, when the STB releases its final document there will be another public comment period.

Commissioner Lytle asked Kevin Keller if the STB had the same map that they were looking at today? Kevin stated that the STB had what they call the November 22nd version of the map. The only changes since then are a couple of small areas on private property where they had to make some slight adjustments.


Executive Director McKee began by reminding everyone that at the last meeting a Sub-Committee was appointed to finalize this contract with Eric Johnson. Currently, his contract with us is for CIB projects. He is capped at $175,000 a year for 84 hours a month. With the Research Lab he is putting in additional hours. We now have the grant from the State Office of Energy which allows money for work done on behalf of the Lab. Mr. Johnson needs a way to bill for and be reimbursed for his hours outside of the CIB grants. We have checked with the Office of Energy and Lab related expenses can be submitted for reimbursement against their grant. Mr. Johnson has indicated he would bill any Lab hours at $175 an hour. We have checked with CIB and they do not have a problem with this. This new contract states that should he submit hours for work on the Lab that the State Office of Energy does not approve for payment, the Coalition is not responsible for paying those hours. This contract would begin December 1, 2019.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-12E, seconded by Commissioner Ogden. Unanimously approved. 7-0-0.

20. Motion to enter closed/executive session and reopen at the end of the closed/executive session for the purposes of pending and recently imminent litigation, and potential real estate acquisition was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner MIlles. Unanimously approved 7-0-0 absent.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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**21. Motion to leave closed/executive session** made by Commissioner Hopes, seconded by Commissioner Lytle. Unanimously approved 7-0-0 absent.

**22. A motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner Hopes, seconded by Commissioner Miles. Unanimously approved 7-0-0 absent.
A motion to approve the December 20, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Miles.

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Co-Chair: Lynn Sitterud

ATTEST:

Eric T. Johnson (Legal Counsel)

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