SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
Utah State Capitol, Senate Office Building, Room 220
380 N. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah
(435) 219-1362

Board Members Present: Casey Hopes (Carbon County), Jack Lytle (Daggett County), Greg Miles (Duchesne County), Lynn Sitterud (Emery County), Garth (Tooter) Ogden (Sevier County by Zoom), Willie Grayeyes (San Juan County) and Brad Horrocks (Uintah County)
Also, in attendance: Mike McKee, Eric Johnson, Brian Barton, Mike Hawley, Kristi Sharp, Heather Hoyt.
Attended telephonically: Kelly Carter, Dusty Monks, Monica Hilding, Kyle Robe, Deeda Seed, Evan Barlow, and Stan Holmes
Absent: None
Others Present: Senator Ron Winterton, Commissioner Bart Haslem, Commissioner Greg Todd, Commissioner Gil Conover, Keith Heaton, Clay Crozier, Mark Hemphill, Pam Juliano, Troy Ostler, Joel Yellowhorse, Brad Simons, Jill Burton, and Rey Butcher, (Please notify staff at 435-219-1362 of any spelling corrections or if you were present and not listed.)

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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance (Casey Hopes)
2. **Public Comment** (Casey Hopes)

Public comment was accepted verbally, during the meeting, telephonically by Zoom, and by electronic written submission at hboyt@7county.utah.gov. Electronic written comments will be forwarded to the Board Members. All comments are summarized in the meeting minutes. A complete copy of any written comments submitted may be requested at the email address provided herein.

Time was turned over to Brian Barton who gave instructions on how to participate verbally and by Zoom.

For this meeting there were no public comments offered.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2021** (Casey Hopes)

**Motion to approve January 21, 2021 meeting minutes as presented** by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Grayeyes.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve the minutes. *The motion passed unanimously.*

4. **Report on San Rafael Research Lab.**

Commissioner Sitterud reported that things were going well except for those obstacles that everyone is facing due to supply chain shortages. Equipment that should have been delivered has been delayed and prevented them from starting some experiments. Since the board visited a month ago the painting and all of the flooring have been completed.

They have applied for some money from the State of Utah. If it is awarded it will be match money for the Build Back Better Program. These monies will help them move forward with the next phase of the research lab.

5. **Report on Satellite Transportation Hub.**

Commissioner Ogden began by saying there was not a lot to report. He noted that there is legislation going on right now where they are trying to revamp the board. Not sure how that is going to turn out, but he thought they should know in the next few days. He did reach out to Jack Hedge, the Inland Port Director, suggesting that there ought to be a representative from rural Utah sitting on the board. It seemed to him like they appoint a lot of people from the Wasatch Front and where they want to do satellite ports there needs to be more representation from rural areas. Iron County is actively working on some business opportunities associated with the rail. Commissioner Ogden stated that he didn’t know how much of that had been communicated to the Inland Port folks. There are things going on down there that will be vital to that area.

6. **Report on Uinta Basin Railway Project.**

Commissioner Miles began by saying that he and Commissioner Horrocks made a presentation at the Rural Caucus Meeting (at the Capitol) that morning. They provided updated information

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to the legislators. As to the rail project, they are waiting on one more permit. They are waiting on the final Record of Decision (ROD) to be brought forward by the Forest Service. There continues to be a lot of work. But every other week there are fewer meetings and calls as this project moves toward completion. In concluding his remarks, he wanted to make sure everyone involved, including all the counties, knew how much he appreciated all of the help. This project could not have happened without all of them. It has taken the strength and tenacity of all 7 counties, the team, the agencies, the Tribe, and the private partners to complete this project.

Director McKee concurred. He stated that they expect the last permit in the near future. He next turned time over to Mark Hemphill for remarks from the private party. Mark Hemphill (with UBRY) stated that they have made a great deal of progress since receiving the license from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in December. They still anticipate being able to start construction in January of 2023. They are starting to work with the contracting team to determine which contractors are most interested in working on the project. There has been a lot of interest from the contracting community in Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon and Emery Counties. They will begin discussions with some of these contractors the end of this month. He wanted to thank the Coalition. They have all been very valuable in moving this project forward. He noted that he and Director McKee had been working on this since 2013! Persistence has paid off! He offered his thanks also to the Ute Indian Tribe, the federal delegation, Clay Crozier (with Senator Romney's office), and to Governor Cox, his staff and agencies. There has been an incredible amount of support. It is unusual for this kind of a project to have this level of support.

Chairman Hopes thanked him for his comments and reflected that it has been an incredible project.

7. Executive Directors Report.

Director McKee began by telling Keith Heaton, with the Community Impact Board (CIB), how much he and his staff are appreciated. The Coalition's operating funds come through the CIB. Initially, they awarded the Coalition 3 tranches of funding each in the amount of $750,000. Two of the tranches have been used and the third was just approved this past week.

Next, he wanted to address an unfortunate item. There were 2 different articles, in a newspaper, that were just flat out wrong. The articles had to do with a Senate bill, they said, that was going to take funding from the Infrastructure Bill and implied it was to fund the Eastern Utah Regional Connection Project (Seep Ridge Road). If you have seen or heard about these articles, please know that they are incorrect.

As to legislative requests. The Coalition approached the legislature with some requests this year. One was for $4 million dollars to help with the Navajo Transportation Plan. As of right now we understand this is moving right along and looking positive. Another $400,000 was to help with a water study for San Juan County. These projects go hand in hand. In addition, there was a request for an independent study on carbon fibers to determine if there is a manufacturing opportunity for our coal producing counties, a feasibility study.

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Director McKee wanted to take a minute to celebrate a little bit of good news. Out in the Uintah Basin, they come under fire on a regular basis over the past several years, concerning bad air quality. What is not being said is what an improving situation this has become. They have been on the brink of non-attainment several times. But, in 2018 they were not close to non-attainment. In 2019 they were. In 2020 they were not and the same holds true for 2021. The winter months, in January and February, are the worst time of year. There was just recently a report in the paper that these emissions are coming down and air quality is improving. It’s great news and we hope it continues into the future.

Chairman Hopes asked if any of the board members had any comments? Commissioner Grayeyes wanted to comment about the San Juan County legislative request projects mentioned by Director McKee. Regarding the water project he was informed this morning that the $8 million dollar water settlement was going to happen.

Clay Crozier, from Senator Romneys office, has been helping with this and had a comment. The federal part of the funding is totally approved and set forth in the Infrastructure Bill. The State portion is expected to be funded in this session. Then, the State Division of Water Rights will adjudicate for a year after which they can start working on these projects.

That concluded the Executive Directors report.

8. **Engineers Report.**

Brian Barton with Jones and DeMille stated that the board members should have received their monthly summary. As they look at it they can see there is still a lot going on. They have worked this past month, with Director McKee, to help educate the legislators on the various Coalition projects. There continues to be some work with the Uinta Basin Railway Project. They received notice just this morning that HDR believes they have transferred and archived all of the requested files. Preliminarily, Jones and DeMille agree but still want to take some time to review the files submitted. There has been work done finalizing EIS files making sure the database is up to date.

That concluded the Engineers Report.

9. **Report from Dominion Energy.**

Brad Simons with Dominion Energy began. As most of you are aware, in 2018, the legislature passed the Utah Rural Expansion Program allowing them to expand natural gas service to rural Utah. They are happy to report, at this time, that 2 communities have been approved by the Utah Public Service Commission. One of these communities just received natural gas this past winter. That would be the community of Eureka. The communities of Elberta and Goshen are slated to receive natural gas, hopefully, in September or October of this year. A couple of weeks ago, in January, they received approval to provide service to Green River. They are looking to have gas service to Green River by September or October of 2023. The wheels are in motion and they are not done.
According to the statutes they have some limitation on the amount of money they are able to invest in communities over a certain time frame. This has been a learning process for them. So, as they move to the next round of considerations for communities Mr. Simons believed they would do an even better job. There are many timing and planning constraints and they are learning to work more efficiently within them.

Chairman Hopes stated that this is very exciting. This is a project the Coalition looked at and they are extremely happy for Emery County. Commissioner Sitterud (Emery County) said he’d really like to thank him (Brad Simons). Green River has been waiting a long time for this opportunity.

Director McKee stated that as previously mentioned this is a project the Coalition looked at for a time and to the credit of the board, with Commissioner Sitterud bringing this to the board’s attention, they focused on the proper role of government. By definition government should only do what private enterprise cannot or will not do. He stated that he appreciated private enterprise stepping up and doing this. Every county here probably has a list of communities needing natural gas.

Mr. Simons stated they very shortly they will cast the net and be ready to compile the next list. Communities will be evaluated according to a list of criteria. They are looking to be prudent – laying the least amount of pipe in order to serve the greatest number of customers. As they do more of these projects the filing process is getting smoother. Community support makes the difference.

Commissioner Miles thanked him for connecting rural communities. He stated that they recognized the great value of bringing natural gas to homes. He wanted Mr. Simons to know that if the Coalition could ever be of help, he should let them know.

11. Discussion and consideration of position concerning the Eastern Utah Regional Connection Project.

At the Chairman’s request item 11. was considered before item 10.

Commissioner Lytle asked what was being discussed and considered? Commissioner Sitterud commented that in his mind items 10. and 11. were related. He went on to say that as the Pledge of Allegiance was being recited this afternoon the word “indivisible” jumped out at him. The Seven County Coalition has had some pressures brought against it this past week that have brought this in to question. Are they indeed indivisible? He said that he thought they have enough respect for each other to try and work through these challenges. There have been votes in the past concerning the Eastern Utah Regional Connection Project Road. There have been concerns and discussions since those votes have taken place. In his mind, both items 10. and 11. need to be reconsidered. These projects are good for 2 of the Coalition counties and not so good for some others. Item 11. is really bad for Carbon County and somewhat bad for Emery County. Item 10. is really bad for 4 of the Coalition counties. Its hard to bring these back up and seek a vote on something that is going to possibly harm some of them. These are back on the agenda so
they can more fully discuss the issues. In his mind some of the board members want to have one more discussion to reassess whether these are good or bad.

Commissioner Ogden stated that he reached out to a couple of people who work with UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation). They said they have already done a study on this road (Seep Ridge Road). Possibly the pending EIS would be more extensive? Both of these people expressed their opinion that it would be better to take this money and spend it on the railroad. They said right now the legislators would have to be the ones to push them to do this project. For them, it would be a long way down the road. It’s not a project they would look at any time soon. So, it brings up the question, do we want to do a study on this road only to have it put on the shelf? These guys said they have so many other projects. They wouldn’t even consider another road project. Commissioner Ogden thought the Coalition should reconsider this project.

Director McKee stated that the actual money for this study came from UDOT. It was appropriated by the legislature. They have a contract from UDOT to do the study. The legislature controls the budget. President Adams (of the Senate), when several of them were in the room, told us we needed to get the EIS finished. At that time the Infrastructure Bill had not passed (it has as of now). He acknowledged that there were many projects in the “hopper” but said to tell the Coalition board to get the EIS done and they would move the project forward. The legislature supports moving forward with this project.

Chairman Hopes thanked Director McKee and said that one of his concerns with item 10. (Throughput Infrastructure Fund Bill) was that if they proceed with the environmental work and make this (Eastern Utah Regional Connection Project Road) a shovel ready project there is nothing that says that item 10. won’t be used to further this project along.

Director McKee stated that he respected where the coal counties were coming from. But it was his belief that there was funding set aside in the Throughput Infrastructure Fund Bill for the coal counties to do projects. He understood how they may think that the northern counties are being well taken care of and then think, what about us? So, there is a natural concern about protecting those set asides. As a board, they need to make sure they are fair as they move forward.

Commissioner Lytle stated that he appreciated all of the comments. As he comes into his 8th year on this board, he is seasoned! He has seen a lot of this stuff as it has occurred over time. One of the things important to him is that everyone recognizes that having a divided vote does not mean there is a divided board. Things do not have to always be unanimous. One of the things that makes this board work is everyone’s ability to move from feelings to dealing with the facts. He stated that his inclination was to table this until some of these things could be worked out.

He noted that he represents the smallest county and these issues probably impact him the least, but he respects each board member and values his position on this board. They have always been good at give and take. When it comes to the money (Throughput Infrastructure) obviously that money has a designated intent and it needs to be used as proposed. This board has issues to work through and they should not let this get personal. This is all about serving our counties and particularly this board.

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Commissioner Sitterud stated that he wanted to make a motion on number 11. He wanted to see item 11 tabled and put back on the agenda for the March meeting. That would give a month for everyone to communicate. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion.

Chairman Hopes asked for a vote. Commissioner Ogden opposed and all others voted in favor.

10. Discussion and consideration of position on the Throughput Infrastructure Fund Bill by Senator Ron Winterton.

There is a correction to be made. This bill was run by Senator Harper at the request of Senator Winterton.

Commissioner Sitterud began by asking, before any discussion, if he could make a motion to see if all the board members would agree to a position that this bill should be withdrawn or at least a portion of the bill should be scratched.

Chairman Hopes asked, just to be clear, that there was specific language not the whole bill that Commissioner Sitterud was asking to be scratched? The infrastructure portion of the bill to be scratched?

Commissioner Sitterud concurred, not that any of this board has the authority to scratch language out of the bill but a show that the board is in agreement on this issue.

Commissioner Lytle suggested that this should be a non-binding opinion from the board relative to the “Throughput”.

Commissioner Sitterud restated that his request was a motion that the 7 members of the board agreed that they should ask Senator Winterton to scratch that portion of the bill. Commissioner Ogden seconded the motion.

Chairman Hopes opened the matter for discussion. Commissioner Lytle began by saying that he would like the board to be very careful in the wording of any message sent. He is not against what was being requested but this was a different action for this board. Taking a legislative position like this. He believed they needed to be careful in how it was done. He would feel better if the board built the verbiage before a vote was taken. Let’s be specific identifying the bill and the line numbers from the bill that they’d like removed.

Commissioner Sitterud stated that all he is asking is that the 7 counties represented by the Coalition stand together on this. This week, 3 of the Coalition counties could have been severely damaged by this. All he wants is for those pushing this bill to see that the 7 board members are all in accord.

Chairman Hopes stated that they have been in conversation with Senator Winterton. He knows there is some opposition to some of the language in the bill. He is trying to find alternative funding for this project but until there is a guarantee it could really negatively impact some of our counties.
Commissioner Miles asked for a point of clarification. He asked if they were opposed to using this specific funding or were they in opposition to the project? The reply was the funding source. Chairman Hopes explained that the 9 Mile Road was a good project. But if the project is to move forward, making improvements to the road, another funding source has to be found. As it is, for Carbon County, it is a challenging project. Carbon County bears a lot of the responsibility for the road, but receives no revenue to upkeep the road. If this road is improved and becomes a heavy haul road, where does Carbon County get the money to make repairs. This was never meant to be a heavy haul road.

Commissioner Miles stated that they have all worked really well together and they need to keep doing that. He asked that they reach out to each other when issues arise. There should be enough trust among the board members to discuss issues and seek resolution.

Commissioner Ogden added that he was dismayed that Senator Winterton did not communicate more with board members before moving forward with this bill. In general, he believed that legislators needed to communicate more with the counties. In his opinion the language being discussed just needed to be removed from the bill. This is not the correct funding source for this project.

Commissioner Lytle asked if a substitute motion could be considered? Possibly adding some direct verbiage? His suggestion would be that they should encourage the sponsoring Senator Harper to consider a non-binding resolution that the Coalition does not support this project being funded by the Throughput Infrastructure Fund and specifically reference the line items to be removed. The Coalition would continue to work with their local Senator to facilitate a better ending.

Commissioner Sitterud stated that all he wanted to get across was that the 7 counties were standing in solidarity, in opposition, and ask Senator Harper to scratch the funding referenced in that line item. It harms Carbon County to have this road used as a haul road and it harms 3 other counties to have this funding used in this fashion.

Commissioner Lytle agreed and said he just wanted to make sure they said that the source of funding needed to stay true to its original intent. We just need consensus.

Chairman Hopes said that he believed Carbon County was generally in favor of the road. It’s been part of a shared goal between Carbon and Duchesne County, but if it’s used as a haul road then it becomes a problem.

Eric Johnson, the Coalition attorney, was asked to see if he could wordsmith a resolution from all of their comments. He noted that they were talking about SB51, line 225. Line 225 amended the definition of “throughput infrastructure” to add or include “a highway used primarily for the transportation of hydrocarbons”. What that means is that the CIB could use funding from the
“Throughput Infrastructure Fund” for building the highway for hydrocarbons and not be just limited to coal.

Commissioner Ogden stated that they needed to get this done immediately. This is moving forward (in the legislature) right now and a decision has to be made. This language just needs to be stricken from the bill.

Eric Johnson said that actually lines 252 and 253 are the most problematic allowing the legislature to direct where the “Throughput Infrastructure Fund” money goes. So, in trying to reframe the resolution it needs to be said that in SB51, in its current form, referencing lines 252 and 253, the board would disapprove the inclusion of that language in the bill.

Commissioner Lytle requested he add that this is a “non-binding” resolution of this board. We are actually sharing our opinion. It is not binding.

Chairman Hopes directed everyone’s attention to Senator Winterton who had just joined the meeting and invited him to speak.

Senator Winterton began by saying there is a substitute bill and the language in question had been removed. After looking at the substitute bill, if they still have concerns, let him know. The new bill does not affect the “Throughput Infrastructure Fund”.

Senator Winterton expressed his frustration that there had been so much concern and conversation about this bill and until recently no one had contacted him. He heard about it from another source. When he heard and understood he backed off. He expressed that he felt he had worked hard for the Coalition and these counties and did not feel like they had been fair to him.

These Coalition counties had use of the majority of the State’s Mineral Lease and Severance Tax monies. Whey they have projects they need to let the legislature know what they are planning. This money (“Throughput Infrastructure Funds”) is sitting there and these counties are not making it easy to protect it when they are not coming forward with shovel ready projects. Leadership sees that there is money sitting there that could be used and replaced at a later date, since its not currently being used. If they could bring projects forward it would be helpful. As he looks across these coal counties, he believes that the Energy Research Center might open a lot of possibilities. But it’s going to take money to build it out and that money has to come from somewhere.

Senator Winterson said that he appreciates the Coalition and the opportunity he has had to be of help.

Chairman Hopes thanked him for coming to visit. He went on to say that they all appreciate this organization. This matter caused some division between them because the coal counties didn’t
hear about this from the Senator, directly. Hopefully the lines of communication will be better in the future.

Senator Winterton said the language he originally contributed for the bill was nothing like it ended up. We need to all look after each other. It’s best to have partners who can look at projects from all angles. Chairman Hopes added that they wanted to be good partners and they wanted to be supportive. Everything the legislature does effects them all in one way or another.

Senator Winterton pointed out the he (and Senator Hinkins) consistently come to Coalition meetings so they can carry back what’s going on. It helps him to be in the know and pass it along. This Coalition is pretty powerful when you look at the land mass and resources it has access to.

Commissioner Ogden added by saying that he, too, appreciated all that Senator Winterton does. This whole matter caught them a little off guard. He hoped they could all communicate better in the future.

Director McKee asked Senator Winterton to verify his understanding that this project would not be funded out of the “Throughput Infrastructure Fund”? The Senator confirmed his understanding. Director McKee thanked him for hearing and listening. He thanked him for finding a solution once he knew there were concerns.

Commissioner Lytle said that Director McKee and Senator Winterton had been his mentors since the beginning, and he still considered them good friends and mentors. He wanted to apologize if anything had been said or done that appeared to minimize the Coalitions respect for him.

Senator Winterton responded; we can’t be short sighted in what we do. Consider this rail. What a heavy lift it has been. For a while no one thought it could be done. But, this Coalition did it! There are still things to accomplish to help the coal industry. They have to figure that out. It’s huge to Carbon, Sanpete, Sevier and Emery counties. The question is how can they help them stay relevant and productive going forward? The research center may be the key to helping with that. He stated that he is looking forward to many good things to come in the next 4 to 5 years.

Commissioner Miles thanked Senator Winterton for coming to the meeting and being willing to accommodate the board. He went on to say that in light of the good Senator’s comments, he would like to make a motion to move on to the next item on the agenda.

As a matter of housekeeping, Commissioner Lytle’s motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Sitterud stated that there was no longer a need for his motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miles to take no action on agenda item 10, seconded by Commissioner Lytle.
Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**12. Discussion and consideration of meeting dates being changed to the 2\(^{nd}\) Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.**

There was a brief discussion concerning possible meeting date conflicts in October or November. Director McKee said he believed he had checked for those. If it ended up there was a conflict it would be dealt with closer to time.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02A changing meeting dates to the 2\(^{nd}\) Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.** was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve Resolution 2022-02A. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**13. Discussion and consideration authorizing the Executive Director to sign a CIB contract for the 3\(^{rd}\) tranche of funding in the amount of $750,000.**

There was no discussion on this item.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02B authorizing the Executive Director to sign a CIB contract for the 3\(^{rd}\) tranche of funding in the amount of $750,000** was made by Commissioner Ogden, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve Resolution 2022-02B. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**14. Discussion and consideration authorizing the Executive Director to sign a contract with the CIB allowing the use of CIB funds for additional rail litigation expenses.**

Director McKee noted that the rail project had received authorization from the Surface Transportation Board (STB). Consequently, the STB decision is being challenged and may result in law suits. Right now, their target is the STB. But the time may come when the Coalition will need to intervene in order to protect these permits. This is a proactive move to make sure they have the funds allocated should they need them in the future. The private party has agreed to match any expenditures up to $500,000.

Commissioner Lytle wanted to disclose that he sits on the CIB board. Commissioner Ogden noted the same.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02C authorizing the Executive Director to sign a contract with the CIB allowing the use of CIB funds for additional rail litigation expenses** was made by Commissioner Grayeyes, seconded by Commissioner Miles.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve Resolution 2022-02C. **The motion passed unanimously.**
15. Discussion and consideration authorizing the Executive Director to sign an agreement with UBRY permitting joint legal defense for rail litigation.

No further discussion on item 15.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02D authorizing the Executive Director to sign an agreement with UBRY permitting joint legal defense for rail litigation** was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Grayeyes.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve Resolution 2022-02D. The motion passed unanimously.

16. **Authorization to increase BLM Cost Recovery amount from $320,000 authorized in Resolution 20921-10C to $342,101 and issue previously approved $100,000 deposit.**

Previously cost recovery moneys were approved for this project (Eastern Utah Regional Connection Project). Subsequently, the project was tabled for a period of time. When it was resumed the BLM increased its cost recovery amount by $22,101 due to inflation. Prior to the project being tabled the Coalition had paid the required $100,000 deposit. BLM returned $98,000 of the deposit money at the time the project was tabled. The Coalition needs to reissue a check for the $100,000 deposit.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02E authorizing the increase of the BLM Cost Recovery amount from $320,000 authorized in Resolution 20921-10C to $342,101 and issue previously approved $100,000 deposit** was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve Resolution 2022-02E. The motion passed unanimously.

17. **Select and approve an auditor/auditing firm to provide auditing services.**

Commissioner Lytle asked how many years the Coalition had been using Aycock and Miles? The response was 2 years. Director McKee stated that there had been a rigorous process seeking an auditor. The only response was Aycock and Miles. But they have previously done a very good job and submitted a reasonable rate. Smuin, Rich and Marsing, our accounting firm, felt very favorable about retaining them.

Commissioner Grayeyes said that with his Tribe there was a limit to the number of years they could use the same auditor. He asked if there was a similar restriction for the Coalition? No one believed there was and the board members were comfortable offering this contract for another 5 years after which they would seek a different auditing firm.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02F selecting an auditor/auditing firm to provide auditing services** was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve Resolution 2022-02F. The motion passed unanimously.

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18. Presentation, approval and adoption of monthly expenses

Kristi Sharp with Smuin, Rich and Marsing presented the monthly expenses to the board in the amount of $172,375.72. Director McKee noted that his invoice was higher than usual. He had used his credit card to pay for the renewal of the service used to keep the federal SAM and DUNS numbers current. These are needed if the Coalition wants to apply for federal grants and monies. There were no questions from the board.

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Motion to approve the monthly expenses in the amount of $172,375.72, was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Lytle.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to approve the monthly expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristi next referred the board to the Balance Sheet as of December, 2021 which showed the assets, liabilities, and equity. On the second page they have the Profit and Loss Statement, the next page showed the breakout by class and this continued for several pages.

Motion to accept the balance sheet and profit and loss statements as presented was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks.

Chairman Hopes called for a vote to accept the financials as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristi noted that, as required by law, she had sent out the 4th quarter Detailed General Ledger. If anyone has not received it please let her know.

And, finally, the board was directed to pages that represent each individual project since inception with a statement showing expenses for each project and the remaining funds. If a project had been closed it shows as being zeroed out. In addition, these pages show any other expenses right up to today’s board meeting. These are for the board’s information and require no approval.

19. There was no need of executive session.

20. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Horrocks.
A motion to approve the February 18, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Grayeyes, seconded by Commissioner Sifferup.

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

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Co-Chair: Greg Miles

Co-Chair: Casey Hopcs

ATTEST:

Heather B. Hoyt

(COALITION SEAL)