



SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION
MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Electronic Meeting

(435) 219-1362

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

Also, in attendance: Mike McKee, Eric Johnson, Brian Barton, Mike Hawley, Kelly Carter, Doug Rasmussen, Kristi Sharp, Melissa Cano, and Heather Hoyt

Attended telephonically: All

Absent:

Others Present: Commissioner Bart Haslem, Commissioner Irene Hansen, Commissioner Greg Todd, Kevin Keller, Keith Heaton, Stan Holmes, Cheryl Meier, Darrell Fordham, David Rasmussen, Deeda Seed, Gawain Snow, Gaylen Stewart, Jonathan Johansen, Kurt Harris, Lionel Trepanier, Nathan Hall, Reed Page, Troy Ostler, and Zac Whitwell (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 introduction** (Casey Hopes)
2. **Public Comment** (Casey Hopes)

Public comment was accepted verbally, during the meeting, and by electronic submission at 7countyutah@gmail.com. Electronic written comments will be forwarded to the Board Members

and summarized in the meeting minutes. A complete copy of any written comments may be requested at the email address provided herein.

Note that for February, 2021, there were no written comments submitted.

Time was turned over to Melissa Cano who gave instruction on how to verbally participate. There were two participants. Their comments were as follows:

Lionel Trepanier:

Today, Mr. Trepanier addressed what he termed “mission failure”. He was referring to the Coalition’s mission to improve quality of life through cooperative regional planning, increased economic opportunity, public services, and sustainable implementation. He noted that during the January 2021 meeting Executive Director McKee stated that planning was essential. Director McKee also stated that the Coalition wanted to be known as an entity that made things happen. Mr. Trepanier believed that the Seven County Coalition (SCIC) had failed at this effort and he didn’t believe they had provided any public services.

He next revisited Budget Resolution 2021-01-04B where the SCIC approved its final budget. He believed there was a discrepancy because the Coalition had submitted its final budget to the State Auditor on December 24, 2020. It was concerning to him that the final budget had been submitted prior to the final budget being adopted on January 4th.

He noted his concern about \$250,000 allocated in the 2021 budget for professional and technical services, \$250,000 for engineering and \$100,000 for legal. He questioned how these monies were being used, believed the people in rural Utah needed services, and that these monies could be put to better use.

Stan Holmes:

Mr. Holmes began by stating that he would like the SCIC to re-affirm its commitment to the original intent of the mineral leasing act’s provision of funds to Utah’s CIB, “the alleviation of social, economic, and public finance impacts on rural communities that result from the fossil fuel extractive industries.” He continued, stating that his belief was that funding large projects like the railroad or a coal export facility were giveaways to the very industry whose local impacts the funds were supposed to mitigate.

He went on to say that he would like to see the SCIC register its opposition to SB176. He believed the bill undermined the original intent of “MLA” (Mineral Lease Act) money.

And, finally, he would like to see the SCIC incorporate recommendations from the 2020 road map into planning for economic development that benefited local communities.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for the January 15, 2021 meeting. (Casey Hopes)

Commissioner Miles offered some corrections, those corrections were noted and will be made.

Motion to approve the January 15, 2021 minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Ogden, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

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

Approved 7-0-0 absent

4. Report on San Rafael Research Lab.

Commissioner Sitterud began by saying that 4 contractors had been identified as a result of the RFP readvertised for the nuclear side of the Molten Salt Lab. They have just recently had a preliminary meeting with the contractors and the bids are now being prepared.

On the coal side, as of a week ago, they have made repairs and are back up and running. They have continued the testing and assessment for DRAX (from England) fuels and hope to be finished today. Once that is complete, they will recalibrate the equipment in preparation for some other testing set to begin in the next week or so. The coal side is very busy.

5. Report on Satellite Transportation Hub.

Commissioner Ogden stated that due to everyone being on “the Hill” for Legislature he had not had many opportunities to get updates. He knows everything is still moving forward. UAC (Utah Association of Counties) and GOED (Governor’s Office of Economic Development) are both now involved in the project. If we can all pull together, we can make this happen.

6. Report on Uinta Basin Railway Project.

Commissioner McKee stated that the railroad EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) Draft Comment period has closed, after having been extended twice. As they move forward, the Surface Transportation Board’s (STB) private contractor, ICS, will take all of this information and develop the final EIS. It is our hope that the final EIS will come out sometime this Spring. He believed this had been a good process and appreciated everyone’s work on it.

Time was turned over to Kevin Keller with HDR. He reported that things were moving forward in a really positive way. They are working with the STB in anticipation of the comments that have been received in response to the Draft EIS. They are also working with several of the Federal Regulatory Agencies like Army Corp of Engineers with the 404 Permit, the State of Utah with the 401 Water Quality Certification, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife on the Section 7 Consultation which will result in a biological opinion. A recent major milestone is the Programmatic Agreement being finalized which is the Section 106 Cultural Historic Preservation

Act document that basically is the culmination of a lot of work in that area. That document is out for signatures at this moment.

7. Engineers Report

Brian Barton stated that most of what he had to report would be covered by Director McKee in his Executive Director's report. They have been involved in railroad contract discussions. He noted that, as Kevin Keller stated, HDR had been doing a lot of work on the rail project. Another thing keeping them busy was strategic communications, keeping the public informed as the rail project moved forward. He noted that Melissa Cano had been doing an incredible job with this. GRAMA requests also keep them quite busy. In the past month they have met with Commissioner Grayeyes, Sitterud, and Ogden on their individual projects.

Mike Hawley noted that the rail budget is approximately 85% complete. They started in 2018 and have moved through the NEPA, environmental documents, initial permitting and applications, everything having to do with the rail project Scope of Work. This has been the biggest rail construction project in the United States for the past 50 years. It has been quite an accomplishment and everyone should be very pleased and proud.

8. Executive Directors Report.

Director McKee began by recognizing all of the cooperation and coordination that had gone in to all of these projects. He noted that there is an amazing team of people helping the Coalition to be successful.

He went on to remind everyone that last month at the board meeting there was discussion about the State certification that had to be renewed annually. They have submitted everything required for 2021, a little on the early side, but it is done and the State has accepted it.

Next, he talked about going to San Juan County to meet with Commissioner Grayeyes. San Juan County has received a water settlement that will help them with their water needs. This will also open opportunities for their transportation needs. Time was turned over to Commissioner Grayeyes.

Commissioner Grayeyes began by stating that there were 3 major projects they were looking at. One of them was constructing a railroad line south to hit an existing east/west rail line near I40. They will have to coordinate with the Navajo Nation as it will travel across the reservation.

The next project has to do with the water settlement agreement between the Navajo Nation and the State of Utah which includes up to 95,000-acre feet of water to be delivered from the San Juan River. They are looking at developing a project that would bring water from the river about 3,000 feet all the way to the top of Piute Mesa. Previously, there had been some preliminary engineering done but it will have to be updated and a plan designed.

It is hoped this water can be used for agricultural purposes. It would help a lot of farmers and farm lands. Many years ago, much of this land was considered prime for growing corn.

The third project would be a road connection between Navajo Mountain and Oljatoh. This is probably only 6 miles of road. The first challenge will be acquiring rights-of-way from the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) through the Navajo Nation. Currently, the biggest obstacle is COVID19. It has been very difficult to arrange meetings and most have been held electronically.

Commissioner Grayeyes requested that the Coalition continue to lend its support to these projects.

Commissioner Miles had some questions for Commissioner Grayeyes:

1. Is the water just for irrigation or is there also culinary water included?
Commissioner Grayeyes responded that there is another project coming online, from the South, with an already established culinary water line that will go to Piute Mesa.
2. Have they consulted with NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) where the primary use for the water is agricultural/irrigation?
Commissioner Grayeyes responded that they have been working with NRCS for quite a while on this project. The Utah NRCS relinquished their oversight to Arizona. The Arizona office is in Flagstaff, which is quite a distance and has made progress a little challenging.
3. As to the proposed rail road line, has there been any planning or engineering done?
Commissioner Grayeyes stated that so far, no planning has taken place that he knows about. At one time in the past there was some costing done for a proposed railroad but at that time the Navajo people objected to a railroad going through their communities. They will be looking at the possibility of coming from Monticello, to Blanding, to Bluff then south to I-40. They still have to get the buy-in from those communities.

Time was turned back over the Director McKee who added that back in the beginning of the Coalition, when each county was asked to identify its key projects, this north-south rail line was identified as a need for the Navajo Nation. It's more of a long-term project but it needs to stay on the list.

Director McKee stated that there is \$220 million dollars that Congress has authorized and a portion of that has been identified to help the Navajo Nation with their water needs. Commissioner Grayeyes added that the State of Utah has committed \$8 million dollars to water and infrastructure development as well.

Director McKee stated that the high level planning the Coalition has been doing to help San Juan County may help them secure some of these funds. The Coalition is in a position to work with the State Legislature to help bridge some of the gaps that otherwise would be obstacles to the Navajo Nation.

Brian Barton supported these comments stating that early planning began back in 2015/2016. At that time the rail corridor was identified as a project and there were feasibility numbers run resulting in a preliminary feasibility report. That report was dusted off a week or so ago and they are working on a plan of attack to further this concept.

Commissioner Horrocks wanted to make sure Commissioner Grayeyes knew that this board supported him and they were prepared to lend whatever support they could to this planning stage.

Commissioner Hopes concurred and hoped the Coalition could help move all of these projects forward. Eric Johnson said that if the board wanted to solidify its support, it could put together a plan and come back for a vote at a future meeting.

Next, Director McKee asked the board to note that Heather's email address (Coalition address) had changed. It now is hhoyt@7County.utah.gov. The other email address, 7countyutah@gmail.com will remain active during the transition period but people should begin using the new email address.

To conclude his report, Director McKee announced his intent to retire as of May 1, 2021. He has served the Coalition, first as a board member when he was a Uintah County Commissioner, then over the past 4 years as the Executive Director. He noted mixed feelings about retiring but cited many family, church, and personal things he wanted to accomplish.

The Commissioners thanked him for all he had done to help grow the Seven County Coalition.

This concluded the Executive Directors report.

9. Discussion and consideration of appointing a hiring committee in response to the Executive Director's retirement announcement and other matters

Commissioner Hopes introduced this discussion stating that a hiring committee should be formed pretty quickly and they should determine the process they want to follow in hiring a new Executive Director. Commissioner Horrocks concurred stating that advertising needed to happen as soon as possible, even within the next week if feasible. Commissioner Ogden stated that he felt the board needed direction from its attorney, Eric Johnson.

Mr. Johnson stated that the job opening needed to be posted with Workforce Services. This was a legal requirement. There can be additional notices posted if the committee desires. This resolution before the board today anticipates appointing a committee of 3 board members. These individuals will not select the new Executive Director but will determine and conduct the process. It is anticipated that the full board will interview and make the hiring decision.

Commissioner Hopes next asked for the names of those willing to serve on this hiring committee. Commissioner Lytle recommended that the committee members should be the 2 Co-Chairs (Commissioner Hopes and Commissioner Miles), along with Commissioner Horrocks. Commissioner Ogden agreed with that recommendation. Eric Johnson was asked to advise and guide the committee through this process. Commissioner Hopes also requested that Brian Barton serve as an advisor to this committee.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-02A appointing Commissioner Hopes, Miles and Horrocks to form a hiring committee in response to the Executive Director's retirement announcement and other matters was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

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

Approved 7-0-0 absent

10. Discussion and consideration of appointing a board member to review Coalition finances.

Director McKee began this discussion stating that Commissioner Hopes had been serving in this capacity, reviewing the finances, for the past year. He had recently been appointed as one of the Co-Chairs for the Coalition and could no longer serve in this capacity. Another board member would need to be appointed.

Commissioner Hopes stated that in this scope of duties he reviews expenditures that have been approved in the board meetings. This includes items posted on the website, checks written, and invoices approved. He does a sampling of the checks and invoices and does not review every single one. It takes him about 45 minutes to an hour.

Doug Rasmussen, the Coalition accountant, concurred with Commissioner Hopes description and suggested it would be best to have someone who lived in close proximity to their Price office. Commissioner Horrocks stated that he thought Commissioner Sitterud would be a good choice. Commissioner Ogden agreed as Commissioner Sitterud lives the closest to the Price office. Commissioner Sitterud accepted.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-2B appointing Commissioner Sitterud to review Coalition finances was made by Commissioner Horrocks, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

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

Approved 7-0-0 absent

11. Discussion and consideration of funding a regional plan for Daggett County.

Director McKee began by stating that planning is essential to all of the counties. There is planning currently taking place in Sevier County. Duchesne and Uintah Counties are in the process of working on a regional plan. Daggett County has a great need to do some planning, also. But, due to their limited size and tax base they do not have the extra funds needed to pay for a plan. If the Coalition is willing to help with this, they would go through an RFP process and select a firm to help them with planning.

Commissioner Lytle said it would really be appreciated, if it could be approved. Director McKee pointed out that planning is an allowable expense with the CIB funds and there are plenty of funds available in the budget for this purpose. Commissioner Lytle went on to say that the timing on this is great as they could work in conjunction with Duchesne and Uintah Counties on a regional plan. With the visitation and growth seen in 2020, Daggett County has some significant infrastructure needs. This would enhance Daggett Counties opportunity for future growth.

Commissioner Miles added that with the 3 counties working so closely together, whatever planning consultant is selected as a result of the RFP process must be able to work with the planners already working on the Duchesne and Uintah County’s regional plan.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-2C to fund a regional plan for Daggett County was made by Commissioner Greyeyes, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Daggett	Board Member	Yes __	No ___	Recused
Duchesne	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Emery	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
San Juan	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Sevier	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Uintah	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	

Approved 6-0-1 recused

12. Discussion and consideration of an agreement to pass through Department of Energy grant funds from Seven County Coalition to Emery County.

Director McKee began by saying that the board had previously approved the pass through of these funds that would come to the Coalition and be passed through to Emery County. The funds originate with a Department of Energy (DOE) grant, paid to BYU. As part of that grant, BYU has a contract with the Coalition but the actual work is being done in the Emery County

Research Center. Attorney Eric Johnson added that in December, when the board first heard about this agreement, it was not mentioned that the funds were coming from the DOE. So, they wanted to make sure the board understood that the funds originated with the DOE and would be passed through to Emery County.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-02D authorizing the signing of an agreement to pass through Department of Energy grant funds from Seven County Coalition to Emery County was made by Commissioner Ogden, seconded by Commissioner Grayeyes.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

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

Approved 7-0-0 absent

13. Discussion and consideration of updates to the Coalition’s rules and regulations.

Time was turned over to attorney Eric Johnson who stated that the Policies, Rules, Regulations and Bylaws of the Coalition were originally adopted in November of 2014. They were updated next in January of 2016. In the fall of 2019 there were a couple of additional updates made. Today we are taking what has previously been approved, making some additional modifications, specifically Section 1.5 concerning the amending of rules and regulations and Section 5.2.2 concerning required notice for the annual budget, and adopting a revised document. As the board is aware, it has been pointed out that our policies differ from the State’s legal requirements. In fact our policies go above and beyond the State’s legal requirements. So, this resolution today will conform the Coalition’s rules and regulations to the State’s legal requirements. Several members of our team have gone over these and made recommendations.

On February 4, 2021, notice of the Coalition’s intent to modify its rules and regulations was given, as required. The intent to modify was noticed on the Coalition’s website and posted at the individual county offices for more than 14 days.

A couple of other changes suggested by Smuin, Rich and Marsing, the Coalition’s accountants, include Section 10.6 which states the budget “shall contain”... they have requested that be changed to the budget “may contain”. Also, Section 11.2, referencing the annual audit, requires “120 days”. They have requested that be changed to “180 days”.

At the request of Director McKee, last December, Mr. Johnson’s office was asked to review whether a local political subdivision (the Coalition) could make actions retroactive and, if so,

under what circumstances. Under *Western Equity vs the City of Logan*, out of the State of Utah, and consistent with research done from other states, as long as there is not a vested right that is being impacted or impaired, particularly when it's procedural, such as the timing on a notice, in this case dealing with a budget notice when there are no vested rights impaired by making such action retroactive, such action is allowed. So, this resolution would make Section 1.5 retroactive and the changes to the budget notice retroactive.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-2E adopting the updates to the Coalition's rules and regulations made by Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Daggett	Board Member	Yes X	No ___
Duchesne	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Emery	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
San Juan	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Sevier	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Uintah	Board Member	Yea ___	No ___ Unavailable

Approved 6-0-1 unavailable

14. Discussion and consideration of a Uinta Basin Railway budget line-item adjustment for a Forest Service tree inventory relating to the EIS and other related matters.

Director McKee stated that from time to time there are budget adjustments that need to be made. In this case, the Forest Service is requesting additional information before the EIS can be finished. Kristy Groves of the Duchesne Ranger District's Forest Service office has indicated that there has to be a tree inventory performed. This concerns trees along the proposed rail right-of-way. HDR has provided an estimate for what it would cost to perform this work. Kristy told him they should be able to do it and not exceed \$75,000. So, today, we are seeking board approval for that expenditure which will result in a budget adjustment. This would be paid out of the contingency fund.

Mike Hawley, with Jones and DeMille, showed the board how this additional adjustment to Task Order 6 would look. He noted that during the course of the rail project there have been a couple of fairly minor overruns. So, taking those into account, plus this tree inventory, the adjusted contingency budget total would be \$1,955,000.

Commissioner Lytle asked about previous cost recovery the board had approved for the BLM and Forest Service. Is it possible this inventory expense could fall within that cost recovery?

Director McKee stated that this is separate from the cost recovery. This is something the Forest Service has identified as a separate expense, taking this tree inventory.

Brian Barton added that this work will quantify the number of trees within the “APE” (Area of Potential Effects). This inventory, once completed, will be given to the Forest Service to review. That’s when the cost recovery monies could be used, when the Forest Service is reviewing this collected data. This will “check” the Forest Service box on the NEPA study.

Commissioner Lytle asked what type of data would they be collecting? Stumps per acre? Age? Class Diversity? Species? What would the Coalition be paying for?

Kevin Keller offered that it’s all of these items suggested by Commissioner Lytle. They are looking at the number of trees, the species, the approximate age of the trees, so they have a foliage inventory for those trees that might be impacted. Once this inventory is complete it will probably be tied to some type of mitigation measure for replacement after construction.

Commissioner Lytle stated that he would like to have additional discussions about this mitigation because some of these areas may already be too dense, as they currently stand, and may benefit from the removal of these trees. In some areas, this may actually improve the health of these sections of the forest by reducing density and disease. The removal in some areas may be helpful.

Commissioner Ogden asked if anybody had checked to see if the Forest Service already had inventories on some of this forest land? He questioned what we were being charged for this and thought someone should check on this.

Kevin Keller said that in this particular area the Forest Service does not have inventories. They have already had this discussion with them. This inventory is actually a requirement before the Forest Service will sign off on the environmental documents that the Surface Transportation Board is producing.

Commissioner Lytle wanted assurance that where there were tunnels, and the vegetation existed on top of the tunnel, these areas were not going to be inventoried. Kevin Keller assured him that was correct. Commissioner Lytle further asked how the inventory would be conducted? Kevin Keller responded that they would use electronic data followed by boots on the ground to verify the findings.

Commissioner Lytle next asked how wide the survey area was going to be? Kevin Keller stated that it would be 1,000 feet, 500 feet on either side of centerline. Director McKee clarified that this does not reflect the width of the Uinta Basin Rail right-of-way. The inventory clearance is a wider swath of the forest.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-02F authorizing a Uinta Basin Railway budget line item adjustment for a Forest Service tree inventory relating to the EIS and other related matters, not to exceed \$75,000, was approved by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Daggett	Board Member	Yes X	No ___	
Duchesne	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Emery	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
San Juan	Board Member	Yea ___	No ___	Unavailable
Sevier	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Uintah	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	

Approved 6-0-1 unavailable

15. Discussion and consideration of monthly expenses

Doug Rasmussen with Smuin, Rich and Marsing presented the monthly expenses to the board in the amount of \$856,009.08. He noted that the board had previously received the supporting documents for the payment of these invoices. There was no input or questions from the board.

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SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION PAYMENT APPROVAL					
February 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.					
Electronic Participation Only					
Checks Currently Being Approved:					
Vendor	Check #	Invoice #	Amount	Description	Grant
Smuin, Rich & Marsing	1827	43363	5,195.75	Consulting Per Contract - January 2021	General
Heather Hoyt	1828	February 8, 2021	1,260.00	Contract Labor	General
Mike McKee	1829	Dec 10-February 12, 2021	114.37	Director's Travel/Expenses	General
Jones & Demille	1830	0124206	4,760.00	Program Management and Engineering	General
Jones & Demille	1830	0124223	11,355.69	Program Management and Engineering	General
ETJ Law	1831	1788	6,084.58	General - Legal Services	General
HDR	1832	1200324120	71,220.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Engineering Services - Phase 2
HDR	1832	1200324120	100,000.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
HDR	1832	1200324124	7,268.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - O&M Planning - Phase 2
HDR	1832	1200324156	40,410.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
HDR	1832	1200324214	323,116.95	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
Jones & Demille	1833	0124207	29,970.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Program Management Services - Phase 2
Jones & Demille	1833	0124207	8,671.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Strategic Communications - Phase 2
Jones & Demille	1833	0124209	61,790.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Program Management Services - Phase 2
Jones & Demille	1833	0124209	17,835.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Strategic Communications - Phase 2
ETJ Law	1834	1789	8,498.75	Uinta Rail Line - Legal Service	Uinta Basin Railway Project - STB Regulatory and Other Legal Services Phase 2
ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc	1835	0152895	62,470.88	Uinta Rail Line - NEPA Consulting	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
ETJ Law	1836	1791	8,968.75	CBD Rail Litigation	Regulatory and Other Legal Services Phase 2
Venable LLP	1837	2315342	62,985.11	Uinta Rail Line - Legal Services	Uinta Basin Railway Project - STB Regulatory and Other Legal Services Phase 2
ETJ Law	1838	1790	18,782.08	Molten Salt/Research Center Facility - Legal Services	Energy Research Center
Emery County LBA	1839	11/12/2020,12/15/2020, 12/30/2020,1/1/21,1/14/2021	5,252.17	Molten Salt/Research Center Facility - Utilities	Energy Research Center
Total Payment Approval			\$ 856,009.08		

Motion to approve the monthly expenses in the amount of \$856,009.08, was made by Commissioner Ogden, seconded by Commissioner Miles.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

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Carbon	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
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Emery	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
San Juan	Board Member	Yea ___	No ___ Unavailable

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, continues as follows:

Sevier	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Uintah	Board Member	Yea X	No ___

Approved 6-0-1 unavailable

Mr. Rasmussen next referred the board to the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020 which showed the assets, liabilities, and equity, along with the Consolidated Profit and Loss and Individual Profit and Loss by Class. Also, included was the detail for each individual 2020 project.

Motion to accept the balance sheet and profit and loss statements as presented for the month ending December 31, 2020 was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

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Emery	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
San Juan	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Sevier	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Uintah	Board Member	Yea X	No ___

Approved 7-0-0 absent

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 funds remaining. If the project had been closed it showed 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.

Also, the board members were emailed a quarterly general ledger detail for the last quarter of 2020. It is a State requirement that each board member receive this information. Roll call was taken to make sure each of the board members had received this information. San Juan and Sevier County Commissioners need to be sent another copy.

This concluded the financial reports.

16. Motion to enter closed (executive) session pursuant to Section 59-1-404 related to real estate acquisition, pending litigation, professional competency and trade secrets was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Lytle at 12:08 p.m.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Daggett	Board Member	Yes X	No ___
Duchesne	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Emery	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
San Juan	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Sevier	Board Member	Yea ___	No ___ Excused
Uintah	Board Member	Yea X	No ___

Approved 6-0-1 excused

NOTE: Using a Zoom break out room the applicable board members and staff joined at a separate electronic location for closed session. The public remained at the original electronic meeting location. The board rejoined the public after closed session was complete.

Motion to leave closed/executive session was made by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Miles at 12:46 p.m.

Roll call vote, to make sure every electronic vote was counted, was as follows:

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Daggett	Board Member	Yes X	No ___
Duchesne	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Emery	Board Member	Yea ___	No ___ Unavailable
San Juan	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Sevier	Board Member	Yea X	No ___
Uintah	Board Member	Yea X	No ___

Approved 6-0-1 unavailable

17. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lytle.

A motion to approve the February 19, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____.

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

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

Approved 7-0-0 absent

Co-Chair: Casey Hopes

Co-Chair: Greg Miles

(COALITION SEAL)

ATTEST:

Heather B. Hoyt