



SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION
MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Electronic Meeting

(435) 219-1362

Board Members Present: Casey Hopes (Carbon County), Jack Lytle (Daggett County, present during parts of the meeting but did not participate in any votes), 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, Heather Hoyt, Melissa Cano

Attended telephonically: All

Absent:

Others Present: Commissioner Bart Haslem, Gregg Healy, Kevin Keller (Please notify staff at 435-219-1362 of any spelling corrections or if you were present and not listed.)

NOTE: Due to the Coronavirus, dial-in participation was offered. Dial-in numbers were as follows:

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1. **Welcome and introduction** (Brad Horrocks)
2. **Public Comment** (Brad Horrocks)

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 the comments can be requested at the email address provided herein.

Time was turned over to Melissa Cano who gave instruction on how to verbally participate. There was no verbal comment made at this time. In addition, there was no written comment submitted for this meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2020 and January 4 2021 meetings.
(Brad Horrocks)

Commissioner Miles offered some corrections on the December 18, 2020 minutes. Those corrections were noted and will be made.

Motion to approve both the corrected December 18, 2020 and the January 4, 2021 meeting minutes by Commissioner Sitterud, seconded by Commissioner Hopes.

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

Approved 6-0-1 absent

4. Discussion and consideration of electing Co-Chairmen for the Coalition Board

Commissioner Horrocks began by stating that he thought the way this had previously been done, with one Co-Chair from the northern part of the Coalition and one from the southern part, had worked well. He added that the thought the Co-Chair concept had worked as well and he was honored to have served the past 2 years with Commissioner Sitterud. He next opened the floor for nominations for the Co-Chair positions.

Commissioner Sitterud nominated Casey Hopes. Commissioner Ogden seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Ogden nominated Greg Miles. Commissioner Sitterud seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Ogden moved that nominations cease. Commissioner Sitterud seconded that. Both nominated candidates accepted.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-1-15A electing Greg Miles and Casey Hopes as Co-Chairmen for the Coalition Board was made by Commissioner Sitterud, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

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

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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 absent

5. Report on San Rafael Research Lab.

Commissioner Sitterud began by saying that the contract with DRAX was going to have to be redone. There was one container of material they were able to begin testing prior to Christmas, but there was some equipment that malfunctioned and the testing could not be completed. In addition, the second container is still backed up in the California port so they still have only received one of the two containers. They will be redoing the contract with DRAX hoping to receive the second container and complete the testing on both containers by the end of February.

As far as the nuclear side of the Lab, the Molten Salt side, they didn't have adequate funding to complete Phase 1 construction so they have rebid the work combining Phase 1 and Phase 2. Hopefully they can find a contractor willing to do the work for the money they have allocated.

6. Report on Satellite Transportation Hub.

Commissioner Ogden stated that there had not been any meetings he had attended and he didn't think there was a lot of movement on the various hubs. Later in this agenda we will hear from Gregg Healy about the Salina Logistics Plan.

7. Report on Uinta Basin Railway Project.

Commissioner Miles did not have a lot to report and so information on this project will be covered during the Executive Director's report.

8. Discussion and update relating to the logistics plan and coal communities (Gregg Healy)

Commissioner Ogden began by introducing Gregg Healy. He had gotten to know Gregg who is with Colliers International as they worked on the Logistics Plan for the Salina Industrial Park. The Park is off of I70 near the I15 interchange. Since Sevier County does not have access to a rail line, Colliers and Gregg Healy are helping them explore how to achieve economic prosperity utilizing the trucking industry. Gregg has been a great asset in helping them to explore options.

Time was turned over to Gregg Healy. He began by saying that Colliers was brought on during the fall of 2020. Their goal is to take a two-part look, one focused on the Salina Industrial Park

and the second the larger Seven County region. They are looking at how they can leverage these areas assets and identify which industries might be best suited for each area. In addition, they are exploring the types of incentives needed to attract industry to each area. Overall, they are exploring ways to achieve the most sustainable growth in this ever-changing environment. What attributes do these communities have that could be leveraged to achieve sustainable growth?

This is all part of their 5-stage process. Right now, they are spending time on the discovery period trying to understand the stakeholders, the areas strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats. They have created a survey which was distributed with the monthly water bills in Salina. They are looking to determine what the community's vision is for the area. They received a lot of feedback that they are now compiling. In the end, whatever they propose should be in alignment with the community's wants. Part of Collier's deliverables will be a Salina logistics plan talking about incentives as well as the types of industries that would be best suited for the Industrial Park site.

As they analyzed incomes for the Salina region there were some nice incomes but most were tied to people who worked in the coal industry. They have performed a SWOT Analysis (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) specifically for the Industrial Park site and one for the region. They looked at the biggest challenges. They examined the biggest threats and how to turn them in to strengths. One significant threat they saw regionwide was the potential loss of the coal industry. Central Utah is really dependent on the coal industry. Some of the best jobs are based around the coal industry. There is a rapidly increasing push to reduce the amount of coal facilities in the West. Already there are facilities in Arizona, Colorado and Montana that are taking manufacturing facilities and converting them to renewable fuels, like Natural Gas. The challenge becomes how do we put together a plan to counter this and maintain good paying jobs?

Gregg stated that they expect to have a report done by the end of March. This threat cannot be ignored. We have a new presidential administration with a change in environmental policies. These changes have been expected but may happen faster than anticipated. The IPP (Intermountain Power Project), a coal fired power plant in Delta, Utah, is expected to shut down in 2025. The new presidential administration has a target date of 2030 to have "clean air" and a lot more of these coal facilities off line. The time to start planning is now if we want to maintain the high standard of living for these rural communities in Central Utah.

Commissioner Ogden has been exploring possibilities for Sevier County with the Inland Port Authority Project but we must look at other industries in this region as well. We must prepare for these changes. The goal of this project is to look at what the next steps might be for Seven County. This body has an opportunity to position itself and embrace this change. Time was turned back to Commissioner Ogden.

Commissioner Ogden thanked the Colliers team for all of their help. He stated that he is concerned about all they've been through and where they are headed. It should be a concern for all of the Coalition counties.

Commissioner Horrocks said he echoed Commissioner Ogden's concerns and believed that was one reason Seven County Coalition was so important. One way or another they are all in the same boat. That is why it's so important they support each other.

9. Executive Directors Report.

Director McKee began by thanking Gregg Healy for taking time to participate in the meeting. Planning is so essential. We want to be known as an entity that makes things happen. In rural Utah a lot of the challenges have to do with economics. Director McKee stated that he appreciated community and legislative leaders who are right on the front line dealing with all of this on a daily basis.

He next took a few minutes to talk about the rail project. Probably the biggest thing that happened this past month was that the STB (Surface Transportation Board) granted conditional approval. This is the first part of a 2-part process. They are still waiting on all of the environmental approvals. The 28th of this month the final comments are due to the STB. People representing all sides of this issue have had ample opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas.

Time was turned over to Kevin Keller who stated that there is a lot of rail activity. As was previously stated, the comment period for the draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is over on the 28th. At that time, they will be going through all of the comments, compiling them, and responding to them where appropriate in preparation for the final EIS document. That will eventually lead to a final board decision. We are very happy with the way this is progressing. We've also started looking at all of the other required State and Federal permits – permits with the Army Corp of Engineers and the Forest Service. A lot of work is being done on the permitting side. There is still a way to go but great progress is being made and we are going to get there.

2021 annual recertification of Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

Director McKee stated that the recertification of the Coalition as an Interlocal Government is required annually by the State of Utah. We have all of the required paperwork filled out for 2021 and submitted. Last year there was some confusion about our paperwork so we had to resubmit 2019 along with 2020. Eric Johnson, the Coalition's attorney, added that with COVID the Governor's staff have been hard to reach as many of them are working from home. But, everything to bring us current has been turned in and they have assured us they will contact us with any questions.

Upcoming revision of rules and regulations for February meeting

Another item for the board is that the need has arisen to revise our rules and regulations. We are currently operating with the ones adopted at the very beginning. We will be sending each board member a copy of the original ones along with the proposed revisions so they can be reviewed prior to the February meeting. As required in the current rules and regulations, we will post our intent to revise these documents at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

February meeting is electronic and not in person

When we adopted the 2021 annual meeting schedule, we noted the possibility of the February meeting taking place in Salt Lake. Heather Hoyt, staff to the Board, was asked to address this. Heather noted that the annual meeting schedule states that due to COVID all meetings would be electronic. But, for February, if that restriction has been lifted and in person meetings are being allowed, then the February meeting would be held at the Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) first floor conference room in Salt Lake City. But since that restriction has not been lifted the February meeting will be electronic. Director McKee added that we just wanted to make sure it was clear to everyone that the February meeting would be electronic.

Director McKee finished by thanking Commissioner Horrocks and Sitterud for the tremendous job they have as Co-Chairmen. Their leadership has left the Coalition in a stronger position. He also stated that he believed Commissioner Hopes and Miles would do a great job and continue to move the Coalition forward in a positive direction.

This concluded the Executive Directors report.

10. Engineers Report.

Brian Barton started by saying he appreciated Gregg Healy and being able to be involved in the work they are doing (Logistic Transportation Study). The GIS data being used for this project comes from data that has been compiled and saved over the years. At times such as these, that data becomes very valuable and saves the Coalition time and money.

As to the rail project he wanted everyone to know they stay very busy assisting Director McKee, tracking the project financials, updating the website, and working with Melissa Cano who does a great job of keeping accurate information available to the public. Another thing we spend a lot of time on is responding to GRAMA requests from the public. We gather information and coordinate the responses with Eric Johnson's office.

As concerns the Natural Gas Plan discussed during the December meeting, each of the board members should be receiving a print copy within the next week or so.

Commissioner Miles thanked Jones & DeMille for the work they do responding to GRAMA requests. He referenced a comment in a prior meeting when it was suggested that someone within the Coalition should be responding to these requests. He wanted to let the public know that the Coalition only has one employee, Director McKee. He has a lot of job duties and consequently this has to be hired out. Jones & DeMille does an exceptional job with this.

That concluded the Engineers Report.

11. Discussion and approval of an amendment to the ICF Contract.

Executive Director McKee reminded the board that ICF is the third-party contractor working with the STB (Surface Transportation Board) preparing documents and compiling public comments. Josh Whalen with the STB contacted us to let us know that we needed to increase the amount available to pay ICF as there was some additional work that was needing to be done to

finish this out. They are requesting an additional \$189,000 beyond what has already been approved and contracted for. Currently, we have contracted with ICF for \$3,082,435.36. This amended contract will be for \$3,671,435.36. There is plenty to cover this already allocated in the budget.

Commissioner Miles asked how we are able to ground truth the work ICF is performing? Do we have any idea as to what kind of job they are doing for us? ICF keeps working and we keep reviewing the bills and paying them, but otherwise how do we know?

Director McKee responded that Alan Summerville, who use to work for the STB, is reviewing their work. As we finalize this process, we will be working with the STB to evaluate what is being done and how much time it is taking. We are doing our best to see that this is a quality process.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-1-15B authorizing an amendment to the ICF Contract was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

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

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

Approved 6-0-1 absent

12. Discussion and consideration of monthly expenses

Doug Rasmussen with Smuin, Rich and Marsing presented the monthly expenses to the board in the amount of \$501,801.01. There was no input or questions from the board.

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SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION PAYMENT APPROVAL					
January 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.					
Electronic Participation Only					
Checks Currently Being Approved:					
Vendor	Check #	Invoice #	Amount	Description	Grant
VOID	1811				
Mike McKee	1806-1810,1812			Director's Pay per Contract	General
Jones & Demille	1813	0124019	1,000.00	I-70 Transportation Corridor EIS- Engineering Program Mgt - Phase 2	State Legislature Funding (UDOT)
ETJ Law	1814	1772	87.50	I-70 Transportation Corridor EIS- Legal Services - Phase 2	State Legislature Funding (UDOT)
Smuin, Rich & Marsing	1815	43191	4,829.15	Consulting Per Contract - December 2020	General
Heather Hoyt	1816	January 7, 2021	1,237.28	Contract Labor/Office Supplies	General
Jones & Demille	1817	0124023	4,000.00	Natural Gas Concept Plan - Engineering	General
Jones & Demille	1817	0124024	9,923.75	Program Management and Engineering	General
ETJ Law	1818	1771	6,630.00	General - Legal Services	General
Utah Media Group	1819	I01304981-12042020	102.50	Legal Ads - Public Notice Budget Hearing	General
Utah Media Group	1819	I01305850-12232020	147.50	Legal Ads - Public Notice Budget Hearing	General
Utah Media Group	1819	I01305885-12242020	157.50	Legal Ads - Public Notice Budget Hearing	General
Utah Media Group	1819	I01306064-12292020	157.50	Legal Ads - Public Notice Budget Hearing	General
HDR	1820	1200317081	89,025.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Engineering Services - Phase 2
HDR	1820	1200317081	80,000.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
HDR	1820	1200317082	33,675.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
HDR	1820	1200317135	22,436.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - O&M Planning - Phase 2
HDR	1820	1200317083	24,855.15	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
Jones & Demille	1821	0124018	63,825.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Program Management Services - Phase 2
Jones & Demille	1821	0124018	17,980.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Strategic Communications - Phase 2
ETJ Law	1822	1775	7,865.83	Uinta Rail Line - Legal Service	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Regulatory and Other Legal Services Phase 2
ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc	1823	0152162	35,564.21	Uinta Rail Line - NEPA Consulting	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Baseline Environmental Services - Phase 2
Venable LLP	1824	2308287	84,124.80	Uinta Rail Line - Legal Services	Uinta Basin Railway Project - Regulatory and Other Legal Services Phase 2
ETJ Law	1825	1773	10,605.42	Molten Salt/Research Center Facility - Legal Services	Energy Research Center
ETJ Law	1826	1774	3,572.92	CBD Rail Litigation	
Total Payment Approval			\$ 501,802.01		

Motion to approve the monthly expenses in the amount of \$501,802.01, was made by Commissioner Hopes, seconded by Commissioner Ogden.

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 6-0-1 absent

Mr. Rasmussen next referred the board to the Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2020 which shows the assets, liabilities, and equity. On the second page they show the Profit and Loss Statement and the next page shows the breakout by class and this continues for several pages.

Motion to accept the balance sheet and profit and loss statements as presented for the month ending November 30, 2020 was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Hopes.

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 6-0-1 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 remaining funds. There are 4 projects with remaining balances. If the project has 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.

One other item is that due to the year end, invoices being submitted right now that have amounts billed for work in December and January must be submitted as separate invoices. If Jones & DeMille could help convey this to vendors it would be helpful.

Kristi Sharp reminded everyone that they would be getting new signature cards for the new Co-Chairs to be able to sign checks for Seven County. Eric Johnson added that the current Co-Chairs are the authorized signers on the account until the new signature cards are signed and submitted to the bank.

13. Motion to enter closed (executive) session pursuant to Section 59-1-404 related to real estate acquisition, potential litigation, professional competency and trade secrets was made by Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ogden at 11:14 a.m.

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

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

Approved 6-0-1 absent

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 Miles, seconded by Commissioner Hopes at 11:42 a.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 __	No ___	Absent
Duchesne	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Emery	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
San Juan	Board Member	Yea __	No ___	Absent
Sevier	Board Member	Yea X	No ___	
Uintah	Board Member	Yea __	No ___	Absent

Approved 4-0-3 absent

14. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hopes.

A motion to approve the January 15, 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: Brad Horrocks

Co-Chair: Lynn Sitterud

(COALITION SEAL)

ATTEST:

Heather B. Hoyt