

Six County Infrastructure Coalition Meeting
Sept. 12, 2014 – 12:00 noon
Carbon County Event Center
Price, Utah

I. Call to Order

Bruce Adams called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

Voting Board members present: Bruce Adams, Mike McKee, Jerry Steglich, Jae Potter, Jeff Horrocks, Ron Winterton

Non-voting Board members present: Charlie Delorme, Mike McCandless, Tami Ursenbach, Brian Raymond, Irene Hansen, Tammie Lucero

*Note – Lynn Jackson was in attendance but not as a member of the Board but as a member of the public.

II. Public hearing on \$5 million dollar allocation.

Bruce Adams, co-chair of the coalition began the public hearing process of the meeting to receive public comment on two pots of money to be considered. The coalition had made application to the CIB for \$5 million in grant to help the six coalition do some mapping of our right-of-ways and to see what currently exist and possible future infrastructure needs are within the six counties. Bruce stated that there is enough extraction going on in these seven counties, we don't want to be late to the party, we need to move forward now. Bruce stated we need to receive the allocation immediately so that we can plan for the future.

Bruce asked for public input on the \$5 million dollar allocation for our immediate needs and for future planning. There were no public comments on the \$5 million dollar allocation. Ron Winterton made a motion to receive the allocation. Jae Potter seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

III. \$50 million dollar set-aside.

Jeff Holt gave an explanation of the reasoning behind asking CIB for \$50 million dollars to be used towards the railroad project. He stated that we have to have a portion of the money ready and available to make the project feasible and that we should save it over 3-4 years. Big projects like the railroad require capital.

Senator Okerlund said it was a great opportunity for the State of Utah to be involved with the six county organizations, and continued by saying it is important to have good fiscal analysis to make sure projects will pay off. He also asked what would happen to the "set-aside" money if the project is not built. He also stated that CIB is the only way for small communities to get their projects financed and was worried that the rail is taking all the funding.

Jeff Holt said there is still additional funding available at the CIB for projects, but also commented that if the rail is built, there will be more money coming into the CIB and therefore more money will be available to every community.

Mike McKee made the comment that CIB projects always take time. He stated that it is very common for CIB funding cycles to be cleared out, but that it always gets replenished for more projects. Getting through the NEPA process on the rail project is crucial to make sure it is feasible financially.

Jeff Holt said that in public private partnerships, the public benefits. We need to make sure the counties get compensated, but also that we have to have "skin in the game". Being able to get a decent return is beneficial to all.

Ron Winterton made a motion to receive the \$50 million allocation. Jae Potter seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

IV. Ratify elected officers of Six County Infrastructure Coalition (SCIC)

Bruce asked for a motion to ratify the officers that were previously voted for in a previous meeting. Jerry Steglich made the motion to approve Bruce Adams and Mike McKee as co-chairs of SCIC. Jeff Horrocks seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

V. Authorization to select railroad legal counsel

Mike McKee discussed the importance of hiring legal counsel for the purpose of moving the railroad forward. The Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad Administration have stated they require applicants to have "rail" legal counsel. Jae Potter made the motion to approve the co-chairs moving forward to hire rail legal counsel. Ron Winterton seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

VI. MOU between SCIC and UDOT

There was discussion concerning the relationship with UDOT and the SCIC regarding ownership of the railroad. Currently SCIC will be the owners of the railroad and UDOT are a currently sponsor of the project. A MOU has been drafted which defines the relationship between SCIC and UDOT. Ron Winterton made a motion to approve the MOU. Jerry Steglich seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

VII. Consideration of "Reimbursement Agreement" between SCIC and UDOT

Mike McKee asked the board to authorize a "reimbursement agreement" between SCIC and UDOT which is an agreement that UDOT will pay up to \$150,000 per year for railroad legal counsel. Jae Potter made the motion to approve the agreement. Ron Winterton seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

VIII. Authorization of Co-Chairs to conduct SCIC business

Mike McKee ask for board approval for the co-chairs to immediately be able to conduct board business which includes hiring legal counsel, technical help and other important matters. Also, all administrative duties/functions were included in this request. Jae Potter made the motion. Ron Winterton seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

IX. Consideration of RFQ for other engineering services

A Request for Qualifications was drafted by Jeff Holt and Heather Hoyt to help SCIC prepare an infrastructure survey plan and was passed out to the board. Jeff Holt explained that this plan is imperative to start big projects which could include pipelines, transmission lines, etc. We will go through the normal RFP processes and each applicant will brought to the full board for approval. Jeff Horrocks mentioned that the AOG's already have the ability to administer programs like this but do not have engineering expertise. Debbie Hatt also said she would volunteer to help with administrative support. Brian Raymond mentioned that it might be beneficial to wait until next meeting to approve. Ron Winterton suggested that we not wait but continue with the normal channels and that all comments should be sent to Tammie Lucero who will compile them and incorporate them into the document. Jae Potter made the motion to approve to RFQ for engineering services. Ron Winterton seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

X. Logo for SCIC

Jae made a motion to table discussion on the SCIC logo until a future meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

XI. Consideration and possible approval of RFP for environmental clearances and related studies for Duchesne & Carbon Co. Pipeline.

Mike McCandless requested that the Board consider an RFP for an environmental clearances and related studies. After considerable discussion, Ron Winterton made the motion to go out with a general statement for private/public partnerships and if an entity seeks funds for services, we need to advertise to meet any legal requirements. Jerry Steglich seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

In addition, Ron Winterton made a motion that SCIC consider any project that would generate revenue. Jae seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

XII. Inter-local Agreements

Eric Johnson explained the inter-local agreements that each of the SCIC members have already signed. Lynn Jackson wondered if being part of SCIC would put counties at any type of "risk". Eric explained that the way the inter-local agreements are structured, the counties are NOT at risk. The group asked Eric to prepare a supplemental contract to authorize Uintah, Duchesne and Carbon Counties, to be the agents for the railroad project. Ron Winterton made the motion to approve the contract. Jae Potter seconded. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

XIII. Other

Public comments

XIV. Meeting adjourned 2:08pm

Michael J. McKee

Six County Infrastructure Coalition
October 3, 2014 – 12:00 p.m. noon
Carbon County Event Center
Price, Utah

I. **Call To Order**

Board Members present: Mike McKee, Casey Hopes, Ron Winterton, Jeff Horrocks, and Warren Blanchard.

Board Members absent: Bruce Adams

Mike McKee welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Jeff Horrocks made the motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting. Ron Winterton seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

II. **Grand County Membership**

Lynn Jackson reported that Grand County is still considering whether or not to join with the Six County Infrastructure Coalition. He stated he should know by our next meeting.

III. **Update on Engineering Services**

Jeff Holt said that the RFQ has been posted on the public website on Sept. 26th and is also in the Deseret News and SLC Tribune. Because of a few hiccups, there was a request to extend and republish until October 24th. It was the consensus of the board to proceed.

IV. **Update on General Solicitation for Public/Private Partnership**

Jeff Holt discussed General Solicitation for public private partnerships. All groups are encouraged to bring projects to us via a letter to the co-chairs. This should be broadly done to insure a fair process. There are already inquiries coming in.

V. **CIB Funding Policy Update**

Mike McKee stated that there has been a misunderstanding regarding funding from the CIB. It is the full intent to continue to fund projects. Some of the projects will be scrutinized a little more, but there is still money available.

VI. **Discussion of general and preliminary project information list required to assess and advance individual projects**

Jeff Holt suggested getting a list of informational items that anyone could use if they had a project to be brought before the Board. A list was handed out that was used for Millard County but could apply to anyone. It would include information on severance taxes, job creation, maps and geography etc. Mike McKee suggested that a booklet be put together so that information can be readily available for our member counties and others. We can use this as a template and add to it as needed. Board members are asked to make comments on the template. Tammie will put the booklets together.

VII. Consideration of Letter of Support

Mike McCandless asked the Board to consider a letter of support for the natural gas line. There is some opposition to the gas line which follows existing roads and right-of-ways into Green River. Mike McKee asked Mike McCandless to draft a letter. Jeff Holt suggested that the Board support alignments, not necessarily a specific project. Eric Johnson said everything Jeff said is wise, but it is more of a political decision than a legal one. Mike McCandless explained that he was concerned that the opposition would get letters that could hurt and that we should state why "these" kinds of projects are good. Lynn Jackson asked that the Board not take a position until Grand County has decided whether or not to join SCIC. Mike McKee said that we want to do things that will not divide us but bring us together. Jeff Horrocks moved to hold off on a decision to write the letter until Grand County has decided whether or not to join SCIC. Ron Winterton seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

VIII. Consideration and possible approval on proposal for a public/private Partnership on DC Express Oil Pipeline

The 670 Group made a presentation requesting funding for engineering services and other. After considerable discussion and advice from legal counsel, it was determined that SCIC is not ready to grant the request at this time. The 670 group decided to withdraw their request. Ron Winterton made a motion to bring a small group of people together, including Eric Johnson our legal counsel, for a special meeting so to find a way to expedite the procedures for RFP's. Jeff Horrocks seconded the motion with an amendment to do it as soon as possible. The Board approved unanimously. The committee will consist of Eric Johnson, Ron Winterton, Tammie Lucero, Mike McCandless, and Jeff Holt. Meeting date and time are October 8, at 10:30 in the Carbon Event Center

IX. Updated demographics for rural Utah

Irene Hansen stated that the demographic information that is available to us is inaccurate and unreliable and many times inconsistent. It would be nice for our group to look at this important issue sometime in the future.

X. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date will be on November 7, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. noon. Carbon Event Center.

XI. **Other Business**

Mike McCandless wanted to know if there is any information available on the "rail project." At his time any information is on UDOT's website. Once the EIS is released, there will be a lot more information and updates available. There was also discussion from members of the public to consider adding "public comment" on the agenda.

XII. **Meeting Adjourned**

Michael J. McKee