



SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION
MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Carbon County Commission Chambers (Anchor Location + Electronic)
751 East 100 North
Price, Utah 84501
(801) 712-7622

Board Members Present: Jared Haddock (Carbon County), Dennis Worwood (Emery County), Greg Jensen (Sevier County), Sonja Norton (Uintah County), Silvia Stubbs (San Juan County), Greg Miles (Duchesne County), and Jack Lytle (Daggett County).

Also in attendance: Keith Heaton, Brian Barton, Stacey Herpel, Michael Hawley, Melanie Sasser, Doug Rasmussen, Tim Stratton, Joel Brown, Connor House, Michael Brown, and Curtis Wells.

Attended telephonically: Kelly Carter, Jay Johnson, Jon Stearmer, Lori Haslem, Candace Powers, Heather Poulsen, Travis Campbell, Lynn Sitterud, Matthew Rowen, Chad Hamblin, Lionel Trepanier, Becky English, Amy, Anne Dal Vera, Cody Deeter, Darryl Davis, David Bennett, Deeda Seed, Fox 13 News, Gary Hanneman, Heidi Jeffery (Foley), Jason Blevins, Jeff Worthington, Joan Entwistle, Joe Reimann, Jonathan Johansen, Joseph Abramson, Judy, Karen Pierog, Kyle Dunphey, Patrick Hunter, Reed Dills, Rikki Hrenko-Browning, Rodney Nielsen, Steve White, Todd Robbins, W. Lefevre, Steve Kuchner, Brandy O'Brien.

Others Present: (Please notify staff at 435-817-0025 of any spelling corrections or if you were present and not listed.)

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June 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance (Greg Miles)

Chairman Miles welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:00 AM. Chairman Miles stated that the anchor location is in Price at the Carbon County Commission Chambers and a satellite location at the State Capitol in Commission Room 450 for today's public hearing. All board members were present with Commissioner Lytle joining later, staff with Jon Stearmer at the capitol, and members of the public in person and virtually. Chairman Miles led the pledge of allegiance and had everyone in attendance introduce themselves and then moved to the second agenda item.

2. Public Hearing for Resolution 2025-05A (Greg Miles)

Public Hearing comment was accepted verbally, during the meeting, telephonically by Zoom, and by electronic written submission at stacey@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. Chairman Miles then turned time over to Brian Barton for those wishing to make public comments on the Private Activity Bond issuance electronically.

*Public Hearing Comments and Minutes are attached.

Chairman Miles thanked Mr. Stearmer, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. Barton for facilitating the public hearing. Chairman Miles asked for a motion to close the public hearing at this time.

Motion to close the public hearing concerning the resolution 2025-05A by Commissioner Lytle and seconded by Commissioner Jensen.

Chairman Miles called for a vote to close the public hearing concerning the Resolution 2025-05A. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Miles stated that this officially closes the public hearing and we will now return to our regular meeting. Chairman Miles then moved to the next item on the agenda.

3. Public Comment (Greg Miles)

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There were no public comments at this time.

Chairman Miles then moved to the next item on the agenda.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025 (Greg Miles)

Chairman Miles inquired about changes or updates to the minutes, there was no discussion or changes at this time. Chairman Miles requested a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Motion to approve May 8, 2025 meeting minutes as written by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.

Chairman Miles called for a vote to approve the minutes with corrections. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Miles then moved to the next agenda item.

5. Utah Mining Association Presentation (Brian Somers)

Chairman Miles turned the time over to Brian Somers for the Utah Mining Association for a presentation. Mr. Somers thanked the chairman and the commissioners for the opportunity to be here to speak to you all. Mr. Somers wanted to recognize some federal delegation staff here, Connor House and Michael Brown, he thanked them for being here today.

Mr. Somers stated that we are in a different place today than we were last year. Last year we were getting a lot of information about the state of our electrical grid. We are in a state where heat waves, storms or other things can cause us to have blackouts, because we have just gotten rid of so much of our base load generation capacity. The people from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), are good with crises and they are showing scary maps about how vulnerable we are. On top of all that, we also have a federal administration that is pushing hard to shut down traditional electrical generation, especially on the coal side. There are new regulations that are coming out of the EPA that are specifically targeting coal-fired generation and things like the Clean Power Plan 2.0 or the Good Neighbor Rule. There were things on mercury, toxic standards and carbon combustion residuals, along with other things that will make it difficult for a coal-fired power plant to continue into the future. We would have been in a scenario where starting as early as 2030 we would have started seeing some of our coal and natural gas plants start to shut down around the country.

Mr. Somers explained that we are in a different world now because we had a federal election and we now have a presidential administration that is supportive of making sure that we are energy independent and that we exploit the national natural resources that we have readily available.

Mr. Somers explained that President Trump signed an executive order that talked about reinvigorating America's beautiful clean coal industry. This is exciting and it gives us the opportunity to make sure that we are using all of the natural resources that we have available for making sure that we are energy independent and that we are not reliant on forms of energy that

are not going to provide the type of stable base load generations that we need and that we are self-sufficient. To make sure that we are using our own natural resources for our power generation and for other purposes.

Mr. Somers stated that they are pursuing more rational policies. When it comes to using our natural resources, one of the first things is economic development incentives that we had back with the territorial legislature in 1854 where they offered \$1000 cash prize for anybody that could find a coal source within 25 miles of Salt Lake City. Eventually they funded Coalville, the coal industry was developed right here in central Utah and that coal industry has been powering our economy for a long time. The legislature has also been great at making sure that we are exploiting all of our natural resources, including our critical minerals, including oil and gas. Our agricultural production has always been supportive of this. Over the last few years we have seen expansion and in terms of the public support for our natural resources industry with things like the mineral exploration tax credit, which was passed by the legislatures, helps bring exploration and other capital dollars here to the state for our mining industry.

Mr. Somers stated that in this last legislative session the legislature called on the private industry to put together a state critical mineral strategy to make sure that we are taking a leadership position. We have seen major expansions of the high cost infrastructure tax credit which is critical for some of these large scale projects, like economic development, tax increment financing, education TIF, which was expanded a few years ago by Representative Albrecht, mining, the Inland Port Project areas which provide other financing opportunities, and then the work that Seven County is doing. This has led to Utah being named the number one state for mining. There is a survey that comes out every year from the Fraser Institute, which is a Canadian think tank and Utah was named the number one state for mining by mining executives. People that are making these kinds of investments and operational decisions and that was based both on Policy Perception Index, meaning we have mining friendly policies and natural resource friendly policies, and also the Investment Attractiveness Index, meaning that you can come here and actually make money on these very complicated and high capital cost projects.

Mr. Somers stated that we have been blessed here in Utah on the natural resource side because we have so many different types of natural resources that we can take advantage of. A lot of this meeting has been spent talking about oil and gas and that is a huge resource for us on the mineral side. We have all kinds of minerals. We have actually got 40 to 50 critical minerals that are on the current interior list and a lot of other minerals, industrial minerals, hard rock minerals, minerals that we use every day and that really are the basis for our modern economy and quality of life. This is a huge industry here in the State of Utah. One of the best economic development studies that we have on this are economic impact studies that was done by USU a couple of years ago and actually combines the energy and extractive industries and it shows that it has almost an \$23 billion economic input, economic contribution, and GDP contribution here in the state, which is about 10% of our states GDP, we account for the energy and extractive industries for

about 20% of our state tax revenue. About 162,000 combined direct and indirect jobs, these are jobs that pay very well. These have community and family sustaining wages and so here in Carbon County, there are about 102% higher than the average in Grand County, and 115% of 64% in Duchesne County. In a lot of the counties that you represent, you are seeing that these are the types of jobs that really provide that stability and the basis for supporting communities that you lead.

Mr. Somers stated that he wanted to talk about the coal industry and some of the challenges that we are facing. Utah is a coal powered state. Right now you are looking at about 55% of our power that comes from coal-fired generation and then about another 30% that comes from natural gas. Utah is a fossil fuel powered state and one of the benefits of that is again not only using our own resources to provide and create energy, but also has led to some of the most stable energy and low cost electricity in the nation. That has really been a benefit as we are trying to build up our economy and allow for these heavy industries to and manufacturing and all the other things needed for stable and low cost energy to grow the economy. The legislature has done a good job in making sure that we are protecting our generation assets here and our energy assets. This has come through a three pronged strategy. One is plant protection, making sure that the actual plants that are generating electricity are protected. Producer protection, meaning that the people that are providing the fuel that goes into those power plants, regardless of coal or natural gas, protect it and have the opportunity to thrive. Then to make sure that our state energy policy is rational and that we are protecting ourselves against sending encroachment from other states that may have different ideas about energy production and justified federal action, there have been a number of bills over the last few years that have worked on that and part of the real success that we can see is that you know our four major coal-fired power plants.

Mr. Somber stated that the bonanza plant that is out in the basin, they are going to be installing some emission controls in the next number of years that will allow that plant to continue operating for a long time into the future of the two major plants in central Utah. The largest success is the IPP, the amount of power plants is now on a trajectory to be saved and to have the state actually take over that plan and then put out RFPs for long term operating contracts. So that the plan can now be used to provide power for Utahns and not provide power for Southern California.

Mr. Somers stated that on the fuel production side, we are seeing some real progress with the fact that Utah is opening up a new longwall coal mine, the fossil rock mine in Emery County. There are not a lot of states that are opening up coal mines, so we are excited about this. We are expecting them to be up to full production late this year or next year. One of the opportunities that we have on the energy front is with our power plants being protected, that is a critical first step, but also finding ways to utilize those plants more effectively. Usually power plants are only being utilized somewhere between 40-60%, part of that is because there is some price arbitrage with natural gas, but some of that is also the fact that we are having to keep our plants ramping

down during the day so that we can take this influx of federally subsidized renewable energy that comes at us and finding ways to deal with that influx and be able to let them turn our coal plants up and let them run at full steam, which is really the way that they were meant to run. This will provide a lot of electrons to help us deal with the growth in energy demand that we are seeing both from data centers and manufacturing and just our population growth. We have a lot of latent capacity that we are not utilizing and that would be great not only for our local fuel producers, but also for getting more of those low priced electrons onto the system.

Mr. Somers explained that some of the challenges that they are having on the fuel side is that about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the revenue of the coal industry has come from coal exports and right now we export about a $\frac{1}{3}$ of our coal to Japan, so there are opportunities for growth in the Southeast Asian market and from other industrialized countries like South Korea, India and others that want the high BTU and most sulfur loach coal we have here in Utah. Utah coal is premium on the international market because it is such good coal. We command a premium that you know the people of the Population Reference Bureau (PRB), Wyoming and other surrounding states just cannot get and the Japanese only want our coal. This is a great opportunity for Utah and the problem that we are having is with the actual export function. Right now we are exporting coal through this sort of process we do in California where we use the port of Stockton, the Port of Richmond. The Port of Stockton has a lot of storage area, but it is not a deep water port, so you cannot fill a ship up all the way. So the ships are filled about halfway and then we have to float them up river to the port of Richmond, in the Bay area, which is a deep water port, but they cannot store enough, so they are sent to Richmond where they get topped off and then sent to Japan.

Mr. Somers explained that the current problem is that a lawsuit from the City of Richmond that was funded by the Sierra Club, the Port of Richmond signed an agreement that will have them stop handling coal and Petro Coke after 2026, so we are losing the port of Richmond after 2026. It is not going away and that is going to make using the port of Stockton uneconomical and there is not another port option in California. We have looked at a number of different ports over the last few years and this is something that the state recognized again a long time ago was going to be a problem. The legislature back in 2016 set aside money for Utah to participate, either in actually building a new deepwater port or improving an existing port, or buying a throughput. This was directed at a project at the Port of Oakland. This has been in litigation for the past 10 years and the City of Oakland has lost every single lawsuit that it has brought both federal and state level, but they keep filing a new lawsuit and they do not plan to stop. So, Utah has started looking at other potential port opportunities and the state looked at the port of Ensenada in Mexico. Now the problem is that there is 60 miles of rail from the board to the port of Ensenada that does not exist. It would have to be built and it would be difficult to build. There is the port in Eureka, California, there is about 100 miles of rail that would have to be rehabilitated and again in opposition to the locals and the Millennium Bulk terminal on the Columbia River in Washington, AP Project, that was basically shut down by the Governor of Washington using

some of his powers under the Clean Water Act which drove the port operator into bankruptcy. We do not have a lot of great opportunities with existing port projects or planned port projects, so we are looking to find other potential export opportunities. We are specifically looking for opportunities in Mexico and existing ports within Mexico where they are wanting to have a United States business. They are wanting to handle this kind of natural resources that we have to offer and where we can actually work with United States companies that are already operating in Mexico.

Mr. Somers explained that any public funds that would be used for these separate projects would not be going directly to the Mexican government or Mexican port operators, but to United States companies that would have those contract arrangements with Mexican port operators.

Mr. Somers thanked the board and stated that he appreciates the opportunity to come and talk to the board about this, he would welcome any questions that the board might have at this time.

Chairman Miles stated that this is the time when we need to ramp up energy production more than any other time in United States history. This process has been hamstrung and there is no way we have been told there is no way that we could possibly build enough battery backup storage to switch to renewable energy.

Mr. Somers replied that one thing to keep in mind is if you saw what happened in Spain a few weeks ago, you not only have to have the actual electrons available, but you also need that spinning reserve that keeps the inertia in the system to keep the grid stable. If you take away that base load or spinning reserve that we have with coal fire, natural gas, nuclear, or with geothermal. Those firm power options that we have is that the battery backup doesn't provide that spinning reserve that you need to keep the grid stable. So that is something that you need to keep in mind and where Utah has done a good job at understanding that and protecting the resources that we have.

Chairman Miles thanked Mr. Somers for the presentation and appreciated him for what they do and for the dialogue and these types of topics need to continue to be talked about. Chairman Miles asked if there were any other questions.

Seeing none, Chairman Miles moved on to the next agenda item.

6. Utah San Rafael Energy Lab Update (Keith Heaton)

Chairman Miles turned the time over to Director Heaton for the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab at this time. Director Heaton thanked the chairman and stated that Mr. Sitterud is with us virtually and wanted to thank him for representing Seven County this past year on the Board of Directors for the Energy Research Lab and that we appreciate his service.

Director Heaton stated that as we talked about previously, and Mr. Sitterud had mentioned this as well, that the legislature changed the structure of the Energy Lab in general. The board no longer exists. We had a good meeting with the Director of Energy. Our interpretation of how things are operating in House Bill 249 is that it created several different boards. It seems the primary board is the Utah Energy Research Board which replaced the original board in which we were represented. Director Heaton stated that he did have a follow up conversation with Jeremy Pearson, former director of the Research Lab, and he is working to get seats on the board for both the Carbon and Emery counties.

Director Heaton stated that now the State has the Utah Energy Research Board, The Utah Energy Council, and the Nuclear Energy Consortium. We are unclear of the rules on each of those entities and how they will function. It is outlined somewhat in the legislation. We know that Jeremy Pearson is now with the Utah Advanced Nuclear Institute, which is based out of the University of Utah. NuCube Energy has signed an agreement to develop their modular reactor at the Energy Lab.

Director Heaton stated that the Governor, Legislation, and other state leaders recognize the importance of what is happening at the lab and what is happening with energy, including nuclear energy.

Chairman Miles invited Lynn Sitterud to comment.

Mr. Sitterud thanked the chairman and stated that the Energy Lab was born with Seven County and it is still a part of Seven County. We would like to have more control, but I think that it is in a position where it is going to grow and flourish, which is what we wanted it to do originally.

Director Heaton appreciated Mr. Sitterud and all the time he invested in the Energy Lab and it is a great thing for the State of Utah. He will continue to monitor the situation and stay involved as much as he can and hope that there is a role for us moving forward.

Chairman Miles asked if there were any other questions for Director Heaton or Mr. Sitterud? Being none he moved to the next agenda item.

7. County Project Updates (Board Members)

Chairman Miles stated that he will turn the time over to the board members for any project updates at this time.

Chairman Miles stated that he is sure that everyone has seen the Supreme Court decision on the Uinta Railway case. We are happy with the outcome and we felt like this is not just a win for the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition and our counties in the State of Utah, but a win for the United States.

Chairman Miles stated that he appreciated the comments from Chairman Wells about what the oil is used for. There are a lot of things that oil does for us in our life. Oil is pretty important that we as a nation continue to use it, but there are other added benefits. The waxy crude is used in a lot of other petroleum based products, cellphones, glasses, and make-up. It is an added benefit for our ranching and farming communities, its in vehicles, fertilizer, and scrap iron. The list could go on. The list is 2 pages long of things that people take for granted.

Chairman Miles stated that this is a wonderful project and you would be hard pressed to find a project of this magnitude that has universal support. Chairman Miles thanked the other six counties for their support in this project, but it goes higher than that. From every Mayor that lives in the Uintah Basin, 21 Commissioners, Senate President, Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor, federal delegation, local state senators and representatives, to the President of the United States. You will never find a project where there is this broad of support. The possibilities are huge for the life of the Uintah Basin and residents. We all still have a lot of work to do and we look forward to that work and we are happy that we are able to see the ball continue to move forward. Thank You.

Commissioner Stubbs stated that they are continuing with meetings in regards to the possibility of putting in a well and then Mexican Hat will pipe the water to Halchita. There is still more work to be done.

Commissioner Stubbs stated that the Navajo Chapters had a meeting about the Navajo Mountain Road and they are worried about the costs and that the costs keep going up.

Chairman Lytle then moved to the next agenda item.

8. Executive Director Report (Keith Heaton)

Chairman Miles turned time over to Executive Director Heaton for the director's report. Director Heaton thanked the chairman and congratulated him on the Supreme Court decision that was unanimous. This is no small thing and most of you have been put through the ringer serving on this board as well as those that came before us. There is still much to be done, but that should not get in the way of us celebrating this victory. This is a major milestone, not just for this project but for any infrastructure in this country.

Director Heaton stated that Melissa could not be with us today, but wanted to thank Melissa for the great work that she did when this announcement came out. We had dozens of media queries that we had to respond to. He knows that each of the board members had their own that they needed to respond to and he appreciates the good work that everyone did. We hope we prepared everyone adequately. The director did a number of radio interviews live and one or two TV spots. So he wanted to thank everyone and he is sure that we will expect more media activity on this and we are grateful for Melissa and her expertise in this area. Director Heaton wanted to

recognize Chairman Wells from the Community Impact Board for being with us and for his kind words and for the excellent work that they are doing on that board. Director Heaton appreciated Brian Barton and Commissioner Jensen, who represented the coalition perfectly at the most recent CIB meeting and appreciates CIB's support.

Director Heaton stated that one of the reasons he did not attend the Community Impact Board meeting was that he made a trip to Washington DC, anticipating some action from the White House, but it still remains up in the air. He appreciates the commitment that each of the board has with what we are trying to accomplish.

Director Heaton mentioned some projects in San Juan County, there are conversations with Energy Fuels and they have several projects. As mentioned last month, a gas line, they are also interested in transportation options to accomplish their objectives. Many people recognize that energy is not just a buzzword, it is our future and if we don't act now we will be left behind both as a state and as a country.

Chairman Miles thanked Director Heaton and appreciates all the work he has done. Chairman Miles then called for any additional questions for Director Heaton. Chairman Miles then moved on to the next agenda item.

9. Engineers Report (Jones & DeMille)

Chairman Miles turned the time over to Brian Barton with Jones & DeMille for the Engineers Report. Mr. Barton stated that it is fun to be on the engineering side to begin to move into what is next after what the Supreme Court with the implementation phase of the project?

Mr. Barton stated that next steps are continuing with planning discussions, reviewing requirements and standards. It is fun to be transitioning into more of the technical side.

Mr. Barton stated that he appreciated Commissioner Stubbs going over the San Juan County work, Dan Hawley is out sick today and cannot join us. He is sure Mr. Hawley would have some additional insights to share, but there is good momentum and discussions there.

Mr. Barton stated that the support from all the new commissioners, with all of the initiatives and efforts that are going on within the counties, the coalition is doing really important things and we just appreciate your insights. We sent our summary earlier this week, we invite any questions at this point.

Chairman Miles thanked Jones & DeMille for their update and all the work they have been doing. Chairman Miles asked if there were any more questions about the Engineering Report, seeing none, he then moved on to the next agenda item.

10. Liability Expense to Carbon County (Greg Miles)

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Chairman Miles turned the time over to Doug Rasmussen to go over the liability expense to Carbon County. Mr. Rasmussen thanked the chairman and explained that we do have a liability amount that is due to Carbon County that was actually before our time, but there had to be some funding that was put together in order to pay for circumstances when we actually started the coalition, Carbon County had some funds available and that has stayed as a liability on the books ever since in the amount of \$10,100.

Mr. Rasmussen stated that after the sale of an asset we have some funds available to pay that money back to Carbon County.

Motion for the approval of the liability to Carbon County in the amount of \$10,100 to be paid was made by Commissioner Jensen seconded by Commissioner Lytle.

Chairman Miles called for a roll call vote.

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Carbon Board Member	Yea ____	No ____ (recused)
Daggett Board Member	Yea <u>X</u>	No ____
Duchesne Board Member	Yea <u>X</u>	No ____
Emery Board Member	Yea <u>X</u>	No ____
San Juan Board Member	Yea <u>X</u>	No ____
Sevier Board Member	Yea <u>X</u>	No ____
Uintah Board Member	Yea <u>X</u>	No ____

The motion passed unanimously with Carbon County recused.

Chairman Miles thanked Carbon County and stated that they have been excellent hosts of this organization and would like to make mention that they have been wonderful and very supportive. He then moved to the next agenda item.

11. Presentation, Approval and Adoption of Monthly Expenses (Smuin, Rich & Marsing)

Chairman Miles turned the time over to Doug Rasmussen for the presentation, approval and adoption of monthly expenses. Mr. Rasmussen presented the financial information and requested payment approval today. He went on to request payment approval amounting to \$121,124.49. If there is any discussion or review of any items included in the payment request today, he is happy to entertain or discuss those individual line items.

Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION PAYMENT APPROVAL

June 12, 2025 at 10:00 am

Carbon County Commission Chambers

751 East 100 North

Price, UT 84501

Expenses Previously Approved by Board :

Vendor	Check #	Invoice #	Amount	Description	Grant

Checks Currently Being Approved:

Vendor	Check #	Invoice #	Amount	Description	Funding Source
VOID	3086				
VOID	3200				
Smuin, Rich & Marsing	3201	52710	6,123.64	Consulting Per Contract	General Grant
Keith Heaton	3202	37	158.18	Director's Travel and Admin Expenses	General Grant
Stacey Herpel	ACH	0525	2,152.62	Contract Labor	General Grant
Public Employees Health Program	3203	542633	1,760.10	Insurance Premiums - June	General Grant
Health Equity	3204	u3dc14g	2.10	HSA Administration Fees - May	General Grant
Health Equity	3204	9ph3u92	2.10	HSA Administration Fees - June	General Grant
Jones & DeMille	3205	0137824	10,633.10	Program Management and Engineering	General Grant
Jones & DeMille	3205	0137839	3,300.00	Program Management and Engineering - Jensen Unit Pump Station Planning	General Grant
Kunz PC	3206	269	3,973.80	General - Legal Service	General Grant
Kunz PC	3206	271	1,750.00	General - Legal Service - EPA Ozone Matter	General Grant
Kunz PC	3207	270	6,150.00	Uinta Rail Line - Legal Service	Uinta Basin Railway Project Grant - STB Regulatory and Other Legal Services - Phase 2
Venable LLP (1/2 Invoice)	3208	2820031	10,000.00	Uinta Rail Line - Litigation Challenges to STB Decision	Uinta Basin Railway Project Grant - STB Regulatory and Other Legal Services - Phase 2
Stratton Law Firm PLLC	3209	134	16,680.00	Uinta Rail Line - Legal Services - PAB	Uinta Basin Railway Project Grant - STB Regulatory and Other Legal Services - Phase 2
Clement & Murphy PLLC	3210	2039	6,439.50	Uinta Rail Line - Legal Service for Supreme Court Appeal	Uinta Basin Railway Project Grant - STB Regulatory and Other Legal Services - Phase 2
Jones & DeMille	3211	0137840	19,500.00	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project Grant - Program Management Services - Phase 2
Jones & DeMille	3211	0137840	22,199.35	Uinta Rail Line - Engineering	Uinta Basin Railway Project Grant - Strategic Communications - Phase 2
Jones & DeMille	3212	0137825	4,000.00	Navajo Water Settlement - Engineering	Division of Drinking Water
ETJ Law	3213	3058	2,537.50	Molten Salt/Research Center Facility - Legal Services - December	Energy Research Center
ETJ Law	3213	3065	175.00	Molten Salt/Research Center Facility - Legal Services - January	Energy Research Center
ETJ Law	3213	3091	2,362.50	Molten Salt/Research Center Facility - Legal Services - February	Energy Research Center
ETJ Law	3213	3103	1,225.00	Molten Salt/Research Center Facility - Legal Services - March	Energy Research Center
Total Payment Approval			\$ 121,124.49		

Motion to approve expenses for May in the amount of \$121,124.49 was made by Commissioner Norton seconded by Commissioner Worwood.

Chairman Miles called for the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Rasmussen then reviewed the balance sheet which was completed by May 31, 2025. It shows the total assets and liabilities of the Coalition with the second page showing profit and loss statements for May. We also have included a profit/loss by class which shows the funding and expenditures by project. We have detailed information for activity that has happened through May by project as well. He then asked if there were any questions regarding the financial information.

Motion to approve the financial report for May was made by Commissioner Haddock seconded by Commissioner Jensen.

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Chairman Miles called for the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Rasmussen stated for information purposes only, then reviewed the project sheet. This does not require any approval from the Coalition. He stated that this concluded the financial update to the Coalition.

Mr. Rasmussen stated that due to the problems with fraudulent charges in the old account, an email was sent out to the commissioners' explaining what had happened, so with that understanding and with their agreement to this process we have changed to a new checking account for the coalition. The process is not completed yet because we do have some ACH deposits that we need to get changed. Moving forward, we do have a new checking account that they implemented with the coalition. Melanie just caught another charge trying to go through the old account yesterday, we have had to leave it open because of checks that have been issued and not cleared yet. Once all of that activity is done, then they will close that account.

Mr. Rasmussen stated that the fourth item under the financials, per direct deposit is there were some problems and Stacey's check still has not arrived. We are proposing a direct deposit for Stacey going forward so we do not have this issue in the future.

Motion to approve a direct deposit for Stacey was made by Commissioner Haddock seconded by Commissioner Worwood.

Chairman Miles called for the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Miles thanked Smuin, Rich & Marsing for their work efforts and moved to the next item on the agenda.

12. Motion for closed (executive) session pursuant to 52-4-205 (Litigation, personnel, real estate acquisition, &/or character/professional competency). (Greg Miles)

Chairman Miles then requested a motion for a closed session.

Motion to move into closed session for litigation was made by Commissioner Lytle seconded by Commissioner Worwood.

Chairman Miles called for a roll call vote to move into closed session. Motion passed; closed session began at 12:24 PM.

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Carbon Board Member Yea X No

Daggett Board Member Yea X No

Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

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

Chairman Miles requested a motion to move back into open session and exit the closed session.

Motion to move out of closed session was made by Commissioner Lytle with a second by Commissioner Jensen.

Chairman Miles called for a roll call vote with motion passing at 1:44 PM.

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon Board Member Yea X No

Daggett Board Member Yea 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

19. Motion to Adjourn (Greg Miles)

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lytle at 1:45 PM.

Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

A motion to approve the June 12, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Haddock, seconded by Commissioner Worwood.

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon Board Member	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Daggett Board Member	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (Excused)
Duchesne Board Member	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Emery Board Member	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
San Juan Board Member	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Sevier Board Member	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Uintah Board Member	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Co-Chair: Greg Miles

Co-Chair: Jack Lytle

(COALITION SEAL)

ATTEST:

Stacey Herpel