



WEST VIRGINIA

Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

APPROVED

A meeting of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (Council) was held **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council Public Hearing Room at 1009 Bullitt Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Quorum

A quorum was constituted of the following members present:

Chair Ann Urling, Governor's Office

Voting members present:

Marie Prezioso, WV Water Development Authority
John Reisenweber, Vice-Chair
Kathy Emery, WV Dept. of Environmental Protection
Stephanie Hickerson, WV DHHR-Bureau for Public Health
Charlotte Lane, WV Public Service Commission
Erica Boggess, WV Housing Development Authority
Kris Warner, WV Economic Development Authority

Voting members (by phone):

Matthew McComas, Public Member
Don Rigby, Public Member

Voting members not present:

Louis Spatafore, Public Member
John Boyle, Public Member

Advisory Members not present:

Senator Glen Jeffries
Senator Chandler Swope
Delegate Brent Boggs

Invitees present:

Todd Hooker, WV Development Office
David Cramer, WV Division of Highways

Invitees not present:

Roger Earle, WV DEP – Abandoned Mine Lands
Lesli Stone Smith, US Army Corp. of Engineers
James Bush, WV ARC
Tracy Rowan, US Economic Development Authority
Alan Harris, USDA
Janna Lowery, USDA

Others in attendance:

Wayne Morgan, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Kristi Ritchie, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

Brandon Crace, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Samme Gee, Jackson Kelly PLLC
Jonathan Fowler, WV Public Service Commission
Brock Jarrett, WV Water Development Authority
Amanda McGinnis, WV Rural Water Association
Chris Negley, Shuma McCuskey, Slicer PLLC

Others in attendance by phone:

Mike Duminiak, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Randy Lengyel, WV Water Development Authority
Cindy Williams, WV Water Development Authority
Jeff Brady, WV DEP
Michael Griffith, Griffith & Associates
Whytni Cline, Jackson Kelly PLLC
Lesley Taylor, Region 4 Planning & Development Council
Carrie Smith, Region 7 Planning & Development Council
Kylea Radcliff, The Thrasher Group

Call to Order

Chair Ann Urling called the meeting to order and noted a quorum is present.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Urling asked for approval of the draft minutes of **February 2, 2022**.
Charlotte Lane moved for approval and John Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Projects Recommended to
Pursue Infrastructure Fund
Assistance:**

Canaan Valley PSD (2015S-1604) Line Extension – District 1 (Cost and Funding Change)

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Canaan Valley PSD pursue a \$1,000,000 CWSRF Debt Forgiveness Loan, a \$1,905,000 CWSRF Loan (0.75%, 30 yrs., 0.25% AF), and a \$500,000 IJDC District 1 Grant for an estimated cost of \$3,405,000.

There was a discussion regarding the percentage of increase. Kylea Radcliff (The Thrasher Group) offered an explanation.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greater Harrison County PSD (2021S-2053) Woodstock Heights Extension – District 1 (New Application)

Ms. Emery described the application, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Greater Harrison PSD pursue a \$500,000 CWSRF Debt Forgiveness Loan and a \$500,000 IJDC District 1 Grant for an estimated project cost of \$1,000,000.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nutter Fort, Town of (2021S-2059) System Improvements – District 1 (New Application)

Ms. Emery described the application, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Nutter Fort pursue a \$1,000,000 CWSRF Debt Forgiveness Loan and a \$1,000,000 IJDC District 1 Grant for an estimated project cost of \$2,000,000.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD (2021S-2051) Holly Gray Park Extension – District 2 (New Application)

Ms. Emery described the application, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD pursue a \$1,815,000 ARC Grant, a \$200,000 USDA Grant, a \$1,900,622 USDA Loan (1.75%, 38 yrs.), a \$250,000 Braxton County Commission Grant, a \$300,000 IJDC District 2 Grant, and a \$350,155 IJDC District 2 Loan (2%, 30 yrs.) for an estimated project cost of \$4,815,777.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD (2021W-2043) Old Route 19 System Improvements – District 2 (New Application)

Stephanie Hickerson described the application, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD pursue a \$500,000 IJDC District 2 Grant and a \$1,300,000 IJDC District 2 Loan (2%, 30 yrs.) for an estimated project cost of \$1,800,000.

There was a discussion regarding the two Flatwood Canoe projects being separate projects.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Romney, City of (2020W-1881) System Improvements – District 2 (Scope, Cost and Funding Change)

Ms. Hickerson described the application, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Romney pursue a \$758,000 USDA Grant, a \$1,687,000 USDA Loan (1.87%, 38 yrs.), a \$500,000 IJDC District 2 Grant, and a \$200,000 IJDC District 2 Design Loan (2%, 30 yrs.) for an estimated project cost of \$3,145,000.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bluewell PSD (2016W-1629) Browning-Lambert Mountain Extension – District 3 (Cost and Funding Change)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Bluewell PSD (District) pursue a \$1,449,000 USDA Grant, a \$2,481,000 USDA Loan (1.375%, 40 yrs.), and a \$500,000 IJDC District 3 Grant for an estimated cost of \$4,430,000.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pineville, Town of (2020W-1891) System Improvements – District 3 (Funding Change)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Pineville pursue a \$550,000 (1%, 30 yrs., 0.25% AF) DWTRF Design Loan, a \$75,000 Local Contribution (\$50,000 Pineville & \$25,000 Wyoming County Commission), a \$500,000 IJDC District 3 Grant, a \$2,218,283 IJDC District 3 Loan (2%, 30 yrs.), a \$5,000,000 US EDA ARPA EAA Grant for an estimated project cost of \$8,343,283.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Projects Recommended to Pursue Funding Sources Other Than Infrastructure Fund Assistance:

Parkersburg Utility Board (2019S-1841) Hill Avenue Extension – District 1 (Cost and Funding Change)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review & Funding Committee recommends the City of Parkersburg pursue a \$1,600,000 CDBG (SCBG) Grant.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Spencer, City of (2020W-1912) System Improvements – District 2 (Cost and Funding Change)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Spencer pursue a \$1,200,000 CDBG (SCBG) Grant.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cool Ridge-Flat Top PSD (2021W-2057) Ellison Ridge Extension – District 3 (New Application)

Ms. Hickerson described the application, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Cool Ridge-Flat Top PSD pursue a \$1,142,000 US EDA Grant and a \$800,000 ARC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$1,942,000.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Hillsboro, Town of (2020S-1902) System Improvements – District 3 (Cost and Funding Change)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Hillsboro pursue a \$486,300 CDBG (SCBG) Grant.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Projects Requesting an
Infrastructure Fund
Binding Commitment:**

Kingwood, City of (2022W-2078) System Improvements – District 1 (PFA Binding Commitment Extension)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Kingwood receive a \$17,500 PFA Funds Binding Commitment.

There was a discussion regarding who can approve the smaller amounts in a more streamlined approach to expedite the funding. Ms. Prezioso noted policies are being reviewed.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kanawha PSD (2016S-1625) Lens Creek Extension – District 2 (Binding Commitment Extension)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review & Funding Committee recommends the Kanawha PSD binding commitments (\$875,000 IJDC District 2 Grant and \$125,000 IJDC Soft Cost Grant) be extended until September 15, 2022.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bluewell PSD (2016W-1629) Browning-Lambert Mountain Extension – District 3 (Binding Commitment Extension)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Bluewell PSD's binding commitment be extended until March 15, 2023.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Durbin, Town of (2018S-1764) System Improvements – District 3 (Binding Commitment Extension)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review & Funding Committee recommends the Town of Durbin binding commitment be extended until September 15, 2022.

There was a discussion regarding the Town's audits being behind and/or the external funds being at risk due to the delay.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pineville, Town of (2020W-1891) System Improvements – District 3 (Contingent Binding Commitment)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Pineville receive a contingent (upon receiving a \$5,000,000 US EDA ARPA EAA Grant) binding commitment for a \$500,000 IJDC District 3 Grant and a \$2,218,283 IJDC District 3 Loan (2%, 30 yrs.) (the grant funds will be transferred from Congressional District 3 Loan Funds).

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pocahontas County PSD (2021S-2034) Headworks Improvements – District 3 (Binding Commitment)

Mr. Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Pocahontas County PSD receive a \$942,640 IJDC District 3 Grant and a \$942,640 IJDC District 3 Loan (1%, 40 yrs.) binding commitment for an estimated project cost of \$1,885,280 (the grant funds will be transferred from Congressional District 3 Loan Funds).

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Projects Requesting
Ancillary Project
Expenditure:**

Logan County PSD (2017W-1684) Big Harts Extension – District 3 (Ancillary Project Expenditure)

Ms. Hickerson described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Logan County PSD's ancillary project expenditure request for \$18,907.26 to upgrade telemetry systems be approved.

Ms. Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Ms. Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Projects Recommended
for Infrastructure Fund
Economic Development
Assistance:**

Charleston Area Alliance (funding request)

2022E-203

Kris Warner described the request.

The WV Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council is in receipt of a request for an Economic Infrastructure Bond loan.

Specifically, the Charleston Area Alliance is seeking an amount not to exceed \$2.3 million to purchase the former Kanawha Manufacturing facility in Charleston. The facility and grounds will be used in conjunction with a grant from the US Economic Development Administration and the property will be repurposed for a variety of training and manufacturing activities.

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development requests the loan be approved with the following conditions:

1. A loan not to exceed \$2.3 million.
2. The interest rate for the loan will be 0%.
3. Principal payments will be deferred for two years from the date of closing. The first monthly principal payment will be due on the first day of the month following two years from the date of closing.
4. The term of the loan will be for 15 years after the deferral period.
5. If the US EDA grant is not approved, this loan commitment will expire on November 30, 2022, and the funds made available for other economic

development activities. The Secretary of Economic Development may extend this period at his discretion based on the status of the grant request.

Mr. Warner moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Raleigh County Airport (funding modification)

2020E-191

Mr. Warner described the request.

At the March 4, 2020, IJDC meeting, a grant in the amount of \$3,239,000 was approved for the airport. The request from the Development Office is for IJDC to approve an additional \$400,000 to make the total grant \$3,639,000. This increase in costs is due to wetlands mitigation.

It is our recommendation that the Raleigh County Memorial Airport 2020E-191 Grant receive an additional \$400,000 to increase the grant amount not to exceed \$3,639,000 be approved.

Mr. Warner moved that the recommendation be approved, Mr. Reisenweber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Business Items:

Informational Items:

Funding Program Updates

CWSRF

Kathy Emery

Ms. Emery stated guidance on the upcoming funding should be coming this month. There are no updates on the Buy American Build America plan. Ms. Emery further noted not only are contractors dealing with skyrocketing prices effecting projects, but pricing is not being locked in until materials are shipped – not when orders are placed. If an order is not shipped in whole, then the contractors are dealing with variable pricing. In addition, Ms. Emery noted the Pea Ridge PSD had a meeting yesterday. It is not looking like funding to make the project whole are available. If something must be cut to make the project happen, it will come from customers served.

DWTRF

Stephanie
Hickerson

Ms. Hickerson stated applications for the Intended Use Plan are still being accepted for the priority list until March 31st.

**Executive Director
Comments**

**Information
Report**
Wayne
Morgan

Mr. Morgan noted projects need to be submitted for SRF funding. The SRFs are receiving additional funding, which will impact the Infrastructure Fund. More of the Infrastructure Funds will be used to fund the SRFs.

Additional Comments

Ms. Prezioso provided a brief update of the legislation being considered.

**Projects Requiring
Additional Information:**

West Fork Co-Op – System (tabled – April 26, scope, cost & funding chg.)-1	2019S-1798
Gary, City of – Sys. Imprvs. (tabled – May 24, new application)-3	2020W-1909
Marlinton, Town of – Sys. Imprvs. (tabled – Mar. 22, new app.) -3	2020S-1907
Union, Town of – Source of Supply/Crit. Need (tabled – Mar. 22, new app.)-3	2022C-135

Requests Received:

(Applications by February 10, 2022, and requests to date)

Sewer:	Canaan Valley PSD – New Plant/Line Upgrade (new app.)-1	2022S-2063
	Canaan Valley PSD – System Improvements (new application)-1	2022S-2073
Water:	Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD – Exchange Road III Ext. (new app.)-2	2022W-2076
	Marlinton, Town of – System Improvements (new application)-3	2022W-2077
	Pocahontas County PSD – Thornwood Extension (new app.)-3	2021W-2039
	Ronceverte, City of – System Improvements (new application)-3	2022W-2060

Committee Reports:

Consolidation
Funding
Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Sewer Technical Review
Water Technical Review

Erica Boggess
Marie Prezioso
Wayne Morgan
Kathy Emery
Stephanie Hickerson

Other Reports:

US Army Corp. of Engineers
US Department of Agriculture
Abandoned Mine Lands
Division of Highways
Funding Agency Reports (Projects bidding and closing)

Lesli Stone-Smith
Jana Lowery
Roger Earle
Dave Cramer
Kathy Emery/
Stephanie Hickerson

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: With no further business before the Council, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reisenweber moved the motion, Ms. Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Wayne D. Morgan
Secretary & Executive Director