

A meeting of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (Council) was held **Wednesday, March 5**<sup>th</sup>, **2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council Public Hearing Room at 1009 Bullitt Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

## **Voting Members that were present:**

**Quorum** A quorum was constituted of the following members present:

Chair John Reisenweber, Vice Chair/Public Member

## **Voting Members in person:**

Marie Prezioso, WV Water Development Authority Kathy Emery, WV Department of Environmental Protection Jonathan Fowler, WV Public Service Commission Meredith Vance, WV Bureau for Public Health Nate Testman, WV Housing Development Fund Steven Webb, WV Economic Development Authority Virgina King, Public Member

#### **Voting Members via phone:**

John Reisenweber, Vice Chair/Public Member

#### **Voting Members not present:**

Louis Spatafore, Public Member Don Rigby, Public Member Matt McComas, Public Member

#### **Advisory Members present in person:**

None

## Advisory Members present via phone:

None

## **Invitees present or via phone:**

Jason Billups, WV DEP Steve Collins, USDA Roger Earle, AML

#### **Invitees not present:**

Patrick Murphy, WV BPH James Bush, WV ARC Lesli Stone-Smith, USACE

#### Others in attendance:

Wayne Morgan, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council April Evers, IJDC

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Mike Duminiak, IJDC
Veronica Lewis, WDA
Julie Merow, Jackson & Kelly
P.E. Bauchem, Capitol Police
Robert McClung, NJPSD
Betsy Haught, NJPSD
Jerri Stephens, NJPSD
Matt Shelton, New River Engineering
Dan Ferrell, Thrasher Group
Jonathan Carpenter, Thrasher Group
Robert Riggs, City of Pennsboro
Todd Grinstead, WV Rural Water Assoc.
Virginia Harper, WV Rural Water Assoc.
Caitlin Lizauraga, WVAW
Kelley Goes, Jackson & Kelly

## Others in attendance by phone:

Elizabeth Atkinson, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council Brad Sergent, WDA Jim Hildreth, Hildreth Engineering Carrie Wallace, Region 7 PDC Eric Combs, Region 1 PDC Steve Haynes, Thrasher Group

**Call to Order** John Reisenweber called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes John Reisenweber asked for approval of the draft minutes of February 5th, 2024,

meeting. Kathy Emery moved for approval and Virginia King seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

# Projects Recommended to Pursue Infrastructure Fund Assistance: Belle, Town of-Sys imprvs II (Engineering fee waiver)

2024S-2635

Kathy Emery described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the engineering fee waiver request for total engineering fees be approved for the Town of Belle.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

## Capon Bridge, Town of-Line repl II (Engineering fee waiver)

2022S-2181

Kathy Emery described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the engineering fee waiver request for total engineering fees be approved for the Town of Capon Bridge.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Ellenboro, Town of-Highland Rdg ext, 22 cust (Tbld application until Feb 25th)

Meredith Vance described the request.

2024W-2632

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The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Ellenboro pursue a \$887,500 DWTRF PF loan and a \$887,500 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$1,775,000.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

## **Ice Run PSD-Carolina line repl (New application)**

2024W-2638

Meredith Vance described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Ice Run PSD pursue a \$1,262,000 DWTRF loan (1.75%, 30 yrs, 0.25% AF), a \$1,000,000 DWTRF PF loan, and a \$500,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$2,762,000.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

## Mastontown, Town of-Pineview Dr ext, 45 cust (New application)

2024S-2648

Kathy Emery described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Masontown pursue a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant, and a \$2,000,000 CWSRF PF for a total estimated project cost of \$3,000,000.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

## **RMS PSD-Glen Rogers WWTP imprvs (New application)**

2023S-2384

Kathy Emery described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Ravencliff McGraws Saulsville PSD pursue a \$500,000 CWSRF PF loan, \$1,500,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$800,000 CDS, a \$1,900,000 ARC grant, a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant, and a \$25,000 Wyoming County Commission grant for an estimated project cost of \$5,725,000.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Projects Recommended to Pursue Funding Sources Other Than Infrastructure Fund Assistance:
Nitro, City of-Walker St storm sewer imprvs (New application)

2024SS-2548
Kathy Emery described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Nitro pursue a \$2,888,000 Congressionally Directed Spending grant, a \$722,000 CDS match, a \$500,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$325,000 Nitro contribution, and a \$800,000 WDA EEGF for an estimated project cost of \$5,235,000.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Projects Requesting Infrastructure Fund Binding Commitment: Binding Commitments Benwood, City of-WTP & sys imprvs (PFA binding commitment)

2025W-2659

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Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Benwood receive a \$27,500 IJDC (match provided by Benwood) preapplication funding assistance (PFA) binding commitment for pilot study of treatment technologies.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Brooke Co PSD-Drovers Inn ext, 15 cust (Binding commitment ext)**

2023W-2407

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Brooke County PSD IJDC binding commitment be extended until July 15, 2025.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Davis, Town of-Source of Supply (PFA increase binding commitment)

2024W-2554

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Davis request for an additional \$30,000 IJDC PFA binding commitment for ground penetrating radar (GPR) study at the dam (match by Davis) be approved.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Junior, Town of-Dist sys improvs (Binding commitment)**

2021W-1998

Wayne Morgan described the request.

It is recommended Town of Junior binding commitment request be tabled until the next meeting.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mercer Co PSD-Pocahontas sys imprvs (Soft cost binding com & returned funds)

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Mercer County PSD receive a \$15,000 IJDC soft cost grant binding commitment for condemnations and its existing IJDC grant binding commitment be reduced to \$485,000 (thereby, returning \$15,000 of IJDC grant funds).

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Critical Needs Extensions**

Birch River PSD-Sugar Tree Rdg CN ext, 11 cust (Binding commitment extension) 2023W-2428 Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Birch River PSD request to extend its binding

commitment until September 15, 2025 be approved.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Northern Jackson Co PSD-Garfield Heights CN ext, 15 cust (Binding commitment ext)2023W-2484 Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Northern Jackson County PSD request to extend its binding commitment until September 15, 2025 be approved.

Marie Prezioso moved that the recommendation be approved, Virgina King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Executive Director Comments:**

Davis, Town of-Collection sys imprvs (\$90,000 of PFA funds reimbursement at closing)	2021S-2022
Jumping Branch Nimitz PSD-Madams Ck ext, 89 cust (\$1m rev bc not rec by TR&FC)	2019W-1816
Nitro, City of- Hub Ind Park LS repl (\$764,900 IJDC CN returned binding com expired)	2013S-2437
Preston Co 1-Interconnection (\$26,055 IJDC grant returned funds from bid underrun)	2022W-2265
Tomlinson PSD-Newell I (\$50,000 of PFA funds reimbursement at closing)	2021W-1982
West Milford, Town or-Sys imprvs (\$22,900 IJDC grant returned funds bid underrun)	2023W-2425
Funding program updates	

Kathy Emery gave a brief update regarding her funding programs.

## **Projects Requiring Additional Information**

Boone Co PSD-Whitehouse Rd CN ext, 7 cust (Tbld until Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> new application)	2024W-2517
Canaan Valley PSD-State Park WWTP (Tbld until Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> binding commitment)	2022S-2063
Gilmer Co PSD-Cox Mills CN ext, 12 cust (Tbld until Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> new application)	2025W-2649
Pennsboro, City of-CN WV 74 ext, 14 cust (Tbld until Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> new application)	2024W-2580
Pennsboro, City of-Highlands/Bonds Ck ext, 70 cust (Rtn new appl 02252025)	2024W-2630
Ohio Co PSD-West Liberty CN ext, 3 cust (Tbld until Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> new application)	2024S-2641

Requests Received:	(Applications by February 10, 2025, and requests to date)	Information
		Report

#### Sewer

#### Water

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Clay-Roane PSD-Little Lefthand Rd, ext 35 cust (New application)	2024W-2628
Kingwood, City of-E Main St waterline repl (New application)	2025W-2654
Sugar Ck PSD-Camp Rd CN ext, 18 cust (New application)	2025W-2652
Sun Valley PSD-Indian Run CN ext, 20 cust (New application)	2024W-2634

#### **Committee Reports**

Consolidation	Erica Boggess
Technical Review & Funding	Marie Prezioso
Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council	Wayne Morgan
Sewer Technical Review	Kathy Emery
Water Technical Review	Marie Prezioso

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## **Other Reports**

US Army Corps of Engineers
US Department of Agriculture
Abandoned Mine Lands
Division of Highways
Funding Program Reports (projects bidding and closing)

Lesli Stone Smith Janna Lowery Roger Earle Perry Keller Kathy Emery

## **Public Comment**

None

## Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Virginia King moved to adjourn; Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at **9:53 am.** 

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Wayne D. Morgan Secretary & Executive Director