



**WEST VIRGINIA**

**Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council**

**APPROVED**

A meeting of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Technical Review and Funding Committee was held **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 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** Marie Prezioso, WV Water Development Authority

**Voting Members in person:**

Jonathan Fowler, WV Public Service Commission

Jason Billups, WV Department of Environmental Protection

Erica Boggess, WV Housing Development Authority

Meredith Vance, WV Bureau of Public Health

**Voting Members via phone:**

**Voting Members not present:**

Kris Warner, WV Economic Development Authority

**Invitees present or via phone:**

Janna Lowery, USDA

Leslie Stone Smith, US ACE

Roger Earle, WV DEP – Abandoned Mine Lands

**Invitees not present:**

Tracy Rowan, US Economic Development Authority

Ryan Halsey, CDBG

James Bush, WV ARC

**Others in attendance:**

Wayne Morgan, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

Maria E. Simental, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

Elizabeth Smith-Atkinson, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

Brad Sergeant, WV Water Development Authority

Brock Jarrett, WV Water Development Authority

Veronica Lewis, WV Water Development Authority

Roshanda Lambert, WV Water Development Authority

P.E. Bauchem, Capitol City Police

Julie Merow, Jackson Kelly PLLC

Kelly Goes, Jackson Kelly PLLC

Noah Gatten, CEC

Steve Buchanan, CEC

Denise Conley, Birch River PSD  
Glen Conley, Birch River PSD  
John Hocken, Birch River PSD  
Cassie Lawson, Region 4 PDC  
Kenneth Kinder, EL Robinson  
D. Craig Chapman, Nicholas County Commission  
Libby Coffman, Birch River PSD  
Garrett E. Cole, Nicholas Co. Commission  
Mike Davis, Burgess & Niple  
Jonathan Carpenter, The Thrasher Group  
Dana Elkins, The Thrasher Group  
Terry Martin, Region 3 PDC  
Brent Clark, Mason Co. PSD

**Others in attendance by phone:**

Eric Sherard, The Thrasher Group  
Michael Griffith, G Corp  
Kylea Radcliffe, The Thrasher Group  
Sheena Hunt, Region 6 PDC  
Rob Bolyard, Region 6 PDC  
Caroline Stewart, MOVRC  
Matt Evans, GHPSD  
Mike Duminiak, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

**Call to Order** Chair Maire Prezioso called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes** Chair Marie Prezioso asked for approval of the draft minutes of **December 19th, 2023**. Erica Boggess moved for approval and Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SEWER PROJECTS**

**Paden City, Town of-Sys Imprvs II (Cost and funding change)**

**2021S-1977**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Paden City pursue a \$1,500,000 US ACE, a \$310,000 WDA EEGF, a \$150,000 Wetzel County Commission grant, a \$150,000 Tyler County Commission grant, and a \$500,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$2,630,000.

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Salem, City of-Sys and WWTP Imprvs (Updated application)**

**2021S-2042**

Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Salem pursue a \$2,100,000 CDS, a \$1,500,000 CWSRF Debt Forgiveness Loan, and a \$1,000,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$4,600,000.

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**West Union, Town of-Sys & WWTP Imprvs (Cost & funding chg and eng fee variance) 2021S-2045**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of West Union pursue a \$10,022,000 CDS Grant, \$2,505,500 CDS Match, \$1,900,000 US ACE Grant, \$750,000 Doddridge County Commission Grant, \$80,000 West Union ARPA Grant, a \$1,000,000 CWSRF Debt Forgiveness Loan, \$2,452,500 CWSRF Loan (0.25%, 40 yrs, 0.25% AF), and a \$1,000,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$19,710,000; and the request for a design and total fee variance be approved.

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**WATER PROJECTS**

**Cottageville PSD-TIMET Emergency ext (New application)**

**2024W-2494**

Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Cottageville PSD pursue a \$1,350,000 WDA EEGF; and is an "Emergency Project" per 31-15a-2(h) essential to immediate economic development.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**Lincoln Co PSD-Raw water intake (Scope, cost and funding change)**

**2023W-2446**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Lincoln County PSD pursue a \$595,000 DWTRF Principal Forgiveness and a \$500,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$1,095,000.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**Logan, City of-WTP Imprvs (Upd application per Consolidation Com mtg)**

**2022W-2155**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Logan pursue a \$1,000,000 DWTRF Debt Forgiveness, a \$8,200,000 DWTRF Loan (2.75%, 20 yrs), a \$2,000,000 USACE, a \$500,000 Congressionally Directed Spending grant, a \$100,000 CDS match, and a \$200,000 City of Logan ARPA grant for an estimated project cost of \$12,000,000.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**Mason Co PSD-Henderson Development ext (New application)**

**2023W-2481**

Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Mason Co PSD pursue a \$4,700,000 WDA EEGF, a \$1,500,000 DWTRF Debt Forgiveness, and \$50,000 Mason County Commission ARPA Grant for an estimated project cost of \$6,250,000.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The

Motion passed.

**BINDING COMMITMENT REQUESTS**

**Bluewell PSD-Sys Imprvs (Binding commitment)**

**2023W-2357**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Bluewell PSD receive a \$500,000 IJDC binding commitment.

Meridith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Mineral Wells PSD-Sys Imprvs (Bid overrun binding commitment)**

**2019S-1817**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Mineral Wells PSD receive a \$165,000 IJDC bid overrun grant binding commitment (\$193,744 of additional funds received from WDA EEGF for a total project cost of approximately \$10,381,894).

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**New Haven PSD-Sunday Rd ext, 67 cust (Binding commitment)**

**2018W-1761**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the New Haven PSD receive a \$500,000 IJDC binding commitment, transferred from loan funds, and contingent upon receipt of additional DWTRF Loan and additional WDA EEGF Grant funding

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**Northern Wayne Co PSD-Sys Imprvs (PFA binding commitment)**

**2024S-2500**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Northern Wayne County PSD receive a \$69,647 Preapplication Funding Assistance (PFA) binding commitment (match from Wayne Co Com of \$70,353).

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Nutter Fort, Town of – Sys Imprvs IV (Tabled binding commitment)**

**2021S-2059**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Nutter Fort receive a \$1,000,000 IJDC Grant Binding Commitment, transferred from loan funds, and contingent upon receipt of CWSRF Binding Commitment

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Romney, City of-Sys Imprvs (Binding commitment)**

**2020S-1880**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Romney receive a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant binding commitment, transferred from loan funds.

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**West Milford, Town of-Sys Imprvs (Binding commitment)**

**2023W-2425**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of West Milford receive a \$470,000 IJDC Grant binding commitment, transferred from loan funds

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jason Billups seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**Critical Needs Extensions**

**Birch River PSD-Sugar Tree Rdg, CN ext, 11 cust (9 user agrs) (Cont binding com) 2023W-2428**

Jason Billups described the request.

Project administrator Cassie Lawson introduced a group of officials and residents from Birch River PSD.

Denise Conley, a resident of Birch River PSD, took the podium to explain specifics of the hardships the residents face with hauling water.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Birch River PSD receive a binding commitment for \$1,130,000 CN funds grant to extend water service to 11 customers (9 signed user agreements) along Sugar Tree Rdg be approved.

Jonathan Fowler moved that the recommendation be approved, Jason Billups seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Birch River PSD total engineering fee variance be approved.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The = motion passed.

**Kanawha Co RDA-Upper Rambling Hill CN ext, 11 cust (11 user agrs) (Cont bdg com) 2023W-2479**

Jason Billups described the request.

Terry Martin spoke on specifics of the project.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Kanawha County RDA receive a binding commitment from CN grant funds in the amount of \$1,083,000 to extend water service to customers along the Upper Rambling Hill Road.

Jonathan Fowler moved that the recommendation be approved, Jason Billups seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Northern Jackson Co PSD-Garfield Hgts CN ext, 15 cust (13 user agrs) (Cont bdg com) 2023W-2484**

Jason Billups described the request.

Caroline Stewart from MOVRC committed to following up on answers from the committee regarding when the project is expected to go to bid.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the request from Northern Jackson Co PSD be tabled until the next funding committee meeting.

Jonathan Fowler moved that the recommendation be approved, Jason Billups seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Use of Contingency**

**Greater Harrison PSD-Enterprise ext, 383 cust (Ancillary expenditure)**

**2014S-1510**

Jason Billups described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Harrison County PSD request to use remaining funds for lands and ROWs reimbursement and three (3) trucks for \$323,904.51 be approved.

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Mercer Co PSD- Matoaka Sys (Use of contingency)**

**2020S-1883**

Jason Billups described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Mercer County PSD request for \$122,500 of additional engineering fees be approved.

Jason Billups moved that the recommendation be approved, Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Executive Director Comments**

**2023 Needs Assessment Update**

Wayne Morgan gave an update on the needs assessment as it is nearing completion.

**Davy, Town of Sys Imprvs (Transfer PFA binding com from 2419) 2023W-2489**

Wayne Morgan stated they elected to submit a new application.

**Update Consolidation Committee (Central Hampshire PSD) 2023S-2340**

Central Hampshire has not decided on a bulk rate. Jonathan Fowler stated he has agreed to mediate and is collecting information from the parties now. He will contact the parties before the end of this month for proposals and counter proposals.

**Funding program updates:**

**Jana Lowry** – they are operating under another continuing resolution through the first of March.

**Leslie Stone-Smith** – she emailed they are accepting applications and have available funds.

**Jason Billups** – CWSRF is taking 2025 Priority List Applications now and requested they be submitted ASAP.

**Marie Prezioso** – stated that WDA EEGF funds have to be to construction by 12/31/2024. They are

asking recipients to submit project schedules.

**Projects Requiring Additional Information**

Central Hampshire PSD – Harvest Hills Sys Imprv (Application referred CC) 2023S-2340

**Requests Received (Applications by January 10, 2023, and requests to date)**

**Information  
Report**

**Sewer**

Mount Hope, City of-Rt 16 Bypass ext, 50 cust 2023S-2490

**Water**

Big Bend PSD-Sys Imprvs (New application)	2023W-2493
Birch River PSD-Keener Rdg ext, 29 cust (New application)	2024W-2498
Boone Co PSD-Hobet ext, 1 cust (New application)	2023W-2499
Cameron, City of-Sys Imprvs (New application)	2024W-2499
Davy, Town of-Sys Imprvs II (New application)	2023W-2489
Red Sulphur PSD-Rich Ck ext, 13 cust (New application)	2023W-2387
Southern Jackson PSD-Belgrove Rd ext, 13 cust (New application)	2023W-2466
Southern Jackson PSD-New Stone Rdg ext, 5 cust (New application)	2023W-2467
Southern Jackson PSD-Statts Mill Rd ext, 22 cust (New application)	2023W-2468
St Albans, City of-City Park Tank (New application)	2024W-2497

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nicholas County Commissioner Garrett Cole expressed appreciation for the approval of the Birch River PSD Application approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, Jonathan Fowler moved to adjourn; Erica Boggess seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at **10:59 a.m.**

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Wayne D. Morgan  
Secretary & Executive Director