



WEST VIRGINIA

Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

APPROVED

**Consolidation Committee Meeting
Minutes**

A meeting of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council's Consolidation Committee was held **Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 10:30 am** at the Public Meeting Room, 1009 Bullitt Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

Voting Members that were present:

Quorum

A quorum was constituted of the following members present:

Chair Erica Boggess, WV Housing Development Fund

Voting Members in person:

Marie Prezioso, WV Water Development Authority

Kathy Emery, WV Department of Environmental Protection

Meredith Vance, WV Bureau of Public Health

Jonathan Fowler, WV Public Service Commission

Others in attendance:

Wayne Morgan, WV IJDC

Rachel Hill, WV IJDC

Brad Sergent, WV WDA

Samme Gee, Jackson Kelly, PLLC

Julie Merow, Jackson Kelly, PLLC

Dan Ferrell, The Thrasher Group

Ryan Holcomb, The Thrasher Group

William Mahoney, City of Pennsboro (Council)

Robert Riggs, City of Pennsboro

Matt Fluharty, CEC

Eleni Knight, CEC

Olivia Panella, CEC

Ryan Haws, CEC

James Musgrave, Town of West Union (Council)

Douglas Eckhart, Town of West Union

Douglas Cox, Town of West Union

Joel Davis, MOVRC

Luke Peters, MOVRC

George Eidel, Doddridge County EMA

Erica Boggess opened the meeting at **11:05 a.m.**

Approval of Minutes

Erica Boggess asked for approval of the combined draft minutes of **December 7, 2022, and January 24, 2023**. Jonathan Fowler moved for approval and Marie Prezioso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Purpose of the Committee

Erica Boggess reviewed the purpose and objective of the Consolidation Committee.

- (1) To review preliminary applications referred to the committee to determine whether the proposed project encourages effective and efficient consolidation of systems and
- (2) Pursuant to each assessment to make one of the following recommendations:
 - (a) the proposed project as presented encourages effective and efficient consolidation of services and/or facilities, and is the most cost effective and non-duplicative alternative available and therefore should be funded or
 - (b) the proposed project as presented does not encourage effective and efficient consolidation of services and/or facilities and is not the most cost effective and non-duplicative alternative available and therefore should not be funded.
- (3) Study the viability of consolidation of all entities, public and private which provide or supply water or sewer service to the general public.
- (4) In the performance of duties as stated above, may suggest that a local county plan be modified.

Erica Boggess outlined the ground rules as follows:

- All parties will direct comments, presentations, and questions to the Committee.
- The Chair will recognize all parties. There will be no cross-examination or counter discussions of proposals.
- Comments will be limited as provided in the agenda and may be further limited or expanded based upon time available.

Presentations:

WEST UNION 2022W-2119

Presented by: Matt Fluharty, CEC

West Union will purchase 200 gallons a minute from the City of Pennsboro, and submit a scope, cost, and funding change request for its project to proceed.

PENNSBORO/HUGHES RIVER WATER BOARD

Presented by: Dan Ferrell, Thrasher Group

We have worked with West Union and will submit a scope, cost, and funding change for our exiting project to provide West Union with 200 gallons per minute at the county line.

Questions/Concerns by the Public: Erica Boggess opened the floor for questions/comments.

None

Questions by Committee: Erica Boggess opened the floor for questions/comments.

The presenting parties answered questions asked by the committee.

Action: Erica Boggess stated that revised applications as discussed be submitted to Council.

Motion: Jonathan Fowler proposed the motion that the Committee process be concluded and that the two entities provide revised applications including revised PERs and revised scope and funding costs to the Infrastructure Council. That the two parties work together cooperatively, and this Consolidation Committee session be concluded.

Jonathan Fowler moved that the recommendation be approved, Marie Prezioso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Meeting Erica Boggess stated that the Committee will be adjourned.

Adjournment Kathy Emery made the motion to adjourn, and Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. Erica Boggess adjourned the meeting at **11:16 a.m.**

Wayne D. Morgan
Secretary & Executive Director