



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, September 26, 2023, 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
Meredith Vance, WV Bureau of Public Health
Erica Boggess, WV Housing Development Authority
Jason Billups, WV Department of Environmental Protection

Voting Members via phone:

None

Voting Members not present:

Kris Warner, WV Economic Development Authority

Invitees present or via phone:

Janna Lowery, USDA
James Bush, WV ARC
Leslie Stone Smith, US ACE
Roger Earle, WV DEP – Abandoned Mine Lands

Invitees not present:

Tracy Rowan, US Economic Development Authority
Ryan Halsey, CDBG

Others in attendance:

Wayne Morgan, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Rachel Hill, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Elizabeth Smith-Atkinson, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Brad Sergent, WV Water Development Authority
Veronica Lewis, WV Water Development Authority
P.E. Bauchem, Capitol City Police
Samme Gee, Jackson Kelly PLLC
Julie Merow, Jackson Kelly PLLC
Kelley Goes, Jackson Kelly PLLC
Greg Belcher, Chapman Tech Group
Dan Ferrell, Thrasher Group
Dan Braham Thrasher Group

Isaac Fadiga, Thrasher Group
Bruce Mullins, RIC
Phil Serevicz, Mayor – Town of New Haven
Teresa Gibb, Town of New Haven
Terry Martin, RIC
Bob Bragg, Potesta
Mark Sankoff, Potesta
Stacy Fowler, Thompson and Litton
Kennon Chambers, Ghosh Engineering
Eric Hartwell, New River Engineers Inc
Matt Shelton, New River Engineers Inc
Ruby Griffith, Salt Rock Sewer PSD

Others in attendance by phone:

Mike Duminiak, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Michael Griffith, CPA – Griffith & Associates
Eric Combs, Region 1
Kathy Elliot, Region 2
Cassandra Lawson, Region 4
Joel Davis, Region 5
Jack L Scott, Mayor – City of Hinton
Cris Meadows – City of Hinton
Denise Conley – Birch River
John Hocker – Birch River
Birch River Water Board
Bob Hazelwood – EL Robinson
Kenneth Kinder – EL Robinson
Clay Riley, Thrasher Group
Elani Knight, CEC

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 **August 29, 2023**. Erica Boggess moved for approval and Jonathan Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SEWER PROJECTS

Belmont, City of - Sys Imprvs (Engineering Fee Variance) **2023S-2400**
Jason Billups described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Belmont request for a total engineering fee variance be approved.

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

Brooke County PSD-Drovers Inn Ext, 12 customers (New application) **2023S-2407**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Brooke County PSD be tabled until October 24, 2023.

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

East Bank, Town of – Collection Sys Imprvs (Tabled application) **2023S-2415**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of East Bank be tabled until October 24, 2023.

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

Elk Valley PSD-Disinfectant Upgrade (New application) **2023S-2427**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Elk Valley PSD pursue a \$600,000 CWSRF Principal Forgiveness, a \$50,000 Kanawha County Commission Grant, and a \$500,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$1,150,000.

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

Salt Rock Sewer PSD-Service Fox Fire Resort (Cost & funding change) **2022S-2121**
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Salt Rock Sewer PSD pursue a \$194,765 CDS Grant, \$48,690 CDS Match, a \$7,000 Salt Rock Sewer PSD Contribution, and a \$122,545 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$373,000.

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

Salt Rock PSD-Phase II Pump Station Imprvs (Cost & funding change) **2022S-2169**
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Salt Rock Sewer PSD pursue a \$1,221,235 CDS Grant, a \$305,310 CDS Match, and a \$423,455 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$1,950,000.

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

Wayne, Town of-Sys Imprvs (New application) **2022S-2281**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Wayne pursue a \$1,000,000 CDS, a \$200,000 CDS Match, a \$1,000,000 US ACE Grant, a \$2,500,000 CWSRF Principal Forgiveness Loan, a \$2,900,000 CWSRF Loan (0.25%, 40 yrs, 0.25% AF) a \$2,250,000 WDA EEGF, a \$1,000,000 Wayne County Commission ARPA Grant, and a \$1,000,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$11,850,000.

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

WATER PROJECTS

Beech Bottom, Village of-Dist Sys Imprvs (New application) **2023W-2426**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Village of Beech Bottom pursue a \$1,957,000 CDS Grant.

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

Mason, Town of-Dist Sys Imprvs (New application) **2023W-2397**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Mason pursue a \$1,220,000 DWTRF Loan (0.25%, 40 yrs., 0.25%), a \$1,000,000 DWTRF Principal Forgiveness Loan, a \$30,000 Town Contribution, and a \$500,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$2,750,000.

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

Ravencliff McGraws Saulsville PSD-WTP Imprvs (Cost and funding change) **2022W-2199**
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Ravencliff McGraws Saulsville PSD pursue a \$722,000 DWTRF Principal Forgiveness Loan, a \$242,000 WDA EEGF, and a \$500,000 IJDC Grant for an Estimated project cost of \$1,464,000.

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

Red Sulphur PSD-Rich Ck and Adair Rd ext, 82 cust (Returned application) **2023W-2387**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Red Sulphur PSD application be returned.

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

Welch, City of-Main repl (New application) **2023W-2423**
Jason Billups described the request, and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Welch pursue a \$1,864,000 CDBG, a \$1,500,000 ARC Grant, a \$1,500,000 USDA Grant and a \$500,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$5,364,000.

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

BINDING COMMITMENT REQUESTS

Birch River PSD-Sugar Tree Rdg CN Ext(New app/cont bind com/eng fee variance) 2023W-2428

Jason Billups described the request and it's technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Birch River PSD be tabled until January 2024.

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

Davis, Town of-Interim WWTP Imprvs (Binding commitment) 2023S-2389

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Davis receive a \$178,000 IJDC Grant and \$178,000 IJDC Loan (2%, 30 yrs.) binding commitment.

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

Fairview, Town of-Sys Imprvs I (Binding commitment) 2020W-1861

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommend the Town of Fairview receive a \$1,000,000 IJDC Grant binding commitment.

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

Fairview, Town of-Sys Imprvs II (Binding commitment) 2022W-2087

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommend the Town of Fairview receive a \$1,000,000 IJDC Grant binding commitment.

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

Hinton, City of-CSO Abatement (Bid overrun req./cost & funding chg./bind com ext.) 2015S-1585

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Hinton pursue a \$165,000 IJDC Bid Overrun Grant binding commitment including extending the \$500,000 IJDC Grant binding commitment until February 15, 2024.

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

WV Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CN Binding Commitment) 2023S-TBD

Jason Billups described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the WV Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation's request to pursue an up to \$700,000 IJDC Critical Immediate Need Grant to replace a

sewer line at the Jail be approved; and receive an up to \$700,000 contingent binding commitment (upon receipt of required documentation) be approved.

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

Lashmeet PSD-Mary Br Ext, 47 cust (Binding commitment extension) 2018W-1728
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Lashmeet PSD receive a binding commitment extension until October 15, 2024.

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

Logan Co PSD-Upper Huff Ck Ext, 87 cust (Binding commitment extension) 2017W-1690
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Logan County PSD receive a binding commitment extension until January 15, 2024.

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

Mason Co PSD- CN Ashton WTP Filter Rehab (Remaining funds req) 2022W-2102
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Mason County PSD request for use of remaining critical need funds from its Ashton WTP Filter Rehabilitation project for filter scaffolding and telemetry be approved.

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

McDowell Co PSD-Elkhorn III, 13 cust (Binding commitment ext) 2021W-1961
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends McDowell County PSD receive a binding commitment extension until October 15, 2024.

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

Mountain Top PSD-WTP & Sys Imprvs (Use of bid underrun incl cost & funding upd) 2021W-2016
Jason Billups described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Mountain Top PSD \$465,740 (additional main replacement, telemetry, and contingency) bid underrun request be approved.

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

New Haven, Town of-Park LS Repl (New CN application) 2023S-2444

Jason Billups described the request and it's technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of New Haven's request to pursue a \$25,000 Town Contribution and a \$471,000 IJDC Critical Immediate Need Grant to replace the Park Lift Station be approved; and receive a \$471,000 contingent binding commitment (upon receipt of required documentation) be approved.

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

Nitro, City of-Hub Ind Park Imprvs (New CN application) 2023S-2437

Jason Billups described the request and it's technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Nitro's request to pursue a \$764,900 (\$799,900 - \$35,000) IJDC Critical Immediate Need Grant to replace two (2) pumps stations at Hub Industrial Park be approved; and receive a \$764,900 (\$799,900 - \$35,000) contingent binding commitment (upon receipt of required documentation) be approved.

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

Philippi, City of-Little Laurel Run Dam (Binding commitment extension) 2019W-1855

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Philippi receive a binding commitment extension until July 15, 2024.

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

Pocahontas Co PSD-Headworks (Bid overrun req./cost & funding chg./bind com) 2021S-2034

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends Pocahontas County PSD receive a \$165,000 IJDC Bid Overrun Grant binding commitment.

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

Richwood, City of-Sys Imprvs (Binding commitment ext) 2018S-1779

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommend the City of Richwood receive a binding commitment extension until September 15, 2024.

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

Wardensville, Town of-Sys Imprvs (Binding commitment extension) 2020W-1879

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Wardensville pursue a \$3,718,889 DWTRF Loan (0.5%, 40 yrs.), a \$25,950 DWTRF Loan Lead pgm (0.5%, 40 yrs.), a \$975,070 DWTRF Principal Forgiveness Loan, a \$24,930 DWTRF PF Loan Lead pgm, a \$1,103,000 WDA EEGF, a \$46,738 Wardensville Contribution and a \$1,000,000 IJDC Grant for an estimated project cost of \$6,894,577; and receive and IJDC Binding Commitment Extension until July 15, 2024.

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

Business Items

None

Unfinished Business

None

Executive Director Comments

Update Consolidation Committee:

(Logan, City & County PSD)

2022W-2155

The Executive Director reported that an update from the City of Logan related to their sources supply. Capacity and water quality testing was done and was very encouraging.

(Central Hampshire PSD)

2023S-2340

The Executive Director reported that Central Hampshire PSD will be discussed at the next Technical Review and Funding Committee meeting on October 24th and the City of Romney will be included.

Hodgesville PSD - Murphy Station Road (Funding Change)

2023W-2317

The Executive Director reported Hodgesville PSD will be closing (signing construction contract) in October on the project and will be reducing the commitment by \$98,649 (\$398,900 – \$300,251).

Funding program updates:

Janna Lowery, USDA, reported they are a week away from the end of the Fiscal Year. Fiscal Year 23 allocations utilized 100% of the grant and went back to reserved for more and they are working on final approvals this week, so 130% was utilized of grant allocations. Not so good news with loans. Only 76% of the initial allocations, so more than 4.5 million in loan dollars will be returned to the US Treasury for this year. A final report will be ready by the October 24th meeting. Updated on interest rates for October 1st are Poverty 2.375%, Intermediate 3.125% and Market 3.875%.

Leslie Stone Smith, US ACE, reported they are currently accepting applications for the 2 programs in West Virginia for environmental infrastructure. Section 340 for southern counties and Section 571 for northern counties. Applications are being accepted until January 31, 2024. In facing the end of FY 23 funding period, 19.9 million in FY 23 funds to projects and 1 million from FY 22 bipartisan infrastructure funding. 21 million in total has been invested by the Federal Government.

Projects Requiring Additional Information

Central Hampshire PSD-Harvest Hills Sys Imprv (Application referred CC)	2023S-2340
Logan, City of-WTP Imprvs (Application referred CC)	2022W-2155
Oak Hill, City of-Minden Collection Sys Imprvs (Cost and funding change/Binding com)	2020S-1859

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

Information Report

Sewer

Bluewell PSD-Sys Imprvs (New application)	2022S-2232
Montgomery, City of-Sewer separation (New application)	2023S-2424
Poca, Town of-Stormwater Sys Imprvs (New application)	2023SS-2438
Ripley, City of-Klondyke Sewer Sys Imprvs (New application)	2023S-2449
Salt Rock Sewer PSD-UV Repl (New application)	2023S-2445

Water

Clay County PSD-Ossia Rd & Moore Fk Ext, 50 cust (New application)	2023W-2435
Clay County PSD-Grassy Fk Ext, 40 cust (New application)	2023W-2436
Lincoln Co PSD-WTP Imprvs (SOS & Gen) (New application)	2023W-2446
Midland PSD-Maxwell Tank Repl (New application)	2023W-2441
Milton, City of-Sys Imprvs (New application)	2023W-2425
West Milford, Town of-Sys Imprvs (New application)	2023W-2425

PUBLIC COMMENT

Birch River PSD (via phone)

Cassandra Lawson, Region 4, stated that should funds allow that this application should be “heavily” considered. There are 11 residents located in the area and 9 have signed user agreements and the community is working to obtain the remaining 2, which are anticipated to be received. Many residents included photos and testimonials with their application that demonstrated their need for public water service. Many residents are elderly and rely on the cisterns and neighbors to assist with hauling water and sometimes entirely during the dry weather. Due to the cost of the project, the Critical Need program has been the only feasible funding option to date.

Denise Conley, Birch River resident, asked to please consider the application. It’s a big health concern and hardship on the residents. All but one resident is over the age of 60 while the others are in their late 80s. Some have no way to haul water without the help of their neighbors. The majority do not have working wells and there is no other way to get water other than public water.

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 **10:30 a.m.**

Wayne D. Morgan
Secretary & Executive Director