



WEST VIRGINIA

Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

APPROVED

A meeting of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (Council) was held **Wednesday, January 7th, 2026, 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 Nate Testman, WV Housing Development Fund

Voting Members in person:

Brad Sergent, WV Water Development Authority
Jim Ellars, WV Public Service Commission
Meredith Vance, WV Bureau for Public Health
Joseph Brouse, WV Economic Development Authority
Virginia King, Public Member

Voting Members via phone/WebEx:

Kathy Emery, WV Department of Environmental Protection

Voting Members not present:

Todd Johnston, Deputy Chief of Staff and Governor's Designee
Matt McComas, Public Member
Don Rigby, Public Member

Invitees present or via phone/WebEx:

Steve Collins, USDA
Patrick Murphy, WV BPH
Roger Earle, WV DEP AML

Others in attendance:

Wayne Morgan, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
April Evers, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Mike Duminiak, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Elizabeth Smith-Atkinson, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
Scott Menefee, WV WDA
Samme Gee, Jackson Kelly
Julie Mellow, Jackson Kelly
PE Baucham, Capitol Police
Robert Riggs, Mayor City of Pennsboro
Terry Martin, RIC
Shawn Strum, WV RWA
Ryan Boustany, Thrasher Eng.
Jesse Allen, Thrasher Eng.
John Tuggle, Region 4 PDC

Thomas Cazad, WV DEP SRF
Clay Riley, Thrasher Eng.

Others in attendance by phone/WebEx:

Paige Parrish, WVDEP
Cary Smith, Region 7 PDC
Lisa Karickhoff, Region 7 PDC
Melissa Cross, WV DEP
Andrew Bird, WV DEP
Carrie Wallace, Region 7 PDC
Eric Combs, Region 1 PDC
Beth Belcher, WV DEP
Keith Dalton, WV DEP
Penny Hiser, Region 8 PDC
Marrisa Earle, Region 7 PDC
Lesley Taylor, Region 4 PDC
John Girour, WV DEP
Brandy McKnight, Steptoe & Johnston
Rachel Houston - WVDEP
Isaac Fadiga, Burgess & Niple
Jeff Petry, Boone Co. Commission
Tim Meeks, TSM Consulting
Matt Tanner, Chapman Technical
Joey Jude, EL Robinson
David Watson, CEC
Kathy Anderson, WV DEP
Valerie

Call to Order Chair Nate Testman called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes Chair Nate Testman asked for approval of the draft minutes of **December 10th, 2025**. Virginia King moved for approval and Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Projects Technically Feasible and Permitted to Pursue Infrastructure Fund Assistance¹ –
Chesapeake, Town of-LS & line repl (New application) 2025S-2729**

Kathy Emery described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Chesapeake be eligible to pursue a \$2,000,000 CWSRF PF, a \$1,337,403 CWSRF loan (0%, 40 yrs, 0.25% AF, pays back \$185,703 IJDC PFA), a \$146,000 Chesapeake contribution, and a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$4,483,403.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Elkins, City of-LS and line repl (Eng fee variance) 2025S-2666

¹ This action item is to certify that certain requirements have been met which makes the project eligible for funding. Meeting this criteria is a necessary step for obtaining a binding commitment from the Council, but it does not guarantee one will be granted.

Kathy Emery described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Elkins's request for an engineering fee variance be approved.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Greater Paw Paw PSD-Lift station imprvs (2 main LSs not 7) (Scope change) 2023S-2367
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends approval of the new scope for the lift station imprvs (2 main LSs not 7).

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Logan Co PSD-Chief Logan ext, 8 cust (New application) 2025S-2689
Kathy Emery described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Logan County PSD be eligible to pursue a \$2,000,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant, and a \$369,000 WV Parks & Rec grant for an estimated project cost of \$3,369,000.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Sissonville PSD-WWTP & sys imprvs (New application) 2025S-2725
Kathy Emery described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Sissonville PSD be eligible to pursue a \$1,500,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$1,613,000 CWSRF loan (0.5%, 20 yrs, 0.25 AF), a \$67,000 District contribution, and a \$500,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$3,680,000.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Richwood, City of-WWTP repl (Funding change) 2021S-1960
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Richwood be eligible to pursue \$10,000,000 CDBG MIT grant, a \$3,000,000 CDBG grant, a \$1,700,000 US ACE grant, a \$2,000,000 CWSRF PF and a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant for an estimated cost of \$17,700,000.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Thomas, City of-Sys imprvs (New application) 2021S-2052
Kathy Emery described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Thomas be eligible to pursue a \$3,000,000 CDBG, a \$96,000 Tucker Co Com grant, a \$100,000 CWSRF PF loan, and a \$1,254,000 CWSRF

loan (2.5%, 20 yrs, 0.25) (\$96,000 IJDC PFA previously provided) for an estimated project cost of \$4,450,000.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Webster Springs PSD-I&I rehb (upd to incl LSs imprvs) (Scope, cost & funding chg) 2021S-1967

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the approval of the new scope (updated to include LSs improvements eliminated from prior project) and for the Webster Springs PSD to be eligible to pursue a \$2,580,000 ARC grant and a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$3,580,000.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Weirton, City of-Line repl (New application)

2024W-2609

Meredith Vance described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Weirton be eligible to pursue a \$1,000,000 US ACE grant, a \$1,000,000 DWTRF (2.75%, 20 yrs, 0.25% AF) loan, and a \$2,340,000 IJDC loan (3%, 20 yrs) for an estimated project cost of \$4,340,000.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Projects Technically Feasible and Recommended to Pursue Funding Sources Other Than Infrastructure Fund Assistance -

Clarksburg, City of-Phase V-B (LTCP) (Scope, cost & funding change)

2023S-2404

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends approval of the new scope (WWTP imprvs only) and for the City of Clarksburg to be eligible to pursue a \$1,000,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$3,550,000 CWSRF loan (2.75%, 30 yrs, 0.25% AF), and \$250,000 Clarksburg contribution for an estimated project cost of \$4,800,000.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Projects Requesting Infrastructure Fund Binding Commitments and/or Extensions – Extensions

Hodgesville PSD-Distribution sys imprvs (Binding commitment ext)

2022W-2136

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Hodgesville PSD binding commitment be extended until March 15, 2026 (proposing to return \$400,000 of IJDC grant funding on January 22nd at closing).

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Jumping Branch Nimitz PSD-Broomstraw ext, 53 cust (Binding commitment ext) 2019W-1815
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Jumping Branch Nimitz PSD binding commitment be extended until March 15, 2026.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Logan Co PSD-Coal Mtn ext, 166 cust (Binding commitment ext) 2017W-1721
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Logan Co PSD binding commitment be extended until June 30, 2026.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Pineville, Town of-Sys imprvs (Binding commitment ext) 2020W-1891
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Pineville binding commitment be extended until June 30, 2026.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Pineville, Town of-Brenton/Baileysville ext, 254 cust (Binding commitment ext) 2020W-1903
Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Pineville binding commitment be extended until June 30, 2026.

Brad Sergent moved that the recommendation be approved, Virginia King seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Executive Director Comments -

Critical Need Extension Criteria – no update.

Returned Funds – no returned funds to report at this meeting.

Funding program updates – Kathy Emery and Steve Collins gave a brief update for CWSRF & USDA respectively.

Projects Requiring Additional Information -

Clarksburg, City of-Edgewood CN ext, 8 cust	2025S-2674
Craigsville PSD-WTP (Cost & funding change and binding commitment)	2015W-1590
Gilmer Co PSD-Cox Mills CN ext, 12 cust	2025W-2649
McDowell Co PSD-Elkhorn III ext, 13 cust	2021W-1961
Pennsboro, City of-WV 74 CN ext, 14 cust	2024W-2580
Salt Rock Sewer PSD-Rt 60 CN ext, 11 cust	2025S-2726
Sugar Ck PSD-Camp Rd CN ext, 20 cust	2025W-2652

Requests Received (Applications and requests to date) -

Sewer

Marmet, Town of-Maryland Ave overflow abt (Cost & funding chg & binding com) 2024S-2581

Water

Alderson, Town of-Sys imprvs & ext, 165 cust (Cost & funding chg & binding com) 2019W-1833

Clay, Town of-Water storage repl (Cost & funding change & binding com) 2019W-1785

Clover PSD-Vineyard Rdg ext, 38 cust (New application) 2025W-2727

Davis, Town of-SofS (New application) 2025W-2728

Pendleton Co PSD-Sandy Rdg ext, 25 cust (Binding commitment ext) 2021W-1947

Taylor Co Com-Slaton Hollow CN ext, 14 cust (New application) 2025W-2731

Committee Reports

Consolidation

Nate Testman

Technical Review & Funding

Brad Sergent

Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

Wayne Morgan

Sewer Technical Review

Kathy Emery

Water Technical Review

Kathy Emery

Other Reports

US Army Corps of Engineers

Klancey Burford

US Department of Agriculture

Steve Collins

Abandoned Mine Lands

Roger Earle

Division of Highways

Perry Keller

Funding Program Reports (projects bidding and closing)

Kathy Emery

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Robert Riggs signed up for public comment and spoke about the length of time it was taking for his critical needs project to be actionable.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, Virginia King moved to adjourn; Brad Sergent seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at **10:00 a.m.**

Wayne D. Morgan
Secretary & Executive Director