



WEST VIRGINIA

Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

APPROVED

A meeting of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Technical Review & Funding Committee Meeting was held **Tuesday, April 28th, 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 Brad Sergent, WV Water Development Authority

Voting Members in person/by phone:

Nate Testman, WV Housing Development Fund
Kathy Emery, WV Department of Environmental Protection
Brandon Crace, WV Public Service Commission
Meredith Vance, WV Bureau of Public Health (by phone)
Joseph Brouse, WV Economic Development Authority

Invitees present or via phone:

Thomas Cazad, WV Department of Environmental Protection
Roger Earle, Abandoned Mine Lands
Klancey Burford, US Army Corp of Engineers

Others in attendance in person/Webex:

Wayne Morgan, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council
April Evers, IJDC
Mike Duminiak, IJDC
Elizabeth Atkinson, IJDC
Scott Menefee, WDA
Samme Gee, Jackson Kelly
Julie Merow, Jackson Kelly
John Mitchell, Extreme Endeavors
Bruce Mullins, RIC
Austin Gillenwater, Griffith & Assoc.
Ryan Haws, CEC
Matt Tanner, Chapman Technical Group
Greg Belcher, Chapman Technical Group
Clay Riley, Thrasher Engineering
Will Wallace, Cerrone Associates
Melissa Cross, DEP
Beth Belcher, DEP
Cullin Cutright, Thrasher Engineering
Penny Hiser, Region 8 PDC
Susanna Henderson, Region 9 PDC
Doug Smith, Thrasher Engineering
Ben Erste, Region 11 PDC

Carla Fabian, Region 11 PDC
Kylea Radcliffe, Thrasher Engineering
Kevin Watkins, Thrasher Engineering
Bo Crites, Region 8 PDC
Rachel Houston, DEP
Jim Hildreth, Boyles & Hildreth
AB Bird, DEP
Bob Hazlewood, E.L. Robinson
A.C. Wiethe, Belomar Region Council
Tim Meeks, TSM Consulting
Carrie Wallace, Region 7 PDC
Cary Smith, Region 7 PDC
Paige Parrish, DEP
Rachel Pett, Steptoe & Johnson
Cade Peters, Thrasher Engineering
Casey Young, Thrasher Engineering
Matt Ritchey, GDF Engineers
Dana Burns, Potesta & Assoc.
Michael Griffith, Griffith & Assoc.
Brandy McKnight, Steptoe & Johnson
John Cole, RK&K
Keith Dalton, WV DEP
Cody Turner, Thrasher Engineering
Lucas Pettus, Region 1 PDC
Jesse Rupe, E.L. Robinson
Angie Lafrate, MOVRC
Paul Daniels, WVDEP
John Stump, Steptoe & Johnson
Cassandra Lawson, Region 7 PDC
Eric Combs, Region 1 PDC
John Giroir, DEP

Call to Order Brad Sergent called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes **Brad Sergent** asked for approval of the draft minutes of **March 24th, 2026**, meeting. Brandon Crace moved for approval and Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PROJECTS SATISFYING TECHNICAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND/OR ELIGIBLE TO PURSUE FUNDING¹

Sewer

Belington, City of-Sys imprvs I (Cost & funding chg)

2022S-2274

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Belington be eligible to pursue a \$1,375,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$375,000 CWSRF loan (2.75%, 20 yrs, 0.25% AF), a \$320,000 WDA

¹ A project that is determined to be “eligible to pursue funding” is allowed to seek funding outside of the Council. It does not indicate that the Council is authorizing or will authorize funding from the Council, once other funding has been obtained.

EEGF, a \$500,000 IJDC grant, and a \$500,000 IJDC loan (2%, 30 yrs) for an estimated project cost of \$3,070,000.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Belmont, City of-Sys imprvs I (Scope, cost & funding chg)

2023S-2400

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Belmont request for a scope change be approved and be eligible to pursue a \$500,000 CWSRF design loan (1%, 30 yrs), a \$2,221,000 CWSRF loan (0.5%, 40 yrs), a \$1,500,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$2,000,000 ARC grant, and a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$7,221,000.

Brandon Crace noted that the project cost has significantly increased since the project application was first reviewed, and the project now includes \$300,000 for sludge removal, of which sludge removal is typically considered an O&M expense. Kathy Emery noted that sludge removal is an eligible cost with CWSRF.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Boone Co PSD-Rock Ck sys (New application)

2026E-2772

Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Boone Co PSD be tabled to allow for the project team to submit a Waste-load Allocation to WVDEP for the proposed WWTP and address other concerns as noted including the PSC's rate analysis.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Cowen PSD-Bolair ext, 150 cust (Scope, cost & funding chg)

2023S-2401

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Cowen PSD request for a scope, cost & funding change be approved and be eligible to pursue a \$2,000,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$500,000 CWSRF PF green loan, a \$1,000,000 CWSRF loan (0.25%, 40 yrs), a \$4,616,000 CDS grant, a \$1,600,000 US ACE grant, and a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$10,716,000.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Grafton, City of-Sys imprvs I (Scope, cost & funding chg)

2021S-1934

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Grafton request for a scope change be tabled until the next Technical Review & Funding Committee meeting to allow for technical review.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Greater Marion PSD-Sys imprvs 1 (New application) 2026S-2751
Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Greater Marion PSD be eligible to pursue a \$1,500,000 US ACE Grant, a \$2,000,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$1,000,000 WDA EEGF, and a \$500,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$5,000,000.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

St Albans, City of-Sys imprvs (New application) 2026S-2760
Wayne Morgan described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of St Albans be eligible to pursue a \$2,000,000 CWSRF PF loan, a \$10,357,000 CWSRF loan (2.75%, 20 yr., 0.25% AF), and a \$1,000,000 IJDC grant for an estimated cost of \$13,357,000.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Wardensville, Town of-Sys imprvs 2 (New application) 2026S-2768
Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Wardensville be eligible to pursue a \$1,500,000 US ACE grant, a \$1,500,000 CDS grant a \$837,000 WDA EEGF and a \$100,000 IJDC loan (3%, 20 yrs) for an estimated project cost of \$3,937,000.

Brandon Crace noted that the PER did not include an evaluation of projected changes to O&M expenses.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Water
Bath (Berkeley Springs), Town of-WTP imprvs (New app & eng fee waiver req) 2026W-2754
Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Bath (Berkeley Springs) be eligible to pursue a \$375,000 IJDC grant and a \$375,000 IJDC loan (2%, 30 yrs) for an estimated project cost of \$750,000. The Town of Bath (Berkeley Springs) engineering fee variance request is approved.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Bingamon PSD-Sys imprvs (New application)

2026W-2755

Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Bingamon PSD be eligible to pursue a \$575,000 DWTRF PF and a \$575,000 DWTRF loan (2.75%, 20 yrs, 0.25% AF) for an estimated project of \$1,150,000.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Chestnut Ridge PSD-Sys imprvs II (Scope chg)

2025W-2692

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Chestnut Ridge PSD scope change be approved.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Hardy Co PSD-SofS Baker sys (New application)

2024W-2509

Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Hardy Co PSD application be tabled until the next Technical Review & Funding Committee meeting to allow time for the consultant to address the comments listed in the April 6, 2026, DEP memo.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Preston Co PSD 4-Tank & meter repl (New application)

2025W-2685

Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Preston Co PSD be eligible to pursue a \$3,000,000 USEDA grant, a \$4,622,860 DWTRF loan (2.75%, 20 yrs. 0.25% admin) and a \$1,000,000 IJDC loan (3%, 20 yrs) for an estimated project cost of \$8,622,860.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Summersville, City of-Line and junior high tank repl (New application)

2026W-2756

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Summersville project be tabled until the next Technical Review & Funding Committee meeting to allow the sponsor/Summersville, to provide an updated/acceptable funding scenario.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Weirton, City of-Dist sys imprvs I (Funding chg)

2024W-2609

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Weirton be eligible to pursue a \$1,000,000 US ACE grant and a \$3,340,000 WDA EEGF for an estimated project cost of \$4,340,000. The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Weirton be eligible to pursue a \$1,000,000 US ACE grant and a \$3,340,000 WDA EEGF for an estimated project cost of \$4,340,000.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Wellsburg, City of-Main repl 1 (New application) 2026W-2746

Thomas Cazad described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Wellsburg be eligible to pursue a \$1,500,000 DWTRF PF loan, a \$2,500,000 DWTRF loan (0.75%, 30 yrs, 0.25% AF) and a \$500,000 IJDC grant for an estimated project cost of \$4,500,000.

Brandon Crace noted that this application includes \$300,000 for Phase II Engineering Design Fees, which does not have an IJDC application filed. Kathy Emery noted that historically these type of requests are approved. Clay Riley responded to comments to provide clarification of the phasing of future water system improvements projects and stated the requested \$300,000 for Phase II would be part of this project's permanent financing.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**PROJECTS REQUESTING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND ASSISTANCE (BC ext)
Boone County PSD-Alexis Lane CN ext, 5 cust (Binding commitment ext) 2023W-2309**

Wayne Morgan described the request and it is technically feasible.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Boone Co PSD binding commitment be extended until August 15, 2026.

Terry Moran answered questions from the committee regarding specifics of the project.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**BINDING COMMITMENT REQUESTS/BID OVERRUNS
Philippi, City of Little Laurel Run res (Bid overrun binding commitment) 2019W-1855**

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Philippi receive a \$165,000 IJDC grant binding commitment transferred from loan funds and contingent upon having a fully funded project.

Please note the project is using 2015 MHI.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

**ANCILLARY PROJECT EXPENDITURES/USE OF CONTINGENCY/BID UNDERRUN
Bluewell PSD-Sys imprvs I (Use of contingency) 2023W-2357**

Thomas Cazad described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the \$120,894.20 (\$117,428.88 IJDC cont) Bluewell PSD request for 400' of 8-inch main in original scope of project be approved.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Brandon Crace seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Central Hampshire PSD-Purgitsville I ext, 53 cust (Ancillary project expenditure) 2020W-1874

Wayne Morgan notified the committee that the district had withdrawn the request and there was no action required by the committee.

Greater Harrison PSD-QD ext, 393 cust (Use of contingency) 2022S-2162

Thomas Cazad described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Greater Harrison PSD request for \$508,000 for C1 CO 3 be approved.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Nate Testman seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Huntington, City of-Rt 10 ext (Use of contingency) 2022S-2304

Thomas Cazad described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the City of Huntington \$101,485.20 use of contingency request for C1 CO 2 be approved.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Nate Testman seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Rainelle, Town of-Storage imprvs (Use of contingency) 2019W-1828

Thomas Cazad described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of Rainelle request for \$19,915.00 for change order work and \$45,000 for increased engineering costs use of contingency be approved.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

S Jackson Co PSD-Statts Mill Rd ext, 35 cust (Bid underrun req) 2022W-2291

Wayne Morgan described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Southern Jackson Co PSD \$160,281 (IJDC loan funds) bid underrun request for meter replacement be approved.

Kathy Emery moved that the recommendation be approved, Nate Testman seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

W Union, Town of-WTP repl (Use of contingency) 2022W-2119

Thomas Cazad described the request.

The Technical Review and Funding Committee recommends the Town of West Union \$160,988.18 use of contingency request for each change order be approved.

Meredith Vance moved that the recommendation be approved, Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Returned funds (see report)

Critical Need Extension Criteria Update

Funding program updates – Roger Earle provided a brief update on his funding program. Brandon Crace provided clarifying comments regarding comments he previously made during a couple projects and elaborated that the inclusion of funding for engineering design (associated with next project phase or phases) or typical O&M expenses results in rate increases for customers without assets going in the ground, and improvements or upgrades being made.

PROJECTS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Clarksburg, City of-Edgewood CN ext, 8 cust	2025S-2674
Gilmer Co PSD-Cox Mills CN ext, 12 cust	2025W-2649
Lashmeet PSD-Mary Br ext, 47 cust (Binding commitment ext)	2018W-1728
McDowell Co PSD-Elkhorn III ext, 220 cust (131 ex) (Binding com ext)	2021W-1961
Oakvale Road PSD-Sewer ext I, 98 cust(Cost & funding chg & bid overrun binding com)	2017S-1713
Pennsboro, City of-Sys imprvs (Use of contingency)	2022S-2161
Salt Rock Sewer PSD-Rt 60 CN ext, 11 cust	2025S-2726
Sugar Ck PSD-Camp Rd CN ext, 20 cust	2025W-2652
Taylor Co Com-Slatton Hollow CN ext, 14 cust	2025W-2731

REQUESTS RECEIVED (Applications and requests to date)

Sewer

Greater Paw Paw PSD-LS imprvs (New application)	2026S-2778
Kanawha PSD-Winifrede repl/FEMA (Binding commitment)	2024S-2589
Mason Co PSD-SR 817 ext, 2 dev/423 cust (New application)	2026S-2774
Montgomery, City of-WWTP imprvs (New application)	2026S-2781
Mullens, City of-WWTP imprvs (New application)	2025S-2735
Warm Springs PSD-Rt 522 N ext, 3 cust (New application)	2026S-2764

Water

Clay Co PSD-Bob Reedy Rd ext, 8 cust (New application)	2026W-2769
Cool Ridge Flat Top PSD-Dist sys imprvs B (New application)	2026W-2776
Cool Ridge Flat Top PSD-Dist sys imprvs C (New application)	2026W-2777
Follansbee, City of HH WTP imprvs (Binding Commitment)	2026W-2743
Hurricane, City of-Woodworth Farms dev, 150 cust (New application)	2026WS-2775
McDowell Co PSD-Jolo 5 ext, 119 cust (Cost, funding chg & binding Commitment)	2023W-2430
Parsons, City of-Sys imprvs (Binding commitment)	2023W-2308
St Albans, City of-Lead sl ident (New application)	2026W-2779
Weirton, City of-PFAS WTP imprvs (New application)	2026W-2782

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, Brandon Crace moved to adjourn; Kathy Emery seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at **10:30 a.m.**

Wayne D. Morgan
Secretary & Executive Director