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## INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL REPORT NEWSLETTER

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### Infrastructure Council Conducts Regular January 2020 Meeting

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC) convened in regular session on January 8, 2020 at the Water Development Authority in Charleston.

At that meeting, four projects were Recommended to Pursue Infrastructure Fund Assistance. Two projects were Recommended to Pursue Funding Sources Other Than Infrastructure Fund Assistance. Six projects Requested an Infrastructure Fund Binding Commitment. Three projects were Recommended for Infrastructure Fund Economic Development Assis-

tance. Eight projects Required Additional Information. Two sewer and one water applications were received.

#### Projects Recommended to Pursue Infrastructure Fund Assistance

**Clay County Public Service District, 2019W-1831.** The proposed project is to provide potable water to the residents, businesses, and churches of Clay County along Route 16 from Interstate 64 north to the Clay County line. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$46.34 and the proposed rate is \$52.21. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$39.16. The engineer is Robert "Greg" Belcher with Chapman Technical. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC PFA Grant of \$25,000, a Governor's Appropriation of \$50,000, an ARC Grant of \$1,500,000, a USED Grant of \$1,500,000, a USDA Grant of \$750,000, an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$1,000,000, a USDA Loan of \$250,000, and an IJDC District 2 Loan of \$280,000 with a total cost of \$5,355,000. Clay County Public Service District is requesting an engineering fee vari-

ance. *Motion passed.*

**Norton Harding Jimtown Public Service District, 2016S-1663.** The proposed project will extend sewer service to approximately 43 customers in and around the Norton area of Randolph County, WV. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$32.67 and the proposed rate is \$34.65. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$45.22. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell with Thrasher Engineering. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of an ARC Grant of \$300,000, a RUS Grant of \$200,000, and a RUS Loan (1.87%, 40 years) of \$700,000 with a total cost of \$1,200,000. The proposed funding is a USDA Grant of \$250,000, a USDA Loan (1.87%, 40 years) of \$700,000, and an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$350,000. Total project cost is \$1,300,000. *Motion passed.*

**Town of Alderson, 2019W-1833.** The proposed project is a water system rehab and extension to approximately 165 new customers. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$38.58 and the proposed rate is \$58.49. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$30.80. The engineer is David Altizer. The sources

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and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of a DWTRF Principal Forgiveness of \$1,000,000, an IJDC District 3 Grant (committed November 13, 2019) of \$1,000,000, and an IJDC District 3 Loan (committed November 13, 2019) of \$4,637,000 with a total cost of \$6,637,000. The proposed funding is an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$875,000, an IJDC Soft Cost Grant of up to

consisted of an ARC Grant of \$1,166,000 and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$291,500 with a total cost of \$1,457,500. The proposed funding is an ARC Grant of \$834,750 and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$357,750. Total project cost is \$1,192,500. *Motion passed.*

Thomas Lance Morgan with Thrasher Engineering. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of an AML Grant of \$1,779,588 with a total cost of \$1,779,588. The proposed funding is an AML Grant of \$1,799,588. Total project cost is \$1,799,588. *Motion passed.*

### Projects Recommended to Pursue Funding Sources Other Than Infrastructure Fund Assistance

**Parkersburg Utility Board**, 2019S-1842. The proposed project would extend sewer service to Marrtown Road and Starr Avenue in the Marrtown neighborhood. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$40.39 and the proposed rate is \$61.56. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$52.36. The engineer is Craig D. Richards with Burgess & Niple. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of an IJDC District 1 Loan (3%, 20 years) of \$750,000 with a total cost of \$750,000. The proposed funding is a US ACE Grant of \$2,250,000 and a CWSRF Loan (1.75%, .25% admin fee, 30 years) of \$750,000. Total project cost is \$3,000,000. An engineering fee variance for total engineering costs will be required. *Motion passed.*

**Cool Ridge-Flat Top Public Service District**, 2019W-1814. The White Oak Waterline Extension Project will provide public water service to residents along the Raleigh and Summers County border. The project limits are from the intersection of Mount View and White Oak Road going north on White Oak Road to the intersection with Hinton Road (Route 3) and extending one mile along Hinton Road in each direction from the intersection. The project will serve approximately 30 households in Raleigh County. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$36.41 and the proposed rate is \$37.42. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$70.38. The engineer is

### Projects Requesting an Infrastructure Fund Binding Commitment

**Town of Ellenboro**, 2016S-1654. The proposed project consists of improvements to the wastewater collection and treatment system. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$36.30 and the

## IJDC Technical & Funding Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

January 28, 2020

**Water  
Development  
Authority  
1009 Bullitt Street  
Charleston, WV**

proposed rate is \$43.93. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$42.97. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell with Thrasher Engineering. The sources and amounts approved by the

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\$125,000, and an IJDC District 3 Loan (1%, 40 years) of \$5,637,000. Total project cost is \$6,637,000. *Motion passed.*

**Big Bend Public Service District**, 2019S-1823. The Big Bend Public Service District provides wastewater collection and disposal services to approximately 42 Summers County customers in two separate systems. The first system is located in the community of Hilldale, west of Talcott, and serves the Pine Hill Subdivision. The second system is located east of Talcott at Pence Springs. The plants have been poorly maintained and operated and the Environmental Enforcement section of the WVDEP has been seeking a consent order to force corrective action. This project will make some minor improvements at the Pine Hill facility and completely replace the Pence Springs plant. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$47.26 and the proposed rate is \$66.95. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$45.81. The engineer is Ray Tilley with E.L. Robinson Engineering. The sources and amounts approved by the Council

Council consisted of an IJDC District 1 Loan of \$1,345,000 and an IJDC District 1 Grant of \$500,000 with a total cost of \$1,845,000. The Town of Ellenboro is requesting that their binding commitment be extended from February 6, 2020 until August 6, 2020. **Motion passed.**

**Town of Capon Bridge, 2018S-1765.** The proposed project is the Capon Bridge WWTP upgrade and expansion with service extension to Capon Bridge Technology Park. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$30.94 and the proposed rate is \$44.10. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$34.38. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell with Thrasher Engineering. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of a Local/City/Council (committed August 28, 2018) of \$250,000, a Local/City/Council (committed August 28, 2018) of \$100,000, an IJDC District 2 Grant (committed July 10, 2019) of \$500,000, an IJDC District 2 Loan (2%, 30 years—

committed July 10, 2019) of \$600,000, and a USEDA Grant (committed July 10, 2019) of \$1,200,000 with a total cost of \$2,650,000. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of a Local/City/Council of \$100,000, a Local/City/Council of \$250,000, a USEDA Grant of \$1,375,000, an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$500,000, and an IJDC District 2 Loan of \$600,000 with a total cost of \$2,825,000. The proposed funding is a USEDA Grant of \$1,232,000, a Hampshire County Development Authority Grant of \$250,000, a Hampshire County Commission Grant of \$100,000, an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$500,000, and an IJDC District 2 Loan (1%, 40 years) of \$600,000. Total project cost is \$2,682,000. The terms for the IJDC District 2 Loan binding commitment have changed to 1%, 40 years. **Motion passed.**

**Flatwoods Canoe Run Public Service District, 2017W-1709.** This project will upgrade the 6-inch waterline with a 10-inch waterline to provide fire protection to the Weyerhaeuser plant in Heaters, WV. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$42.20 and the proposed rate is \$42.20. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$40.20. The engineer is Eric J. Coberly with E.L. Robinson Engineering. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of a USEDA Grant (committed July 12, 2017) of \$1,478,100, an IJDC District 2 Grant (committed July 12, 2017) of \$467,700, an IJDC District 2 Loan (2%, 30 years—committed July 12, 2017) of \$486,408, and a Commercial of \$50,000 with a total cost of \$2,482,208. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC District 2 Loan of \$511,408, a USEDA Grant of \$1,478,100, and an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$492,700 with a total cost of \$2,482,208. Flatwoods Canoe Run Public Service District is requesting a \$100,000 IJDC District 2 Grant binding commitment for its bid overrun. **Motion passed.**

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**West Dunbar Public Service District, 2012S-1339.** The proposed project consists of the complete rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system, correction of infiltration and inflow, and rehabilitation of pump stations. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$24.82 and the proposed rate is \$50.82. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$50.26. The engineer is Paul Gosh with Ghosh Engineers. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of a CWSRF Loan of \$6,000,000 and a CWSRF Debt Forgiveness of \$1,500,000 with a total cost of \$7,500,000. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of a CWSRF Loan of \$10,040,000, a CWSRF Principal Forgiveness Loan of \$1,000,000, an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$500,000, a County Commission Grant of \$100,000, and a Local Contribution of \$20,000 with a total cost of \$11,660,000. West Dunbar Public Service District is requesting a binding commitment for a \$500,000 IJDC District 2 Grant. **Motion passed.**

**Center Public Service District, 2013S-1434.** The proposed project consists of the replacement of approximately 1,250' of 15" pipe, 4,812' of 12" pipe, and 38 manholes. Improvements also include a rotary fan press, changing pre-treatment screens, and motor replacement. The existing rate per 4,000 gallons is \$45.02 and the

## IJDC Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

February 5, 2020

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proposed rate is \$57.18. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$38.76. The engineer is Stacy A. Fowler with Stafford Consultants. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of a CWSRF Loan (.5%, 30 years) of \$1,634,000, an ARC Grant of \$1,500,000, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$500,000 with a total cost of \$3,634,000. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$1,000,000, a Local/City/Council of \$9,000, a RUS Loan of \$2,054,000, and a RUS Grant of \$2,196,000 with a total cost of \$5,259,000. Center Public Service District is requesting a binding commitment for an \$828,606 IJDC District 3 Grant contingent upon the Resolution Converting Loan Money to Grant Money being passed. *Motion passed.*

**Lashmeet Public Service District**, 2018W-1730. The proposed project is the extension of public water to take over the Giatto Water Works system in Giatto and Weyanoke. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$49.24 and the proposed rate is \$49.24. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$45.24. The engineer is Stacy A. Fowler with Stafford Consultants. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of an AML Grant (committed January 10, 2018) of \$2,505,692.55, a BPH Grant of \$68,670, an IJDC District 3 Grant (committed May 9, 2018) of \$376,757.45, and an Other Grant (committed March 6, 2018) of \$128,880 with a total cost of \$3,080,000. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of a BPH Planning & Design Grant of \$68,670, an AML Grant of \$2,881,102.27, an Other Grant of \$128,880, an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$159,200, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$226,257 with a total cost of \$3,464,109.27. The proposed funding is an AML Grant of \$4,082,984, a BPH Planning and Design Grant of \$68,000, a District Contribution of \$670, a

WV American Water Co. Contribution of \$182,035, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$470,882. Total project cost is \$4,804,571 with a WDA GAN of \$28,290. Lashmeet Public Service District is also requesting a \$85,425 IJDC District 3 Grant binding commitment for the bid overrun request contingent upon the Resolution Converting Loan Money to Grant Money being passed. *Motion passed.*

### Projects Recommended for Infrastructure Fund Economic Development Assistance

**Collegiate Housing of Bluefield, Inc.**, 2019E-187. On September 4, 2019, the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council approved a request for an Economic Infrastructure grant to Bluefield State College not to exceed \$500,000 to be used to help finance a portion of the costs of the design and construction and/or improvement of a student housing complex at Bluefield. The funding will be utilized by a non-profit entity known as Collegiate Housing of Bluefield, Inc. A request is being made to replace the grant to Bluefield with a grant to Collegiate Housing of Bluefield, Inc. *Motion passed.*

**Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation**, 2000E-046. The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation is requesting an extension of deferral of principal and interest for the above referenced loan. Interest will not accrue during the deferral period. *Motion passed.*

**Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation**, 2001E-056. The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation is requesting an extension of deferral of principal and interest for the above referenced loan. Interest will not accrue during the deferral period. *Motion passed.*

### Business Items

Wayne Morgan and Samme Gee presented the Council with the Resolution Converting Loan Money to Grant Money. The Resolution involves Senate Bill 153, in which if on January 1 of any year, the amount for grants in any congressional district is below \$150,000, the Council may convert up to thirty (30) percent of the funds available for loans in that congressional district to be used for grants within the congressional district, if and when needed to make an award. As of January 1, 2020, Congressional District 3 has \$46,160.12 available for grants (which is below \$150,000), \$36,514,668.80 available for loans, and \$914,031 in requests for binding commitments in grants.

Pursuant to the Council Act, the Council hereby redesignates \$914,031 of Congressional District 3 loan funds to Congressional District 3 grant funds. This redesignation does not exceed thirty (30) percent of the funds available for loans on January 1, 2020. During the remainder of FY 2020 for any project being recommended for a grant binding commitment in District 3 and such grant amount is within the 30% (\$10,040,369 remains) the transfer shall be approved as part of the binding commitment approval. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption, as of January 8, 2020. *Motion passed.*

### Projects Requiring Additional Information

**City of Piedmont**, 2019W-1822



## WEST VIRGINIA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

Every drop counts.

**Weirton Sanitary Board, 2019S-1797**

**Weirton Water Board, 2019W-1795**

**Town of Cedar Grove, 2019S-1800**

**City of Ravenswood, 2019S-1789**

**Cowen Public Service District, 2018W-1768**

**McDowell County Public Service District, 2019W-1838**

**Pea Ridge Public Service District, 2017S-1674**

### Applications Received

The following sewer applications were received:

**Greater Harrison County Public Service District, 2014S-1510**

**City of Hinton, 2015S-1585**

The following water application was received:

**Nettie Leivasy Public Service District, 2019W-1856**

### Other Reports

Roger Earle said there has been no word, yet, of the selected projects for the AML Pilot Program (\$25,000,000).

On behalf of USDA, Alan Harris said one of the top priorities last year and this year is broadband development in West Virginia, which is a nationally-run program. Last year, \$650,000,000 was awarded in rural areas and, in West Virginia, we got two or three of those. Round Two will come up this year and the funding cycle will be open very soon with a very short window. There will be a workshop. If any community or organization would like to attend the workshop, please give your name to Alan Harris, who will give out the details as soon as they become available.

Sharanna Romans with US Army Corps of Engineers, said the Energy & Water budget was passed. The Section 340 Program, which is Congressional District 3, is expected to have project selections by the end of February with notifications by the beginning of March. Section 571 is similar. There is a Section 219 Program, which is not reimbursable. New funding has been applied for, which would deal with Congressional District 1. They hope to have more information in February.

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