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Infrastructure Council Conducts Regular July 2021 Meeting

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC) convened in regular session on July 7, 2021 at the Water Development Authority in Charleston.

At that meeting, six projects were Recommended to Pursue Infrastructure Fund Assistance. Four projects were Recommended to Pursue Funding Sources Other Than Infrastructure Fund Assistance. Seventeen projects Requested an Infrastructure Fund Binding Commitment. Two projects Requested Ancillary Project Ex-

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penditure. Six projects Required Additional Information. Eleven sewer and three water applications were received.

Projects Recommended to Pursue Infrastructure Fund Assistance

Town of Cairo, 2021W-1953. The proposed project includes water distribution system improvements. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$51.49. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$40.62. The engineer is Fredrick "Fred" L. Hypes. The proposed funding is a US ACE Grant of \$3,000,000, an IJDC District 1 Grant of \$500,000, and an IJDC District 1 Loan (2%, 30 years) of \$533,225. Total project cost is \$4,033,225. *Motion passed.*

Town of Cairo, 2021W-1953. The proposed project includes water distribution system improvements. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$51.49. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$40.62. The engineer is Fredrick "Fred" L. Hypes. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of a US ACE Grant of \$3,000,000, an IJDC District 1 Grant of \$500,000, and an IJDC District 1 Loan (2%, 30

years) of \$533,225 with a total cost of \$4,033,225. The Town of Cairo is requesting an engineering fee variance for total engineering fees. *Motion passed*.

Town of Paw Paw, 2021W-1962. The proposed project consists of upgrades to the water treatment plant; rehabilitation to the Town's two water storage tanks; installation of a SCADA system; rehabilitation of the raw water intake and improvements to the access road; replacing the remaining original distribution system; and development of an additional water source. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$62.58. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$37.28. The engineer is John W. Cole. The proposed funding as a USDA Grant of \$2,546,700, a USDA Loan (1.5%, 40 years) of \$848,900, an IJDC District 1 Grant of \$1,000,000, and an IJDC District 1 Design Loan (1%, 40 years) of \$200,000. Total project \$4,395,000. cost İS passed.

Tri-County Water Association, 2021W-1958. The proposed project consists of a water line, critical needs extension to Sweeps Run Rd. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$38.44. The 1.5

This newsletter is published for informational purposes only. Await notification from the IJDC before proceeding with your projects.

percent MHI is stated at \$45.11. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell. The proposed funding is an IJDC Critical Needs Grant of \$785,000. Total project cost is \$785,000. An engineering fee variance will be required for total engineering fees. *Motion passed.*

Buffalo Creek Public Service District, 2020C-103. The proposed project is a change of scope to complete work at the WWTP headworks. The engineer is Rick Roberts. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of an IJDC District 3 Loan (3%, 10 years) of \$275,000 with a total cost of \$275,000. The sources amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC District 3 Loan (3%, 12 years) of \$308,600 with a total cost of \$308,600. Buffalo Creek Public Service District is requesting a change in scope to complete work at the WWTP headworks and clarifier. Motion passed.

City of Richwood, 2021S-1960. The City of Richwood is proposing the replacement of the existing Waste Water Treatment Plant that is located in the FEMA Floodway and was damaged during the flood disaster of 2016. The project proposes the replacement of the entire WWTP located near the existing site, but located higher in elevation and out of the FEMA Floodway to help mitigate the risk of future flood damage. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$46.73. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$34.04. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell. The proposed funding is a CDBG-MIT Grant of \$9,950,000, a CWSRF Debt Forgiveness Loan of \$1,500,000, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$1,000,000. Total project cost is \$12,450,000. *Motion passed*.

City of Richwood, 2021W-1959. The City of Richwood's surface water intake impound structure is failing. Various floods and debris have wreaked havoc on the structure over the years to the point of no repair. Concrete has

become loose and broken, rebar is exposed, and holes have formed within the structure itself. Ultimately, these continual deteriorations will cause water to not be able to pool behind the intake impound structure leaving the City with the inability to produce water for its customers. The City is proposing a project to replace the existing surface water intake impound structure to ensure that the City of Richwood remains a reliable potable water source for its customers. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$45.47. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$34.04. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell. The proposed funding is a DWTRF Principal Forgiveness Loan of \$500,000, a DWTRF Loan (.5%, .25% admin fee, 30 years) of \$500,000, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$1,000,000. Total project cost is \$2,000,000. *Motion passed*.

Projects Recommended to Pursue Funding Sources Other Than Infrastructure Fund Assistance

Town of Alderson, 2021W-1956. The proposed project is the replacement of the WTP. The current water plant is located in the floodplain and the new plant will be constructed out of the floodplain. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$54.55. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$30.80. The engineer is Jonathan Carpenter. The proposed funding is a CDBG-MIT of \$8,304,000. Total project cost is \$8,304,000. *Motion passed.*

Town of Pax, 2021S-1933. The objective of the proposed project is to construct the necessary facilities to allow the Town of Pax to provide public sewer service to approximately 7 customers in the area locally known as Willis Branch (encompassing parts of County Route 23/2—Coal River Mountain Road and County Route 23/13—Bee Branch Road). These residents have never had public sewer and have requested that the Town of Pax construct the infrastructure required to provide pub-

lic sewer. The project will also provide a telemetry system for all lift stations and upgrade the ultraviolet disinfection unit at the treatment plant. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$32.30. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$42.03. The engineer is Brandon Conley. The proposed funding is a CDBG (SCBG) Grant of \$1,000,000. Total project cost is \$1,000,000. Motion passed.

Webster Springs Public Service District, 2021S-1967. The proposed project will address ongoing inflow and infiltration issues within the Webster Springs Public Service District's collection system. The project will replace portions of the collection system along West Virginia Route 7 and Bell Street, which have surpassed their useful life and are located in close proximity to waterways which promotes infiltration into the system. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$39.29. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$44.49. The engineer is Eric J. Coberly. The proposed funding is a CDBG-MIT Grant of \$1,950,000. Total project cost is \$1,950,000. Motion passed.

Wilderness Public Service District, 2021W-1964. The project includes development of a new intake on Meadow River approximately 30 feet further out from the existing intake as well as a new intake on Anglins Creek approximately 700 feet upstream from the

IJDC Technical & Funding Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. July 27, 2021

IJDC Council Meeting

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. August 4, 2021

Water Development Authority 1009 Bullitt Street Charleston, WV existing intake. Currently, the intakes are only about 75 feet apart. Because of flooding on Meadow River and Anglins Creek, the pool (s) where these intakes are located have dropped approximately one (1) foot (rutted out the river bottom). Therefore, the existing intakes are subject to going dry due to the lines/screens being above the water during low flow/drought events. The areas proposed for the new intake locations are deeper and will provide a more reliable source of raw water. In addition, moving the intakes further away from each other will provide a greater factor of safety in the event of a spill/contamination. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$42.38. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$48.96. The engineer is Jack E. Ramsey. The proposed funding is a CDBG-MIT Grant of \$746,500. Total project cost is \$746,500. *Motion passed.*

Infrastructure Council Report

Projects Requesting an Infrastructure Fund Binding Commitment

Greater Harrison County Public Service District, 2020W-1899. The proposed project is a critical needs funding request to extend service to 31 customers in the Stevens Run area. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$37.37. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$54.98. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC District 1 Critical Needs & Crisis Situation Grant of \$799,000 with a total cost of \$799,000. Greater Harrison County Public Service District is requesting a bid overrun for \$61,350 for the Sweeps Run Critical Needs Extension. *Motion* passed.

Hancock County Public Service District, 2021S-1980. The proposed project includes complete PER with accounting and legal work for acquiring of the Newell Co. wastewater system. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$49.95. The engineer is Chad Hanley. The proposed funding is a

PFA Funds Binding Commitment of \$50,000 (to match a \$50,000 grant from the Hancock County Commission) to file an IJDC Funding Application for a project associated with the acquisition of the Newell Company (wastewater assets). *Motion passed.*

City of Kingwood, 2021F-112. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$135,413 for costs associated with the installation of five generators to be installed at Kingwood Treatment Plant, Intermediate Pump Station, Whetsell St. Booster, Kinney Booster, and Main Storage Tank and Booster for an estimated project cost of \$541,650. *Motion passed.*

Town of Paw Paw, 2021W-1962. The proposed project consists of upgrades to the water treatment plant; rehabilitation to the Town's two water storage tanks; installation of a SCADA system; rehabilitation of the raw water intake and improvements to the access road; replacing the remaining original distribution system; and development of an additional water source. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$62.58. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$37.28. The engineer is John W. Cole. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of an IJDC District 1 Grant of \$1,000,000, a RUS Grant of \$2,546,700, an IJDC Design Loan (1%, 40 years) of \$200,000, and a RUS Loan (1.5%, 40 years) of \$848,900 with a total project cost of \$4,395,600. The Town of Paw Paw is requesting a binding commitment for the IJDC District 1 Design Loan (1%, 40 years) of \$200,000. *Motion passed.*

City of Pennsboro, 2018W-1766. The proposed project includes water distribution system improvements. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$48.57 and the proposed rate is \$60.72. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$36.30. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC

District 1 Loan of \$2,800,000 and an IJDC District 1 Grant of \$1,000,000 with a total cost of \$3,800,000. The City of Pennsboro is requesting a binding commitment for an IJDC Bid Overrun Grant of \$165,000. *Motion passed.*

Preston County Public Service District #4, 2021F-111. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$76,755 for costs associated with the installation of five diesel generators for Brandonville Booster, Intermediate Booster, Bruceton Source Well Pump Station, South Source Well Pump Station, and Pisgah Booster for an estimated project cost of \$307,020. *Motion passed.*

Tomlinson Public Service District, 2021W-1982. The proposed project is for Tomlinson Public Service District to do a complete study of the Newell water system for acquisition. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$49.95. The engineer is Paul Ghosh. The proposed funding is a PFA Funds Binding Commitment of \$50,000 to match a \$50,000 grant from the Hancock County Commission to file an IJDC Funding Application for a project associated with the acquisition of the Newell Company (water assets). *Motion passed*.

City of Buckhannon, 2021F-108. The engineer is James Hollen, III. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC 25% Match to FEMA of \$156,649 with a total cost of \$156,649. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$51,768 for costs associated with the installation of generators for the RW Intake and WWTP, contingent upon FEMA increasing the total grant for an estimated project cost of \$833,668 (\$156,649 approved on May 25, 2021). Motion passed.

City of Buckhannon, 2021F-116. The engineer is James Hollen, III. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$285,542 for costs associated

with the installation of five generators to cover the main pump stations and eleven manual transfer switches to cover the smaller pump stations for an estimated project cost of \$1,142,167. *Motion passed.*

Birch River Public Service District, 2021F-110. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$79,055 for costs associated with the installation of three generators and two remote terminal units for the Carpenter Fork Booster, Water Tank One, Bays Booster, Dille Booster, and Dille Tank for an estimated project cost of \$316,219. *Motion passed.*

Town of Bradshaw, 2021F-114. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$17,083 for costs associated with the installation of one generator at the Bradshaw WWTP for an estimated project cost of \$68,330. *Motion passed.*

Buffalo Creek Public Service District, 2018S-1752. This project will serve approximately 103 residential and commercial customers in the Taplin and Earling areas. It consists of the construction of approximately 10,290 feet of 8-inch and smaller diameter gravity sewer pipe, 16,380 feet of 6-inch and smaller diameter force main, three major pumping stations, four grinder pumping stations, manholes, cleanouts, customer service lines and other related appurtenances. Treatment will be provided by the District's existing treatment plant. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$27.26 and the proposed rate is \$31.87. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$45.95. The engineer is Rick Roberts. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of a Local/ City/Council of \$600,000, a Private Grant of \$100,000, a USEDA Grant of \$1,500,000, and an IJDC District 3 Loan of \$1,000,000 with a total cost of \$3,200,000. Buffalo Creek Public Service District is requesting a binding commitment extension from July 11, 2021 until

July 12, 2022. Motion passed.

Craigsville Public Service **District**, 2021F-113. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$127,776 for costs associated with the installation of four emergency generators at the following locations: Craigsville Public Service District Water Treatment Plant, Craigsville Public Service District Cottle Booster Station, Craigsville Public Service District Craigsville Booster Station, and Craigsville Public Service District Mt. Zion Booster Station for an estimated project cost of \$511,103. *Motion passed*.

Town of Durbin, 2018S-1764. Broken sanitary and storm sewer mains have resulted in raw sewage leaking into the ground and lying in ditches, creating a health hazard for residents. The project will replace broken sanitary and storm sewer mains, as well as replacement of the disinfection system at the WWTP. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$28.46 and the proposed rate is \$46.41. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$39.35. The engineer is Dewayne N. Hannah. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consisted of a RUS Grant of \$2,083,000, a RUS Loan (2.37%, 38 years) of \$277,000, and an IJDC District 3 Grant (committed November 13, 2019) of \$500,000 with a total cost of \$2,860,000. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of a USDA Loan of \$277,000, an IJDC District 3 Loan of \$200,000, a USDA Grant of \$2,083,000, an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$300,000, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$100,000 with a total cost of \$2,960,000. The Town of Durbin is requesting a binding commitment extension from August 9, 2021 until February 9, 2022. *Mo*tion passed.

Eastern Wyoming Public Service District, 2016W-1648. The project consists of construction of approximately 134,700' of 6" and smaller diameter water main, one

53,000 gallon water tank, one 74,000 gallon water tank, one 50 gallons per minute booster station, 31 fire hydrants, valves, individual customer services, and other related appurtenances. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$44.27 and the proposed rate is \$44.27. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$45.43. The engineer is Rick Roberts. The sources and amounts proposed in the preliminary application consists of an AML Grant (committed June 12, 2015) of \$6,322,580, an IJDC District 3 (1%, Loan 38 years) \$2,587,420, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$500,000 with a total cost of \$9,410,000. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC District 3 Loan of \$3,541,530, an AML Grant of \$5,317,090, and an IJDC District 3 Grant of \$500,000 with a total cost of \$9,358,620. Eastern Wyoming Public Service District is requesting a bid overrun of \$100,000 for the Beartown Extension and an extension of the current binding commitment from August 9 until November 9, 2021. In addition, \$681,819 is being provided by the Wyoming County Commission from ARP funds and an additional \$172,779 from AML to allow this \$10,312,218 project to close. *Motion passed*.

Town of Matewan, 2021F-109. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$39,890 for costs associated with the installation of two generators, one for the Matewan Water Plant and one for the raw water intake facility for an estimated project cost of \$159,560. *Motion passed.*

Town of Rainelle, 2021F-115. The proposed funding is a binding commitment match of up to \$46,202 for costs associated with the installation of two generators at the following locations: Water Plant and Rainelle Lilly Park Water Station for an estimated project cost of \$277,716. *Motion passed*.

Projects Requesting Ancillary Project Expenditure

Pocahontas County Public Service District, 2017W-1697. Acquisition of Cheat Mountain Water system and system upgrades to improve system reliability and prevent service disruption in the event of loss of power or equipment malfunctioning. The proposed rate per 3,400 gallons is \$32.13. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$40.20. The engineer is Eric J. Coberly. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of a Commercial of \$256,000 and an IJDC District 3 PreConstruction Loan \$2,109,700 with a total cost of \$2,365,700. Pocahontas County Public Service District is requesting an ancillary expenditure of \$28,450 to purchase 65 radio read meters and the mobile service kit. Motion passed.

Weston Sanitary Board, 2017S-1679. This project will extend sewer service into the areas of Butchersville and Turnertown of Weston, WV serving approximately 294 new customers. The project also incorporates the replacement of approximately 5,000 linear feet of the Stonecoal Creek interceptor line. Wastewater treatment plant upgrades include a new headworks building and screening, Equalization Basin Conversion, piping, and the addition of filters as tertiary treatment. Additional items included in the project consist of upgrades to the Jackson's Mill pump station and demolition of the former wastewater treatment plant site. The existing rate per 3,400 gallons is \$40.73 and the proposed rate is \$40.73. The 1.5 percent MHI is stated at \$33.83. The engineer is Daniel Ferrell. The sources and amounts approved by the Council consisted of an IJDC District 2 Loan of \$1,325,000, a CWSRF Loan of \$10,716,698, an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$100,000, a CWSRF Debt Forgiveness of \$1,000,000, an IJDC District 2 Grant of \$1,000,000, an Other

Grant of \$99,000, and an AML Grant of \$0 with a total cost of \$14,240,698. Weston Sanitary Board is requesting an ancillary expenditure of \$168,618.16 for start-up. *Motion passed.*

Business Items

During the election of officers, John Reisenweber was nominated to remain Vice Chair and Wayne Morgan was nominated to remain Secretary. *Motions passed*.

Wayne Morgan presented the Council with the FY 2022 Proposed Administrative Budget. The budget is basically remaining the same with less than a 10% increase associated with the budget over last year's actual. *Motion passed*.

Samme Gee presented the Council with the Resolution Reauthorizing the Soft Cost Grant Program and Providing Additional Funding. 1) The Program is hereby continued and reestablished within the Infrastructure Fund and the WDA is hereby directed to utilize the \$645,710.84 from the Infrastructure Fund to continue the Program. At anytime that the balance available for the Program goes below \$300,000 then the WDA is hereby authorized to transfer funds sufficient to bring the balance available to \$500,000. 2) The Council will consider making grants through the Program utilizing the following guidelines: A) The Program is available only to government agencies which have received written commitments for grants, Water Pollution Control **Revolving Fund Loan Program** funds (CWSRF), Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Program funds (DWTRF), or other non-repayment funding awards for Projects. B) Soft Costs are limited to legal, accounting, real estate and non-construction/non-engineering costs necessary for the completion

of the Project and not eligible for payment by the other funding sources. C) The governmental agency must submit a Program Application to the Council using the form provided by the Executive Director. D) The governmental agency must certify that no other funds are available to pay the Soft Costs. E) No grant from the Program shall exceed \$125,000. F) The WDA shall enter into a grant agreement with the governmental agency only after the Council has approved a specific sum to be granted under the Program. 3) The Program shall expire on July 1, 2026 unless further action is taken by the Council. 4) This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. Motion passed.

Samme Gee presented the Council with the Resolution Authorizing Funding for Fiscal Year 2022 for the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account. 1) The Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Authority to transfer from the loan balances for Congressional District 1 in the amount of \$2m, for Congressional District 2 in the amount of \$2m and for Congressional District 3 in the amount of \$2m to the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account. 2) The Authority shall make loans and grants from the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account upon authorization from the Council as required by the Council Act. 3) This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. Motion passed.

Samme Gee presented the Council with the Resolution Authorizing Funding of the Distressed Utilities Account. 1) The Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$5,000,000 to the Distressed Utilities Account from the uncommitted loan balances remaining on June 30, 2021. 2) The Authority shall make grants from

the Distressed Utilities Account at the direction of the Council. 3) This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. *Motion passed*.

Samme Gee presented the Council with the Resolution Increasing Moneys Disbursed as Grants. 1) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, the money disbursed from the Infrastructure Fund in the form of grants for projects shall be twenty-five percent of the total funds available for funding projects. 2) This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. *Motion passed*.

Marie Prezioso presented the Council with the Exhibit A Process and Procedures Resolution, which was adopted October 2, 2013. It states that "The Council shall not fund any bid overrun with more than \$100,000 of Council grant funds, and any bid overrun amounts in excess of \$100,000 to be funded by the Council funds shall be in the form of a loan." Due to inflation over the years and the current volatile market, it was determined that the amount should increase from \$100,000 to \$165,000. *Motion passed.*

Informational Items

Wayne Morgan presented the Council with the FY 2021 Fiscal Year Split of Funds. Approximately \$6.7 million in loans and \$3.4 million in grants are going to each Congressional District.

Executive Director Comments

Wayne Morgan presented the Council with the FY 2021 Audit engagement letter. Once completed, the audit findings will be reported to the Council.

As part of his funding update, Wayne Morgan noted that during the last fiscal year for water and sewer projects, there was essentially \$36 million of IJDC funds committed towards projects and, when you take in to account the Economic Development Assistance projects, there is about \$57 million associated with IJDC committing to projects throughout the state of WV.

Projects Requiring Additional Information

Denver Water Association, 2020W-1888

Union Williams Public Service District, 2021S-1965

Norton Harding Jimtown Public Service District, 2016S-1663

Lincoln County Public Service District, 2019W-1806

McDowell County Public Service District, 2019W-1838

Wilderness Public Service District, 2021W-1940

Applications Received

The following sewer applications were received:

Town of Barrackville, 2021S-1972

City of Keyser, 2021S-1963

Town of Tunnelton, 2020S-1893

WV DNR Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center, 2021S-1986

Greater St. Albans Public Service District, 2021S-1978

Town of Reedy, 2014S-1507

City of Spencer, 2021S-1974

Warm Springs Public Service District, 2020S-1885

Big Bend Public Service District, 2019S-1823

WV DNR Chief Logan State Park, 2021S-1983

WV DNR Pipestem State Park, 2021S-1976

The following water applications were received:

Town of Nutter Fort, 2021W-1973

Town of Pax, 2021W-1985

WV DNR Watoga State Park, 2021W-1987

Other Reports

Kathy Emery reported on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The application is in for the federal fiscal year grant and they're waiting for that award. Also, their FY 2022 Intended Use Plan has been approved by the EPA and is up on their website.

Janna Lowery with USDA reported that she has the interest rates for the quarter starting July 1 through September 30. Poverty is at 1.375%; intermediate at 1.75%; and market at 2.25%. They are approaching the deadline for usage of their 2021 allocation, which is August 6. They are on target to meet that deadline. After that time through the end of the fiscal year, they will be limited as to access of funds.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.