



# RIC Messenger

**Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Putnam Counties**

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## Chair's Message

I am excited to begin my first year as RIC Chair, it has been such a pleasure serving on the RIC board and I would like to thank my fellow RIC members for the opportunity to serve as their leader. I have enjoyed working with the RIC staff and all the members of the RIC board and I am looking forward to my term as Chair.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the projects and accomplishments at RIC during the past few months. The Town of Belle Sewer Rehabilitation project is 80% complete, the Morrisvale-Cameo Waterline Extension project in Boone County is 85% complete and the Town of Clay has been awarded a construction contract for the Blue Knob Waterline Extension project. The Manila Ridge Waterline Extension project in Putnam County will be going to bid this fall as well as the Prenter Waterline Extension project in Boone County. RIC has also begun administration of the Grater St. Albans Public Service District Phase III Sewer Project.

The RIC transportation staff continues to work on the Kanawha-Putnam Bike & Pedestrian Plan and is currently in the Public Engagement Stage. RIC has also adopted the West Virginia Department of Transportation's performance targets.

I hope to see you at our quarterly meeting on September 13, 2018 as we work together to promote local communities, regional solutions and statewide impacts.



D. Anne Cavalier  
RIC Chair

## **Newly Elected Officials**

The following new mayors have been serving their communities since July 1, 2018:

- Town of Belle: David Fletcher
- Town of Eleanor: Cam Clendenin

## **New RIC Officers**

The following RIC officers were elected to serve for the next two years:

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| Chair                 | D. Anne Cavalier      |
| 1st Vice-Chair        | William E. Cunningham |
| 2nd Vice-Chair        | Jay Snodgrass         |
| 3rd Vice-Chair        | S. K. Miller          |
| Treasurer & Secretary | Damron Bradshaw       |

## **New Board Member**

Perry Keller, Citizen Representative  
West Virginia Department of Transportation

## **Upcoming RIC Meetings**

**September 13, 2018**

**December 13, 2018**



## **Honoring Chairman Chestnut**

RIC Chairman Glen “Buck” Chestnut was honored for his service and dedication at the June 14, 2018 board meeting. Chairman Chestnut served faithfully for the past year and will be greatly missed. D. Anne Cavalier began her term as Chair on July 1, 2018.



## **Happy Retirement to Doug Rice**

Doug Rice, who has been a Transportation Planner with RIC for the past 6 years, retired on June 26, 2018. Doug and his wife Margret are moving to Leland, North Carolina to be closer to family. Doug and Margret will both be greatly missed, and we wish them the best in retirement.

## Anne Barth, Executive Director of TechConnect West Virginia



Anne Barth, Executive Director of TechConnect West Virginia was the guest speaker at the June 14, 2018 RIC board meeting. TechConnect West Virginia is a statewide economic development organization committed to the advancement of the innovation economy in West Virginia, focused on four technology sectors: advanced energy, chemicals and advanced materials, biosciences, and biometrics. Ms. Barth spoke to the attendees at the meeting about the three different grant programs that TechConnect West Virginia has administered; StartUp West Virginia, ScaleUp West Virginia and NextUp West Virginia and how these grant programs are helping diversify the state's economy, promote economic prosperity and create high-paying jobs.



## Community Development Block Grant Recipients



Congratulations to the Clay County Commission on the award of a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the Clay-Calhoun-Roane Regional Broadband Initiative.



Congratulations to the Putnam County Commission on the award of a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1.5 million for the Manila Ridge Waterline Extension.

## P. F. “Peck” Tucker Citizen of the Year Award Winners



Commissioner Linkinoggor was presented the P.F. Tucker Citizen of the Year award by Terry Martin at the Clay County Commission meeting. Commissioner Linkinoggor was nominated for his contributions to the education system in Clay County as well as his service to the Clay County Commission and the Regional Intergovernmental Council. Commissioner Linkinoggor is a dedicated public servant who continues to serve the citizens of Clay County.



Kris Mitchell was presented the P.F. Tucker Citizen of the Year award by Terry Martin at the Boone County Commission meeting. Kris Mitchell was nominated for her efforts to attract new business and diversify the economy in Boone County. Ms. Mitchell is a great asset to her county and continues to give freely of her time and talent for the betterment of Boone County.





## **“Partnering for a Better Future” WV LTAP/WVAMPO Conference**

Colt Sandoro, Kara Greathouse and Kelsey Tucker attended the WV LTAP/WVAMPO “Partnering for a Better Future” conference on April 18-19<sup>th</sup> in Morgantown, WV. The conference was sponsored by the WV Local Technical Assistance Program (WV LTAP) as well as the WV Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (WVAMPO), and was tailored to individuals involved with transportation planning, design and management. Kara Greathouse and Kelsey Tucker were both presenters at the conference and gave a joint presentation to attendees regarding the importance of ADA Transition Plans and Self-Evaluations.

## **Meet the Regional Intergovernmental Council Staff**



Amy Talbert has been with the Regional Intergovernmental Council for three years. Amy attended Ripley High School and graduated from West Virginia University at Parkersburg with a degree in Business Administration specializing in Accounting. She lives in Ripley with her husband Johnathon and their four children. Amy enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering with 4-H, attending church and playing the piano. Amy states that what she likes most about working at RIC is the closeness of the organization and the family like atmosphere and how the staff is always working to help the communities.



# Fatherly Figures: A Snapshot of Dads Today

## Roughly 6 in 10 men are fathers

Of the 121 million men age 15 and over in the United States, about 75 million are fathers to biological, step or adopted children.



**54%**

of fathers have only adult children who are at least 18 years old



**46%**

of fathers have at least one minor child who is less than 18 years old



**Roughly 1 in 4 men are grandfathers**



Of the 35 million fathers of minor children, 1.7 million (roughly 2 percent) are "single" fathers who are living with at least one child under 18 with no spouse or partner present.

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