



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2010
COMMITTEE ROOM A
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be a part of the minutes herein.

Treasurer Kennedy called the meeting to order. Then Ms. W. Sittig called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Timmy Teepell, representing Governor Bobby Jindal
Mr. Rowdy Gaudet, representing Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu
Mr. Tom Schedler, representing Secretary of State Jay Dardenne
Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing Attorney General James Caldwell
Senator Michael Michot (arrived during discussion of Item 12)
Senator Robert Marionneaux (arrived during discussion of Item 29)
Senator Lydia Jackson
Speaker Jim Tucker (arrived during discussion of Item 11)
Representative James Fannin
Representative Hunter Greene
Representative Cedric Richmond, representing vacant member-at-large to be
appointed by Speaker of the House (arrived during discussion of Item 43)
Commissioner Angèle Davis
Treasurer John Kennedy (Mr. Ron Henson, represented Treasurer on Item 8)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Alario, representing President Joel Chaisson

Representative Fannin moved approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schedler, and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 10, excluding Items 5 and 8, Local Political Subdivisions - Loans. Representative Greene moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Items 3 through 10, excluding Items 5, and 8 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 5, Calcasieu Parish, City of Sulphur. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 5, was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 8, St. Helena Parish, Hospital Service District No. 1. Additional information was provided by L.J. Pecot, CEO, St. Helena Parish Hospital. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 8 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 11, East Baton Rouge Parish, Hospital Service District No. 1 (Lane Regional Medical Center Project) - GO Zone Bonds. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 11 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 12, Calcasieu Parish School Board, School District No. 26. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 12 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 13 through 24, excluding Item 16, Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval. Senator Michot moved approval on Items 13 through 24, excluding Item 16, with conditional approval on Item 20 contingent upon receipt of the ConAgra “take or pay” agreement with the Town that meets the requirements set forth by Commission. The motion was seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Items 13 through 24, excluding Item 16, were approved with Item 20 being conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 16, East Baton Rouge Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, East Baton Rouge Sewerage Commission. Mr. McGimsey moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Item 16 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 25, Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural College, GO Zone Bonds. Additional information was provided by Donna Torres, Associate Vice Chancellor Accounting Services, Louisiana State University. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 25 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised Item 42 was a companion application to Item 25, Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural College, and should be considered next instead of the order in which it appeared on the agenda. Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 42. Speaker Tucker moved for approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 42 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 26, Offshore Terminal Authority, LOOP LLC Project - GO Zone Bonds. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 26 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 27, Offshore Terminal Authority, LOOP LLC Project). Additional information was provided by Meredith Hathorn, Bond Counsel, Foley & Judell, LLP. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 27 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 28, Louisiana Community Development Authority, Westlake Chemical Corporation Project. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 28 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 29, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Tulane University of Louisiana Project. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 29 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 30 through 41, Ratifications and/or Amendments to Prior Approvals. Speaker Tucker moved for approval on Items 30 through 41, with conditional approval on Item 41 contingent upon verification of the certified resolution adopted by Louisiana Community Development Authority to authorize amendment of purposes, which was adopted on March 11, 2010. The motion was seconded by Senator Jackson, and without object, Items 30 through 41 were approved, with Item 41 being conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling advised Items 45 and 46 would be considered in a different order than reflected on the agenda. Mr. Kling stated Items 45 and 46 were to consider motions to authorize the issuance of Solicitation for Offers for Bond Counsel services and Underwriter Proposals related to the \$500,000,000 Gasoline and Fuels Tax Second Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2010. Speaker Tucker moved for approval to issue the SFOs with evaluations to be performed by the standard Evaluation Team. The motion was seconded by Senator Michot and without objection, Items 45 and 46 were approved.

Mr. Kling stated Item 43 and 44 must be considered together since Item 43 was to authorize the resolution to create and establish an issuance of not to exceed \$600,000,000 principal amount State of Louisiana General Obligation Refunding Bonds and to authorize the subsequent issuance and sale; and Item 44 was to consider a resolution that would authorize the Chairman or Director, on behalf of the Commission, to provide for the bid, receipt of bids, accept bids and award to the successful bidder the G.O. Refunding Bonds Series 2010A and 2010B Bonds. Additional information was provided by Freda Johnson, Financial Advisor, Government Finance Associates, Inc. After some discussion, it was decided that special meeting(s), of the full commission, would be held on April 28, 2010 for the purpose of conducting bids, providing bid results and making award to successful bidder. Representative Fannin moved for approval of Item 43, seconded by Senators Michot and Jackson and without objection, Item 43 was approved.

Mr. Kling stated that Item 47 was a consideration of a motion to provide authorization to pursue financing alternatives relative to the Gasoline and Fuels Tax Second Lien Revenue Bonds Series 2009A-1. Additional information was provided by Freda Johnson, Financial Advisor, Government Finance Associates, Inc. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Michot and without objection, Item 47 was approved.

Mr. Kling stated that Item 48 was to discuss issues regarding non-approved debt issuance activities of the Columbia Port Commission. Additional information was provided by Joy Irwin, Director of Advisory Services, Legislative Auditor's Office. After some discussion, a request was made to obtain the name of the financial institution who had loaned the money.

Mr. Kling provided the GO Zone status report as Item 49.

Speaker Tucker requested information on the status of the contract between UNO and the LRA in regards to housing report for the New Orleans area.

Mr. Kling provided information on the Moody's Global Rating Criteria notice.

Mr. Kling provided information on a possible rating agency change that could result in debt of Citizens Insurance being considered to be part of Net State Tax Supported Debt.

On the motion of Speaker Tucker, seconded by Senator Jackson and without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

(A verbatim transcript is available with the Bond Commission.)