



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2011
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
(arrived after approval of minutes)
Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State Tom Schedler
Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing Attorney General James Caldwell
Senator John Alario, representing President Joel Chaisson
(arrived after approval of minutes)
Senator Michael Michot
Senator Lydia Jackson
(arrived during discussion of Item 20)
Representative Page Cortez, representing Speaker Jim Tucker
Representative James Fannin
Representative Hunter Greene
(arrived during discussion of Item 37)
Representative Jeff Arnold
Commissioner Paul Rainwater
Treasurer John Kennedy

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Cynthia Willard-Lewis, representing Senator Rob Marionneaux

Senator Cortez moved approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Kennedy acknowledged Mr. Harold Judell, who at the age of 95, passed away over the weekend; and remarked upon Mr. Judell's many accomplishments, which included contributions in the creation of public finance in Louisiana as well as across the nation.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 19, excluding Items 10, 11, 15 and 18, Local Governmental Units - Elections. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 3 through 19, excluding Items 10, 11, 15 and 18, were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 10, 11, 15 and 18, Local Governmental Units - Elections. Representative Fannin moved approval subject to the each applicant's compliance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:4712.10 prior to actual disbursement of proceeds and that no disbursement will be in excess of the appraisal valuation. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 10, 11, 15 and 18 were approved.

Mr. Kling advised Item 76 would be considered in a different order than reflected on the agenda.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 76, Morehouse Parish, Law Enforcement Subdistrict No. 1. Representative Fannin moved approval subject to preclearance being obtained from the U.S. Department of Justice by the deadline of April 8, 2011, set by the Secretary of State's Office. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 76 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 20 through 25, excluding Item 24, Local Political Subdivisions - Loans. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 20 through 25, excluding Item 24, were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 24, Lafourche Parish Council. Representative Fannin moved for conditional approval contingent upon the Lafourche Parish Council amending the budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, for which the amendment is scheduled to be adopted on March 22, 2011, for the purpose of removing the negative fund balance. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 24 was conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 26, Caldwell Parish, East Columbia Water District. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 26 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 27 through 34, excluding Item 29, Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval - QSCB ARRA. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 27 through 34, excluding Item 29, were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 29, Lincoln Parish School Board. Representative Fannin moved approval subject to any reimbursement pursuant to Section 6341 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be paid directly to the Paying Agent and used to make debt service payments. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 29 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 35, Ascension Parish, Fire Protection District No. 1. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 35 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 36, Caddo Parish, Town of Blanchard. Senator Jackson moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Item 36 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 37, Grant Parish, Village of Dry Prong. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 37 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 38, LaSalle Parish, Town of Olla. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 38 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 39, Ouachita Parish, Town of Sterlington. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 39 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 40, Rapides Parish, Recreation District, Ward 9. Representative Fannin moved for conditional approval contingent upon verification of the certified resolution adopted by the Rapides Parish Police Jury authorizing the incurrence of the debt, which was adopted on February 14, 2011. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 40 was conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 41, Terrebonne Parish Veteran's Memorial District. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 41 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 42, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (1501 Canal Apartments Project). Representative Arnold moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 42 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 43, 45, 46 and 72, GO Zone Bonds. Additional information was provided by Jason El Koubi, Special Assistant, Department of Economic Development. Senator Alario moved approval of Items 43, 45 and 46, with Item 45 approved for a \$300 million bond issuance with a GO Zone allocation of \$249.83 million. The motion was seconded by Representative Cortez, and without objection, Items 43, 45, and 46 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 44, Louisiana Community Development Authority (St. Landry Parish Public School System). Representative Cortez moved for conditional approval contingent upon verification of the certified resolution adopted by the School Board authorizing the incurrence of the debt, which was adopted on February 9, 2011. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 44 was conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 47, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Belle Chasse Educational Foundation Project). Representative Cortez moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 47 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 48, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Ochsner Clinic Foundation Project). Additional information was provided by Bobby Brannon, Executive Vice President, Ochsner Clinic Foundation. Representative Arnold moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 48 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised Item 74 would be considered in a different order than reflected on the agenda.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 74 relative to the refinancing options for the State of Louisiana General Obligation Variable Rate Demand Refunding Bonds Series 2008-A. Additional information was provided by Freda and Chester Johnson, Financial Advisors, Government Finance Associates, Inc. Representative Fannin moved to accept the Financial Advisor's recommendation to move forward with the SFO for Floating Rate Notes. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, the motion was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a brief synopsis on Item 74 relative to receipt of evaluation team grading and recommendations for selection of Bond Counsel associated with the refinancing of the State of Louisiana General Obligation Variable Rate Demand Refunding Bonds Series 2008-A. Representative Fannin moved approval to accept recommendations for Foley & Judell, LLP as Bond Counsel. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, the selected Bond Counsel was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 49, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Lafayette General Medical Center Project). Cortez/Michot moved approval, seconded by Cortez/Michot, and without objection, Item 49 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 50 through 70, Ratifications and/or Amendments to Prior Approvals. Representative Fannin moved for approval on Items 50 through 70, with conditional approval on Item 64 contingent upon verification of the certified resolution adopted by the Board authorizing the mortgaging of the additional property, which was adopted on February 16, 2011. The motion was seconded Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 50 through 70 were approved, with Item 64 conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a brief synopsis on Item 71 relative to the request to hold a Special State Bond Commission meeting on March 1, 2011, that will facilitate the sale of the State's \$300,000,000 General Obligation Bond Series 2011A.

Mr. Kling advised Item 75 would be considered in a different order than reflected on the agenda.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 75, Election Proposition Tax Classifications. Additional information was provided by David Wolf, Bond Counsel, Adams & Reese LLP. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario and after additional discussion by the Bond Counsel, Lt. Governor Dardenne made a substitute motion to accept the policy. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 75 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 73, Request for Proposal for Financial Advisory Services. After additional discussion, it was decided to defer the discussion to the March 1st State Bond Commission special meeting.

On the motion of the Chairman and without any objection, the meeting was adjourned.

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