



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2009
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
Ms. Judy Morse, representing Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu
Mr. Tom Schedler, representing Secretary Dardenne (Items 2 - 14 and after Item 59)
Secretary of State Jay Dardenne
(arrived during 1st Executive Session and remained until Item 59)
Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing Attorney General James Caldwell
Senator John Alario, representing President Joel Chaisson
Senator Michael Michot
(arrived during discussion of Item 12)
Senator Lydia Jackson
Speaker Jim Tucker
Representative James Fannin
Representative Hunter Greene
(arrived during Executive Session)
Representative Walt Leger, representing Representative Karen Carter Peterson
Commissioner Angèle Davis
Treasurer John Kennedy

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Robert Marionneaux

Representative Fannin moved approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Kennedy provided a synopsis of the recent rating agencies visit and subsequent rating upgrades. Additional information was provided by Freda Johnson, Government Finance Associates, Inc., including a synopsis of the competitive bid process to be utilized for the State of Louisiana General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009-A and Series 2009-B.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 6, Local Political Subdivisions - Loans. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 3 through 6 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 7 through 11, Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Preliminary Approval. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 7 through 11 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 12, Iberia Parish Council. Speaker Tucker moved for approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 12 was approved.

Treasurer Kennedy requested a status be provided relative to the GO Zone allocations. Mr. Kling provided the status report.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 13, LaSalle Parish, Town of Urania. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, Item 13 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 14 through 20, Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval - QSCB ARRA. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 14 through 20 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 21, Allen Parish, Town of Kinder. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 21 was approved.

Treasurer Kennedy advised Items 22 and 23 would be considered later during the meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 24, Calcasieu Parish, Waterworks District No. 1, Ward 1. Speaker Tucker moved for approval, seconded by Senator Michot, and without objection, Item 24 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 25 was being withdrawn at the meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 26, East Baton Rouge Parish, Metropolitan Council of East Baton Rouge Parish and City of Baton Rouge. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Michot, and without objection, Item 26 was approved.

Treasurer Kennedy stated that Items 22 and 23 would be considered. Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 22, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, City of Shreveport (Downtown Development Authority). Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Michot, and without objection, Item 22 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 23, Caddo Parish, Sewerage District No. 7. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Michot, and without objection, Item 23 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 27, Livingston Parish, Water District, Ward 2. Speaker Tucker moved for conditional approval contingent upon the receipt of a certified copy of the City's Ordinance which will be adopted on October 27, 2009. The motion was seconded by Senator Michot, and without objection, Item 27 was conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 28, Ouachita Parish, Town of Sterlington. Representative Fannin moved for conditional approval contingent upon the receipt of the adopted bond ordinance which will provide the additional security pledge on the debt service. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 28 was conditionally approved.

Ms. Freda Johnson announced the bidding had closed for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009-A. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Kling left the meeting to review and confirm bids received.

Treasurer Kennedy advised Item 55 would be considered next. Mr. James Napper Executive Counsel, Department of Treasury and Mr. Jim Swanson, Fishman Haygood Phelps, Walmsley Willis & Swanson, LLP provided an overview of the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District litigation. Mr. McGimsey made a motion for the Commission to go into an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Senator Michot and with a unanimous roll call vote; the State Bond Commission convened an Executive Session.

Representative Fannin moved to end the Executive Session to consider confirmed competitive bid results for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009-A. The motion was seconded by Speaker Tucker and without objection, the State Bond Commission returned to an open meeting.

Ms. Johnson provided the confirmed bid results for Series 2009-A, for which Barclays Capital was the lower bidder with a rate of 3.946683%. Speaker Tucker made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, the bid was accepted and awarded.

Mr. McGimsey made a motion for the Commission to return into an Executive Session to conclude discussion of Item 55. The motion was seconded by Representative Fannin and with a unanimous roll call vote; the State Bond Commission convened an Executive Session. Secretary Dardenne moved to end the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Speaker Tucker and without objection, the State Bond Commission returned to an open meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 29, St. Mary Parish, City of Morgan City. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 29 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 30, St. Mary Parish, City of Morgan City. Speaker Tucker moved for conditional approval contingent upon the receipt of a certified copy of the City's amended resolution to include the SBC Swap Policy language which will be adopted on October 27, 2009. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 30 was conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 31, St. Mary Parish, Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario and without objection, Item 31 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 32, St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario and without objection, Item 32 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 33, St. Tammany Parish Council. Additional information was provided by Kevin Davis, Parish President, St. Tammany Parish; and Grant Schlueter, Bond Counsel, Foley & Judell, LLP. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario and without objection, Item 33 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 34, Calcasieu Parish, Waterworks District No. 14, Ward 5. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario and without objection, Item 34 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 35, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (Home Ownership Program). Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 34 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 36 and 37, Political Subdivisions - Bonds. Speaker Tucker moved for conditional approval contingent upon the receipt of the Certified Ordinance adopted by the District reflecting the District's rate structure and approving the Local Services Agreement. Motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 36 and 37 were conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 38 and 39, Political Subdivisions - Bonds. Speaker Tucker moved for conditional approval contingent upon the receipt of the Certified Ordinance adopted by the District reflecting the District's rate structure and approving the Local Services Agreement. Motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 38 and 39 were conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 40 was being withdrawn at the meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 41, Jefferson Parish Finance Authority. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, Item 41 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 42 through 53, Ratifications and/or Amendments to Prior Approvals. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Items 42 through 53 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 54, Other Business - 2010 State Bond Commission Meeting Schedule. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Item 54 was approved.

Mr. Kling explained an addition to the agenda because the refunding call resolution for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009-B inadvertently been omitted. Speaker Tucker moved to amend the agenda to add the refunding call resolution for consideration. The motion was seconded by Representative Fannin and by a unanimous roll call vote; the refunding call resolution was added to the agenda.

Discussion was held in regard to Item 58, related to Bond Counsel fees associated with State of Louisiana General Obligation Variable Rate Demand Refunding Bonds Series 2008-A. Additional information was provided by Fred Chevalier, Bond Counsel, Jones Walker.

Before the discussion concluded on Item 58, Ms. Freda Johnson announced the bidding had closed for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009-B. Ms. Johnson left the meeting to review and confirm bids received.

Discussion resumed on Item 58. Secretary Dardenne moved to approve the payment of an additional fee of \$42,500. The motion was seconded by Representative Leger and without objection, the additional fee was approved.

Ms. Johnson provided the confirmed bid results for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B, for which J. P. Morgan was the lower bidder with a rate of 1.499440%. Speaker Tucker made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Representative Greene, and without objection, the bid was accepted and awarded.

Speaker Tucker moved for approval of the refunding call resolution item that had earlier been added to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Representative Fannin and without objection; the refunding call resolution was approved.

Mr. Kling advised the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority had made a request to address the Commission regarding several New Orleans housing redevelopment applications. Information was provided by Milton Baily, President of Louisiana Housing Authority; Robin Keegan, Deputy Director of Louisiana Housing Authority; Brenda Evans, Program Administrator of Louisiana Housing Authority and Kathy Laborde, President of Gulf Coast Housing Partnership. Representative Leger moved to add three New Orleans housing applications to the agenda for consideration. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. There was an objection to the motion by Speaker Tucker and with a roll call vote of 7 to 4, the motion to add the items failed.

Speaker Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without any objection, the meeting was adjourned

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