



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 21, 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. Stephen Waguespack, representing Governor Bobby Jindal
(arrived during discussion of Item 73)
Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne
Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing Secretary of State Tom Schedler
(arrived during discussion of Item 73)
Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing Attorney General James Caldwell
Senator John Alario, representing President Joel Chaisson
Senator Lydia Jackson, representing Senator Michael Michot
Senator Robert Marionneaux
Senator Yvonne Dorsey, representing Senator Lydia Jackson
Speaker Jim Tucker
(arrived during discussion of Items 65 and 66)
Representative James Fannin
Representative Steve Carter, representing Representative Hunter Greene
Representative Jeff Arnold
Commissioner Paul Rainwater
Mr. Ron Henson, representing Treasurer John Kennedy (for Items 3-72)
Treasurer John Kennedy (replaced Mr. Henson during discussion of Item 73)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Fannin moved approval of the minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 64, excluding Item 41, Local Governmental Units - Elections (October 22, 2011). Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Items 3 through 64, excluding Item 41, were approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 41 had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 65 and 66, Local Governmental Units - Elections (November 19, 2011). Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 65 and 66 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 67, Franklin Parish, Hospital Service District No. 1. Representative Fannin moved for conditional approval contingent upon the Franklin Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 budget for fiscal year ending April 30, 2012, which is scheduled to be adopted on August 25, 2011, being adopted substantially the same as submitted draft. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 67 was conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 68, Morehouse Parish, City of Bastrop. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 68 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 69, St. Mary Parish, St. Mary Levee District. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 69 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 70, Tangipahoa Parish Law Enforcement District. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 70 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 71 and 72, Jefferson Parish Council, Hospital District No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Representative Carter, and without objection, Items 71 and 72 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 73, St. James Parish Council (NuStar Logistics, L.P. Project). Additional information was provided by Hugh Martin, Bond Counsel, Foley & Judell, LLP and Jean Zeringue, Operations Director, NuStar Logistics. Senator Marionneaux moved approval subject to the State Bond Commission receiving a letter of support from Louisiana Economic Development and to allow an exception to the GO Zone allocation cap policy. Additional information was provided by Jason El Koubi, Director, Louisiana Economic Development. After receiving verbal approval from Jason El Koubi, Director, Louisiana Economic Development, Senator Marionneaux moved to reconsider the motion to approve subject to the exception to the GO Zone allocation cap policy. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 73 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 74, 98 and 99, East Baton Rouge Parish Sewerage Commission. Senator Dorsey moved approval subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:4712.10 prior to actual disbursement of proceeds and that no disbursement for purchase of immovable property will be in excess of the appraisal valuation and subject to the defeasance of outstanding Series ST-2005B Bonds in relation to Item 74. The motion was seconded by Senator Jackson, and without objection, Items 74, 98 and 99 were approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 75, West Calcasieu Parish, West Calcasieu Parish Community Center Authority. Speaker Tucker moved for conditional approval contingent upon verification of the certified resolution adopted by the City of DeQuincy on July 11, City of Sulphur on July 11, City of Westlake on July 18, and Town of Vinton on July 19, authorizing the incurrence of the debt. The motion was seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 75 was conditionally approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 76, Jefferson Parish, City of Westwego. Senator Alario moved approval, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, Item 76 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 77, Lafayette Parish, City of Lafayette. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 77 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 78, Livingston Parish, Town of Livingston. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 78 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 79, Ouachita Parish, City of Monroe. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 79 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 80, Sabine Parish, Ebarb Waterworks District. Additional information was provided by Richard Hoffpauir, Community Program Director, USDA Rural Development and Jesse Sepulvado, Operations Manager, Ebarb Water District. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 80 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 81, St. Helena Parish, Hospital Service District No. 1. Senator Marionneaux moved approval, seconded by Speaker Tucker, and without objection, Item 81 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 82, Washington Parish, Varnado Waterworks District. Speaker Tucker moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 82 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 83, Ouachita Parish, City of Monroe. Senator Jackson moved approval, seconded by Senator Dorsey, and without objection, Item 83 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 84, Board of Supervisors for University of Louisiana System (Northwestern State University Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center Project). Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 84 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 85, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 85 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 86, Sabine River Authority (Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, DeSoto, Sabine and Vernon Parishes). Additional information was provided by Fred Chevalier, Bond Counsel, Jones Walker. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 86 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 87, Louisiana Community Development Authority (BRCC Facilities Corporation Project). Senator Dorsey moved approval, seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Item 87 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 88, Louisiana Community Development Authority (Livingston Parish Courthouse Project). Additional information was provided by Jim Ryan, Financial Advisor, Governmental Consultants. Senator Marionneaux moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 88 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 89, Louisiana Community Development Authority (Delgado Community College Foundation Project). Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 89 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 90, Louisiana Community Development Authority (Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans, Inc.). Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 90 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised Item 102 would be considered in a different order than reflected on the agenda.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 91 and 102, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (Cetane Renewable Energy Project) and the GO Zone Status, respectively. Additional information was provided by Jason El Koubi, Director, Louisiana Economic Development. Senator Marionneaux moved for conditional approval on Item 91 contingent upon the adoption of the resolution by the LPFA authorizing the incurrence of the debt, which was scheduled to be adopted on July 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Representative Fannin, and without objection, Item 91 was conditionally approved, with no motion being made on Item 102.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Items 92 through 94, Ratifications and/or Amendments to prior approvals. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Items 92 through 94 were approved.

Mr. Kling advised Items 95 and 96 would be considered in a different order than reflected on the agenda.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 97, Terrebonne Parish Port Commission. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 97 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 100, the discussion and consideration of authorization to staff, in conjunction with the State's Financial Advisor, to proceed with the development of a General Obligation Refunding Bond issue, and, if necessary, to proceed with the development and issuance of a Solicitation for offers for obtaining bond counsel services, underwriting services, and obtaining any additional related services necessary for the purpose of bond placement. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Alario, and without objection, Item 100 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 101, the discussion and consideration of authorization to staff, in conjunction with the State's Financial Advisor, to proceed with the development of a financing as provided for in Act 413 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session (Unclaimed Property Leverage Program Fund), in order to secure debt service savings and, if necessary, to proceed with the development and issuance of a Solicitation for Offers for obtaining bond counsel services, underwriting services and obtaining any additional related services necessary for the purpose of bond placement. Representative Jackson moved approval, seconded by Senator Dorsey, and without objection, Item 101 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided information on Item 103 relative to 2011 Moody's Investor Services State Debt Median Report.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 95, Cash Lines of Credit - Priority 1. Additional information was provided by Jerry Jones, Assistant Commissioner, Facility Planning & Control. Representative Fannin moved approval, seconded by Senator Dorsey, and without objection, Item 95 was approved.

Mr. Kling provided a synopsis on Item 96, Non-Cash Lines of Credit - Priority 5. Additional information was provided by Jerry Jones, Assistant Commissioner, Facility Planning & Control. Representative Fannin moved approval, co-seconded by Senator Dorsey and Senator Jackson, and without objection, Item 96 was approved.

Mr. Kling advised that Item 104 was the State of Louisiana Financial Advisor Selection Interviews. Interviews were conducted with the following applicants: (1) LaMont Financial Services Corporation and Omnicap - Robert Lamb, LaMont Financial Services, President and Founder; Renee Boicourt, LaMont Financial Services, Senior Managing Consultant; Jeff Smith, Omnicap, President; and Sheldon Strasner, Omnicap, Managing Director; (2) Public Resources Advisory Group - William Cobbs, Chairman; Mark Gooding, Project Manager; Marianne Edmonds, Assistant Project Manager; Wei-Li Pai, Assistant Project Manager; Stanley Stone, Assistant Project Manager; and Andrew Evanchik, Derivatives Specialist; and (3) Montague DeRose and Associates, LLC - Doug Montague, Founder; James Bemis, Principal; Jenny Poree, Principal; Shaun Rai, Managing Director; Natalie Perkins, Sr. Vice President; and Corey McCulloch, Associate.

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

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