

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2010 MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Illinois Finance Authority (the “IFA”), pursuant to notice duly given, held an Agricultural Committee Teleconference Meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the Chicago Office of the Illinois Finance Authority, 180 North Stetson, Suite 2555, Chicago, IL 60601.

Board Members Participating:

Edward H. Leonard, Sr., Chair
Michael W. Goetz
Bradley A. Zeller

Staff Participants:

Christopher B. Meister, Executive Director
Eric Reed, Downstate Regional Manager
Beverly Womack-Holloway,
Secretary to the Board

Others Participating:

None

I. Call to Order

Mr. Leonard, Chair of the Agriculture Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with the above committee members and staff present via teleconference.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Agriculture Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 were reviewed. Mr. Leonard motioned for approval of the minutes and Mr. Zeller seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

III. Project Approvals – Beginning Farm Bonds

Michael T. Marron

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000 for the purchase of approximately 40 acres of farmland. This project is located in unincorporated Vermillion County near Fithian, IL.

Benjamin A. & Sonya L. Coulter

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$188,880 for the purchase of an undivided 1/3 interest in approximately 188.88 acres of farmland. This project is located in unincorporated Iroquois County near Paxton, IL.

Dustin & Christine Bauer

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000 for the purchase of approximately 65 acres of farmland. This project is located in unincorporated Bond County near Greenville, IL.

Justin Alwardt

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$220,000 for the purchase of approximately 93 acres of farmland and related buildings. This project is located in unincorporated Effingham County near Altamont, IL.

Steven R. Smithenty

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,950 for the purchase of approximately 19.5 acres of farmland. This project is located in unincorporated Jasper County near Newton, IL.

Alex Dotterer

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$131,128 for the purchase of approximately 40.82 acres of farmland. This project is located in unincorporated McLean County near Fairbury, IL.

Brian Scott & Karen Sue Voss

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$87,000 for the purchase of approximately 41.25 acres of farmland. This project is located in unincorporated Adams County near Columbus, IL.

Gary & Annette Steidinger

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$127,920 for the purchase of approximately 40 acres of farmland and related buildings. This project is located in unincorporated Livingston County near Fairbury, IL.

IV. Gregory R. & Jan R. Kerber - Farm Purchase Guarantee - Final Resolution - \$500,000

Request for final approval of the issuance of an agri-debt guarantee in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 to provide an 85% loan guarantee in favor of the Bank of Gibson City to finance the purchase of approximately 122 acres of farmland. This project is located in unincorporated Ford County near Sibley, IL.

Mr. Reed brought to the attention of the Committee that some of the interest rates have gone down from 4 and 5% to 3 ½% and banks are looking pretty competitive. There was discussion having to be a farmer to get this money and Mr. Reed explained that you have to be reporting farming income because this is not for land investors but for farming land only. There is no age limit but you must be 18 years of age to receive any money at all. He told the Committee that Beginning Farmer Bonds are conduit bonds and Young Farmer Guarantees are state guaranteed. A Farm Purchase Guarantee has no age maximum but does depend on net worth. The key to the above transaction is a long-standing relationship with the sellers who is gifting 10% to the buyer whereby the bank amount has been satisfied.

Chairman Leonard asked for a motion to recommend approval for all the Beginning Farmer Bond projects and the Farm Purchase Guarantee presented. A motion to recommend approval was given by Mr. Zeller, seconded by Mr. Goetz and unanimously recommended for approval by the Committee.

V. Other Business

Eric Reed and Director Meister met for lunch with UofI in Champaign Urbana. Discussions were on track to reviewing a long standing and dormant relationship. Future discussions will be scheduled.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Leonard asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. There being none, Chairman Goetz requested a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Brad Zeller and seconded by Mike Goetz, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Womack-Holloway
Secretary to the Board