

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2014, 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 (the “Committee”) Teleconference Meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014, at the Chicago Office of the Illinois Finance Authority, Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle St., Suite C-800, Chicago, IL 60601.

Board Members Participating:

Staff Participants:

Others Participating:

Edward Leonard, Sr., Chairman
Mike Goetz
Roger Poole
Brad Zeller

By Telephone:
Christopher Meister, Executive Director
Patrick Evans,
Ag Lender/Rural Development Financial Analyst
Lorrie Karcher, AG Program Coord./Office Mgr.

None

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Leonard called the Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Ms. Karcher to call the roll. Ms. Karcher called the roll with the above Members present. Mr. Leonard declared the quorum had been met.

II. Review and Approval of October 9, 2014 Regular Agriculture Meeting Minutes

The Agriculture Committee reviewed the Minutes of the October 9, 2014, Agriculture Committee Meeting. Mr. Goetz moved to approve the Minutes and Mr. Poole seconded the motion.

III. Project Discussions

Mr. Evans presented the following project to the Committee for review:

Beginning Farmer Bonds (One-Time Final Resolution)

1A) Mulch, David T. – \$509,600 – 80 acres of farmland

Request for approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$509,600 for the purchase of approximately 80 acres of farmland. This project is located in Raymond Township, Montgomery County, IL.

1B) Rosenthal, Mitchell A. - \$391,840 – 60 acres of farmland including buildings and grain bins

Request for approval of the issuance of a Beginning Farmer Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$391,840 for the purchase of approximately 60 acres of farmland including buildings and grain bins. This project is located in Raymond Township, Montgomery County, IL.

Mr. Zeller moved for approval of the above projects and Mr. Goetz seconded the motion. The motion was followed by unanimous approval of the Committee.

IV. Other Business

Committee Chairman Leonard asks Pat Evans to update the Committee on his client calls throughout Illinois. Mr. Evans indicated he had visited over 200 banks to date. He added that he had been doing presentations for Ag groups to update them with IFA information and highlighting the IFA Aggie Bond along with its partnership with Farm Service Agency's program. He continued by addressing the need for a new competitive program that would assist the Banks in retaining their larger borrower through a conduit bond like the Aggie Bond.

He indicated that the State Guarantees are looking to rebound in the next year due to the commodity prices and their effects on balance sheets. Mr. Evans continued by saying that continued education is needed on the guarantee program with lenders. Issues still unclear or not known due to new lenders of the tax based opportunities, ownership of the loan/guarantee along with other accounting unknowns.

The Committee along with Director Meister encouraged Pat to develop an outline or matrixes of a program to fill the void he is presenting.

Ms. Karcher informed the Committee of the 2015 Aggie Bond loan limit of \$517,700.

V. Adjournment

Committee Chairman Mr. Leonard asked if there was any other business before the Committee. Hearing none, Mr. Leonard adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Lorrie Karcher
Agriculture Program Administrator