

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING 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 its regularly scheduled meeting at 11:30 a.m., on July 11, 2006 at the Plaza Club, One Prudential Plaza, 130 E. Randolph Street, 40<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago, Illinois:

**Members present:**

David C. Gustman, Chairman  
Michael W. Goetz  
Dr. Roger D. Herrin  
Edward H. Leonard, Sr.  
Terrence M. O'Brien  
Andrew W. Rice  
Juan B. Rivera  
Lynn F. Talbott  
Joseph P. Valenti  
Bradley A. Zeller

**Members absent:**

Magda M. Boyles  
Ronald E. DeNard  
Demetris A. Giannoulis  
Martin H. Nesbitt

**Members participating by  
telephone:**

James J. Fuentes

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Gustman called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. with the above members present. Chairman Gustman asked Carla Burgess Jones, Secretary, to call the roll. Ms. Burgess Jones called the roll. There being ten (10) members physically present and one (1) member present by telephone, Ms. Burgess Jones declared a quorum present.

**Interim Executive Director's Report**

Chairman Gustman welcomed everyone present and asked Interim Executive Director Rendleman to give her report. Interim Executive Director Rendleman announced that going into fiscal year 2007 that the Authority continues to exceed performance plans and that the Authority issued over \$5B in approved transactions for bond transactions. Director Rendleman then announced that there would be 26 projects presented to the Board for approval at the meeting.

Director Rendleman thanked IFA staff for their hard work during fiscal year 2006 and introduced those staff members that were present at the meeting.

**Acceptance of Financial Statements and Fiscal Year 2007 Budget**

Financial statements for period ending June 30, 2006 were accepted by all board members present.

Chairman Gustman asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Chairman Gustman noted that the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget had previously been reviewed and discussed by the Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Valenti and seconded by Mr. Goetz. Approval of the FY 2007 Budget was unanimously approved by all members present and by Mr. Fuentes via telephone.

**Minutes**

Chairman Gustman requested leave to apply the last unanimous vote to accept the minutes of the IFA's board meeting held on June 13, 2006. Leave was granted and minutes of the June 13, 2006 meeting were approved with 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**Projects**

Chairman Gustman asked Interim Executive Director Rendleman to present the projects for consideration to the Board. Chairman Gustman reminded everyone that the Board considered each of the projects to be presented in detail at the 8:30 a.m. meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Director Rendleman presented the following projects to the Board for approval:

**No. 1: A-SG-TX-6145 – Gordon R. and Denise A. McClure**

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Specialized Livestock Guarantee in an amount not-to-exceed \$518,000 to provide permanent financing of a 2,000 head swine finishing building. (06-07-01).

**No. 2: A-DR-TX-GT-6121 – Lloyd E. Stribling, II**

Request for final approval of the issuance of a Restructuring Agri Debt Guarantee in an amount not-to-exceed \$199,043 to extend a prior agri debt guarantee loan for an additional ten years. (06-07-02).

**No. 3: A-DR-GT-6144 – Mark A. Komnick**

Request for approval of an Agri Debt Guarantee in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 to refinance three existing equipment loans. (06-07-03).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to project Nos. 1 through 3. There being none, Chairman Gustman asked if the Board had any questions with respect to project Nos. 1 through 3. There being none, Chairman Gustman requested leave to record the last unanimous vote in favor of the projects. Leave was granted. The projects were approved with 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**No. 4: A-ID-TX-CD-6119 and A-AI-TX-GT-6120 – Biodiesel Investment Group, LLC**

Request for preliminary approval of a Taxable Industrial Revenue Bond and an Agri-Industry Guarantee in amounts not-to-exceed \$30,000,000 and \$15,000,000 respectively to finance construction of a biodiesel plant. This project is expected to create 15 new jobs. (06-07-04).

**No. 5: B-LL-TX-XXX – Mark and Linda Priest**

Request for preliminary approval of an Agricultural Participation Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$332,500 to provide permanent financing for farm equipment and purchase of farm land. This project is expected to create 1 new job. (06-07-05).

**No. 6: B-LL-TX-6147 – Tony Nohl**

Request for preliminary approval of an Agricultural Participation Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000 to provide permanent financing for a farm shed. (06-07-06).

**No. 7: A-LL-TX-6112 – Agri-Wind LLC, Agri-Wind Project LLC**

Request for preliminary approval of an Agricultural Participation Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of providing permanent financing for the purchase and installation of wind turbines. Funds to purchase the loan will be funded by the RED Fund's \$4M grant. This project is expected to create 12 construction jobs. (06-07-07).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to the Agri-Wind. Eric Reed introduced Matt Kaufman, Developer/Owner who provided an overview of the Agri-Wind project.

**No. 8: A-LL-TX-6149 – Oak Prairie Wind Farm LLC**

Request for preliminary approval of an Agricultural Participation Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000 to provide permanent financing for the purchase of wind turbines. Funds to purchase the loan will be funded by the RED Funds's \$4M grant. This project is expected to create 3 new jobs and 40 construction jobs. (06-07-08)

**No. 9: A-ID-TE-CD-6103 – Sunrise Ag Service Company**

Request for final approval of an Industrial Revenue Bond to purchase land, machinery and equipment, fund building costs and legal, professional and engineering costs in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,500,000. This project is expected to create 9 new jobs and 35 construction jobs. Volume Cap in the amount of \$5,500,000 will be required for the project. (06-07-09)

**No. 10: A-FB-TE-CD-6130 – Scott E. Campbell, A-FB-TE-CD-6131 – Robert Maulding, A-FB-TE-CD-6132 – Bruce & Teresa Ochs**

Request for final approval of Beginning Farmer Bonds to purchase farmland in respective amounts not-to-exceed \$129,500, \$72,000 and \$90,000. (06-07-10)

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any other guests attending the meeting with respect to project Nos. 4 through 10. There being none, Chairman Gustman asked if the Board had any questions with respect to project Nos. 4 through 10. There being none, Chairman Gustman requested leave to record the last unanimous vote in favor of the projects. Leave was granted. The projects were approved with 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**No. 11: H-HO-TE-CD-6133 – Kewance Hospital**

Request for final approval of the issuance of 501c3 Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000,000 for the purpose of: (i) funding new projects; (ii) reimbursing prior capital expenditures; (iii) refinancing certain outstanding debt; (iv) funding a debt service reserve fund; (v) funding capitalized interest and (vi) paying costs of issuance. This project is expected to create 150-175 construction jobs. (06-07-11).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to this project. Pamela Lenane introduced Kelly Arduino, VP of Raymond James & Associates, Underwriter for the project. Ms. Arduino thanked the IFA for assisting her client with their funding needs.

**No. 12: H-SL-RE-TE-CD-6109 – Lutheran Hillside Village**

Request for final approval of the issuance of 501c3 Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000,000 for the purpose of: (i) funding an escrow to advance refund outstanding Series 2001A and Series 2001B Bonds; (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund; and (iii) paying costs of issuance relating to the bonds. (06-07-12).

**No. 13: H-SL-RE-TE-CD-6012 – Three Crowns Park**

Request for final approval of the issuance of 501c3 Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$65,000,000 for the purpose of: (i) paying for development, marketing, construction and other related costs associated with the redevelopment project; (ii) establishing debt service reserve funds; (iii) funding interest payments, letter of credit, remarketing and other fees and ongoing issuance costs for a period of approximately 24 months and (iv) paying certain costs of issuance related to the bonds. This project is expected to create 40 new jobs and 125 construction jobs. (06-07-13).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to this project. Dennis Trauветter, CFO, Three Crowns Park provided an overview of the project.

**No. 14: H-HO-TE-CD-6014 – Rush University Medical Center Obligated Group**

Request for final approval of 501c3 Bonds for the purpose of refinancing outstanding IHFA bonds, (Series 1983, 1989A, 1993, 1996A and 1998B), reimburse capital expenditures, fund debt service reserve and pay issuance costs in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000,000. (06-07-14).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to this project. Pamela Lenane introduced Catherine Johnson, Sr. VP, CFO and Treasurer of Rush provided an overview of the project.

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any other guests attending the meeting with respect to project Nos. 11 through 14. There being none, Chairman Gustman asked if the Board had any questions with respect to project Nos. 11 through 14. There being none, Chairman Gustman requested leave to record the last unanimous vote in favor of the projects. Leave was granted. The projects were approved with 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**No. 15: E-NP-TE-CD-6139 – Victory Gardens Theater**

Request for preliminary approval of the issuance of a 501c3 Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,000,000 for the purpose of financing construction of a new theatre for the Victory Gardens Theatre to be located in the Biograph Theatre and to finance other related renovations. This project is expected to create 3 new jobs and 170 construction jobs. (06-07-15).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to this project. Townsend Albright introduced Michael Cleavenger, Director of Institutional Advancement, who provided an overview of the project.

**No. 16: N-NP-TE-CD-6136 – Oak Park Residence Corporation**

Request preliminary approval of the issuance of 501c3 Revenue Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing existing debt, acquisition of a building and land and pay certain issuance costs. (06-07-16).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to this project. Sharnell Curtis-Martin introduced Ed Solan, Executive Director who provided an overview of the project.

**No.17: N-NP-TE-CD-6137 – Lawrence Hall Youth Services**

Request preliminary approval of 501c3 Revenue Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000,000 for the purpose of financing construction, rehabilitation, acquisition of machinery and equipment, capitalized interest and pay certain issuance costs. This project is expected to create 150 construction jobs. (06-07-17).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to this project. Sharnell Curtis-Martin introduced Mark Nufer, CFO who provided an overview of the project.

**No.18: N-NP-TE/TX-CD-6068- Chicago Christian Industrial League**

Request final approval of 501c3 Revenue Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$11,000,000 for the purpose of financing acquisition of land, construction and pay certain issuance costs. The Authority will fund a debt service reserve fund for \$500,000 as credit enhancement for the bonds. This project is expected to create 11 new jobs and 95 construction jobs. (06-07-18).

**No.19: L-GO-MO – Local Government 2006-B Pool**

Request final approval of a Local Government Pooled Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000,000 for the purpose of improving water and sewer systems. These bonds will be backed by a pledge of the State's moral obligation. (06-07-19).

**No. 20: LSD-TE-CD-6122 – Waterloo Community Unit School District Number 5**

Request final approval for the issuance of bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$41,000,000 for the purpose of financing costs of building a new high school and refinancing long term debt. This project is expected to create 40 construction jobs. (06-07-20).

Chairman Gustman asked if the Board had any questions with respect to project Nos. 15 through 20. There being none, Chairman Gustman requested leave to apply the last unanimous vote in favor of project Nos. 15 through 20. Leave was granted. The projects were approved with 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**No. 21: B-LL-TX-6146 – Richards Excavating Inc.**

Request for final approval of a Participation Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$72,500 for the purpose of purchasing a Case CX 210 Excavator for farm waterway work. This project is expected to create 3 new jobs. (06-08-21).

**No. 22: B-LL-TX-6148 – The Bank of Edwardsville, Trust No. 1104**

Request for final approval of a Participation Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$714,000 for the purpose of providing permanent financing of a new building. This project is expected to create 7 new jobs and 45 construction jobs. (06-07-22).

Chairman Gustman asked if the Board had any questions with respect to project Nos. 20 and 21. There being none, Chairman Gustman requested leave to apply the last unanimous vote in favor of project Nos. 21 and 22. Leave was granted. The projects were approved with 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**No. 23: LI-ID-TE-CD-6142 – Ezine, Inc. and 4343 W. Belmont**

Request preliminary approval of an Industrial Revenue Bond in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,500,000 for the purpose of construction and equipping a building addition, finance and refinance the acquisition and renovation and equipping of an adjacent building that will enable consolidation and expand Ezine's operations at a single location. This project is expected to create 150 new jobs and 25 construction jobs. (06-07-23).

Chairman Gustman asked if there were any guests attending the meeting with respect to this project. Mr. Frampton introduced Mr. Ridvan Tatargil, President, Ezine, Inc. Mr. Tatargil provided a brief overview of the project.

Chairman Gustman requested a roll call vote to approve project no. 23. The project was approved with 10 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention (Valenti). Mr. Valenti abstained from voting on the project because his bank will be the lender/bond purchaser.

**No. 24: E-PC-TE-CD-6121 – Northern Illinois University Foundation**

Request final approval of 501c3 Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,495,000 for the purpose of financing construction of a new academic and athletic performance center for Northern Illinois University. This project is expected to create one new job and 19 construction jobs over a 13 month period. (06-06-33).

Chairman Gustman requested a roll call vote to approve project no. 24. The project was approved with 10 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Mr. Fuentes exited the phone and did not vote on project no. 24.

**Resolutions/Project Revisions/Amendatory Resolutions**

**No. 25: N-NP-TE/TX-CD-6032- Noble Network of Charter Schools**

Request approval to increase the bond size and add a taxable bond issue in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000 to pay for costs of issuance.(06-07-25).

**No. 26: N-NP-TE/TX-CD-6031 – Aspira, Inc. of Illinois.**

Request approval to increase the bond size and add a taxable bond issue in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000 to pay for costs of issuance. (06-07-26).

**No. 27: N-NP-TE/TX-CD-6030 – UNO Charter School Network**

Request approval to increase the bond size and add a taxable bond issue in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000 to pay for costs of issuance and refinance existing debt. (06-07-27).

**No. 28: 9672-PL – Clinton L. Young**

Request approval to extend a Participation Loan for a period of 5 years. (06-07-28).

**No. 29: Excel Foundry and Machine Inc.**

Request approval to allow FFE Minerals USA to purchase 100% of the ownership interest of Excel Foundry and Mechanics Inc. (06-07-29).

**No. 30: B-LL-TX-6100 – Richard A. Mehall and Catherine L. Allen**

Request to extend the term of its Participation Loan from 5 years to 10 years.(06-07-30).

**No. 31: Long Creek Township**

Request approval to increase bonding amount from \$1,340,00 to \$1,500,000. (06-07-31).

**No. 32: Excel Crusher Technologies, LLC**

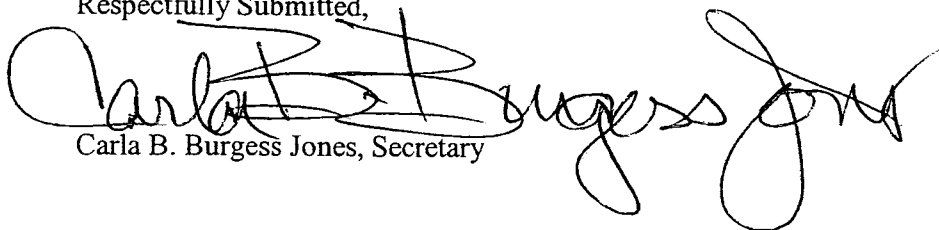
Request to approval to allow FFE Minerals USA to purchase 100% of the ownership interests of Excel Crusher Technologies, LLC. (06-07-32).

Chairman Gustman asked if the Board had any questions with respect to project Nos. 25 through 32. There being none, Chairman Gustman requested leave to apply the last unanimous vote in

favor of project Nos. 25 through 32. Leave was granted. The projects were approved with 10 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Mr. Fuentes exited the phone line and did not vote on project Nos. 25 through 32.

Chairman Gustman asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. There being no further business Chairman Gustman requested a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mr. Zeller, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carla B. Burgess Jones". The signature is written over the typed name below it.

Carla B. Burgess Jones, Secretary