

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., Central Time, a public hearing will be held before the Treasurer of the Illinois Finance Authority (the “Authority”), or the Treasurer’s designee, in Suite 501 of the law office of Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), regarding a plan of finance for the Authority to issue an agricultural development revenue bond (the “Bond”) in the principal amount of \$340,000. In addition, the public hearing will be simultaneously accessible by residents, taxpayers, and other interested persons telephonically on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., Central Time, by dialing into the toll-free telephone conference line number: (844) 875-7777, and entering access code: 5002925.

The proceeds of the Bond will be loaned to Clay R. Marks, an Illinois resident (the “Borrower”), and will be used to purchase approximately 159 acres of farmland (the “Property”) located at 475 County Road 2000N in West Salem, Illinois, found by driving west on County Hwy. 13 from West Salem, Illinois, village center approximately 2.0 miles to the intersection of Illinois Rt. 130 and County Hwy. 13, also known as West Salem Crossroad. Proceed north on Rt. 130 approximately 1.5 miles to County Rd. 2000N. Turn left and proceed west approximately 0.25 miles. The Property is located on the south side of the road. The Property is in Edwards County, Shelby Township, Illinois.

The Bond will be issued as a qualified small issue bond within the meaning of Section 144 of the Code.

The Bond is a special, limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely out of funds to be paid by the Borrower pursuant to an agreement to be entered into between the Borrower and the Authority and any other revenues and/or other funds pledged and assigned for the payment of the Bond. The Bond will not constitute a debt of the Authority, the State of Illinois, or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any provisions of the Constitution or statutes of the State of Illinois or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Authority, the State of Illinois, or any political subdivision thereof or grant to the owners thereof any right to have the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision of the State of Illinois levy any taxes or appropriate any funds for the payment of the Bond. The Authority has no taxing power.

This notice of public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Code. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers, and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of finance and issuance of the Bond. In addition, residents, taxpayers, and other interested persons that attend the public hearing telephonically by dialing into the toll-free telephone conference line number noted above will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of finance and the issuance of the Bond at a designated point in the public hearing. Rules for public comments at the public hearing are posted on the Authority’s website (<https://www.il-fa.com>) under “Public Access / TEFRA Hearings / Rules for Public Comments at TEFRA Hearings.” Written comments may also be submitted to the Treasurer of the Authority via (i) email at publiccomments@il-fa.com or (ii) mail at the Authority’s office located at 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite S-1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601 until September 10, 2026.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, then no later than September 10, 2026, such person should contact the Authority at (312) 651-1300.

Dated: September 2, 2026.

/s/ Mark Meyer

Treasurer

Illinois Finance Authority