

Board Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2015

Present were:

Doug La Follette, Commissioner
Matt Adamczyk, Commissioner
Brad Schimel, Board Chair
Tia Nelson, Executive Secretary
Tom German, Deputy Secretary
Richard Sneider, Loan Analyst
Vicki Halverson, Office Manager
Randy Bixby, Land Records Archivist
Mike Krueger, IT Specialist
John Schwarzmann, Forestry Supervisor

Secretary of State
State Treasurer
Attorney General
Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
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ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Schimel called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ITEM 2. APPROVE MINUTES – MAY 19, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner La Follette moved to approve the minutes; Board Chair Schimel seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: The motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 3. APPROVE LOANS

Board Chair Schimel asked if the loans had been reviewed for public purpose. Executive Secretary Nelson confirmed they had.

Municipality	Municipal Type	Loan Type	Loan Amount
1. Arrowhead UHS Waukesha County Application #: 02015151 Purpose: Finance classroom remodeling	School Rate: 3.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$1,000,000.00
2. Brookfield Waukesha County Application #: 02015150 Purpose: Finance fiber optics network	City Rate: 3.75% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$910,000.00
3. Clinton Rock County Application #: 02015149 Purpose: Purchase road maintenance equipment	Town Rate: 3.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$250,000.00

4.	Elmwood Pierce County Application #: 02015144 Purpose: Finance street paving projects	Village Rate: 3.75% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$190,000.00
5.	Juda Green County Application #: 02015147 Purpose: Purchase capital equipment	School Rate: 3.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$200,000.00
6.	Molitor Taylor County Application #: 02015145 Purpose: Finance roadwork	Town Rate: 3.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$250,000.00
7.	Mount Morris Waushara County Application #: 02015146 Purpose: Construct park pavilion	Town Rate: 3.75% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$20,000.00
8.	River Falls Pierce and St Croix Counties Application #: 02015143 Purpose: Refinance BCPL Loan #2015072	City Rate: 3.75% Term: 19 years	General Obligation	\$1,600,000.00
9.	Waupaca Waupaca County Application #: 02015148 Purpose: Purchase equipment; repair streets and buildings	City Rate: 3.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$841,200.00
TOTAL				\$5,261,200.00

MOTION AND VOTE: Commissioner La Follette moved to approve the loans; Board Chair Schimel seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 4. AGENCY EXPENSES OVER \$5,000 APPROVED BY BOARD CHAIR

Board Chair Schimel said the expense totaled \$6,300 and was for appraisal services conducted by Steigerwaldt Land Services.

ITEM 5. DISCUSS AND VOTE ON TOM GERMAN'S ATTENDANCE AT WSLCA SUMMER CONFERENCE

MOTION: Board Chair Schimel moved to authorize Tom German's travel and attendance at the WSLCA summer conference; Commissioner La Follette seconded the motion.

VOTE: Board Chair Schimel and Commissioner La Follette voted aye; Commissioner Adamczyk voted no. The motion passed 2-1.

ITEM 6. MOTION REQUIRING THAT BCPL STAFF MEMBER BE PRESENT TO TAKE MEETING MINUTES

Board Chair Schimel said that due to the length of the April 7 board meeting, the minutes required additional time to transcribe. He asked Commissioner Adamczyk to lead the discussion since he had requested the agenda item.

MOTION: Commissioner Adamczyk moved that the staff member responsible for preparing the board meeting minutes be present at the meeting; Board Chair Schimel seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Board Chair Schimel expressed concern about micromanaging staff and indicated a preference for leaving it to the Executive Secretary to decide how to handle the matter.

VOTE: Commissioner Adamczyk voted aye; Board Chair Schimel and Commissioner La Follette voted no. The motion failed 1-2.

[Commissioner La Follette excused himself from the meeting.]

[Board Chair Schimel took up Items 7 through 10 in the order in which they appear below.]

**ITEM 8. DISCUSS BCPL STAFF WORK
ITEM 10. DISCUSS BCPL FLYER vs. STAFF TIME**

Board Chair Schimel said these agenda item descriptions needed greater specificity so that the general public or media have enough information about what would be discussed. He said future agenda items would need to be more specific before he would approve including them on an agenda. Commissioner Adamczyk said that in the future he would include more information for his agenda item requests.

ITEM 9. DISCUSS BOARD RECORDINGS

Board Chair Schimel and Commissioner Adamczyk discussed the cost of the board meeting recordings and background noises that interrupt the meeting and recording. Executive Secretary Nelson suggested that anyone listening who is not a Commissioner should mute their phone.

Commissioner Adamczyk asked if any member of the public was allowed to call in. Board Chair Schimel replied that they are but they are not allowed to speak because there is no public comment on the agenda. He suggested that the teleconference number be included on the meeting agendas.

The Commissioners asked the Executive Secretary to research teleconference options that would allow the public to listen but not speak.

ITEM 7. DISCUSS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NELSON'S PRESS COMMENTS

Board Chair Schimel said he had spoken to Executive Secretary Nelson about her comments to the press and her admission that she may have spoken too freely. He concluded that her comments were to some extent provoked but cautioned at-will employees about making comments that are publicly critical of the Board they serve. Since becoming the Board Chair he said he has sat quietly during past meetings and listened to a discourse that had been troubling at times in the tone but did not want to prevent Commissioners from speaking during the meetings. He added that there are legitimate issues before the Board and while there may be differences of opinion on Board matters, the topics should be discussed in a professional and productive manner.

ITEM 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Chair Schimel requested a discussion regarding in-person attendance for Board meetings that included non-routine agenda items.

Board Chair Schimel also requested a discussion of the Board's Mud Lake site in the Laona area. Commissioner Adamczyk said he was unfamiliar with the site and asked for additional information. Executive Secretary Nelson said she would provide the board with a report.

ITEM 12. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Nelson reported that the arena financing discussions continue and that she would inform the Board of any developments. She commended Tom German and Richard Sneider for the critical role they have played in the financial analysis. Board Chair Schimel thanked them for their leadership.

ITEM 13. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 2:25 PM.



Tia Nelson, Executive Secretary

These minutes have been prepared from a recording of the meeting. The summaries have not been transcribed verbatim.
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