

Board Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2016

Present via teleconference were:  
Doug La Follette, Commissioner  
Matt Adamczyk, Commissioner  
Brad Schimel, Board Chair  
Jonathan Barry, Executive Secretary  
Tom German, Deputy Secretary  
Vicki Halverson, Office Manager  
Richard Sneider, Loan Analyst

Secretary of State  
State Treasurer  
Attorney General  
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**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Schimel called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

**ITEM 2. APPROVE MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2016**

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

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**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 Barry confirmed they had.

Municipality	Municipal Type	Loan Type	Loan Amount
1. Balsam Lake Pro & Rehab Dist. Polk County Application #: 02016142 Purpose: Purchase aquatic plant harvester and support equipment	Lake District Rate: 3.00% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$167,645.00
2. Brooklyn Green County Application #: 02016141 Purpose: Refinance fire district building loan	Town Rate: 3.50% Term: 19 years	General Obligation	\$381,350.00
3. Greenfield Milwaukee County Application #: 02016145 Purpose: Install fiber optic network	City Rate: 3.00% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$700,000.00
4. Lafayette Walworth County Application #: 02016140 Purpose: Construct town garage and salt shed	Town Rate: 3.50% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$600,000.00

5.	Montreal Iron County Application #: 02016135 Purpose: Refinance WRS unfunded pension liability	City Rate: 3.50% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$609,789.00
6.	Navarino Shawano County Application #: 02016143 Purpose: Refinance BCPL loan #2009150	Town Rate: 2.50% Term: 3 years	General Obligation	\$25,496.10
7.	Navarino Shawano County Application #: 02016144 Purpose: Purchase used rescue vehicle	Town Rate: 2.50% Term: 3 years	General Obligation	\$6,500.00
8.	Onalaska La Crosse County Application #: 02016136 Purpose: Finance public works projects	City Rate: 2.50% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$134,190.00
9.	Oneida Oneida County Application #: 02016138 Purpose: Refinance G.O. Bonds dated December 30, 2002	County Rate: 2.50% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$360,000.00
10.	Owen-Withee Clark and Taylor Counties Application #: 02016139 Purpose: Refinance WRS liability and finance building projects	School Rate: 3.00% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$900,000.00
11.	Tomah Monroe County Application #: 02016137 Purpose: Purchase garbage/recycling vehicle	City Rate: 2.50% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$247,659.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,132,629.10</b>

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

**DISCUSSION:** Executive Secretary Barry explained that there is an opportunity for those municipalities and school districts with unfunded pension liabilities with the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) to save a considerable sum of money by refinancing that obligation through a State Trust Fund Loan. At issue is the fact that WRS prior service pension obligations do not appear as general obligation debt on a municipality's balance sheet but once that obligation is refinanced with another entity (such as BCPL), the obligation is considered G.O. debt. Some municipalities may be reluctant to refinance because of this. Staff has been in contact with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the Wisconsin Towns Association to enlist their assistance in explaining to their members the benefits of refinancing that obligation with a State Trust Fund Loan.

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

**ITEM 4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Executive Secretary Barry reported that staff completed a draft investment policy that will be shared with the UW Business School to obtain their feedback and suggestions. It is anticipated that a draft policy could possibly be presented to the Board at one of the May board meetings.

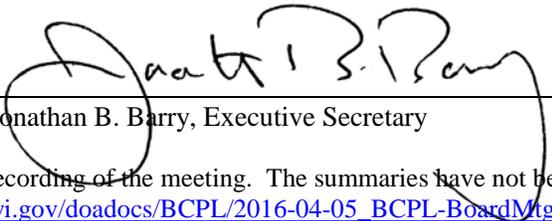
He also reported that he, Deputy Secretary German, and District Office staff would be meeting with realty specialists, leaders in the timber industry, and the Oneida County Forestry Commission in northern Wisconsin to discuss a variety of School Trust Land topics.

In an effort to sell unproductive School Trust Lands, Executive Secretary Barry and staff believe it may be beneficial for the agency to contract with regional real estate specialists who are familiar with local markets. Any proposals would be presented to the Board for discussion prior to staff taking action.

**ITEM 7. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Commissioner La Follette moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Adamczyk seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

  
Jonathan B. Barry, Executive Secretary

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