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AGENDA

April 20, 2016 2:00 P.M. Board of Commissioners of Public Lands 101 E. Wilson Street, 2nd Floor Madison, Wisconsin

Routine Business:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Minutes April 5, 2016 (Attachment)
- 3) Approve Loans (Attachment)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- 4) Agency Expenses Over \$5,000 Approved by Board Chair (Attachment)
- 5) Discuss and Vote on WSLCA Summer Conference Attendance (Attachment)

Routine Business:

- 6) Future Agenda Items
- 7) Executive Secretary's Report
- 8) Adjourn

AUDIO ACCESS INFORMATION

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AGENDA ITEM 2 APPROVE MINUTES

Attached for approval are the minutes from the April 5, 2016, board meeting.

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 Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

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	Lake District Rate: 3.00% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$167,645.00
	Purpose: Purchase aquatic plant harveste	•	nt	
2.	Brooklyn Green County Application #: 02016141 Purpose: Refinance fire district building	Town Rate: 3.50% Term: 19 years loan	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	Town Rate: 3.50% Term: 20 years shed	General Obligation	\$600,000.00

\$609,789.0	Board of Commis General Obligation	City	2 of 3 Montreal			
\$009,789.C	Ocheral Obligation	Rate: 3.50%	Iron County			
		Term: 20 years	Application #: 02016135			
		•	Purpose: Refinance WRS unfunde			
\$25,496.1	General Obligation	Town	Navarino			
		Rate: 2.50%	Shawano County			
		Term: 3 years	Application #: 02016143			
		50	Purpose: Refinance BCPL loan #2			
\$6,500.0	General Obligation	Town	Navarino			
		Rate: 2.50%	Shawano County			
		Term: 3 years	Application #: 02016144			
		Purpose: Purchase used rescue vehicle				
\$134,190.0	General Obligation	City	Onalaska			
		Rate: 2.50%	La Crosse County			
		Term: 5 years	Application #: 02016136			
		8	Purpose: Finance public works pro			
\$360,000.0	General Obligation	County	Oneida			
	C	Rate: 2.50%	Oneida County			
		Term: 5 years	Application #: 02016138			
		December 30, 2002	Purpose: Refinance G.O. Bonds da			
\$900,000.0	General Obligation	School	Owen-Withee			
		Rate: 3.00%	Clark and Taylor Counties			
		Term: 10 years	Application #: 02016139			
	8	finance building project	Purpose: Refinance WRS liability			
\$247,659.0	General Obligation	City	Tomah			
		Rate: 2.50%	Monroe County			
		Term: 5 years	Application #: 02016137			
		ehicle	Purpose: Purchase garbage/recycli			
\$4,132,629.1		TOTAL				

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.

Minutes

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

These minutes have been prepared from a recording of the meeting. The summaries have not been transcribed verbatim. Link to audio recording: <u>ftp://doaftp1380.wi.gov/doadocs/BCPL/2016-04-05_BCPL-BoardMtgRecording.mp3</u>

AGENDA ITEM 3 APPROVE LOANS

Mun	icipality	Municipal Type	Loan Type	Loan Amount
1.	Brooklyn Dane and Green Counties Application #: 02016154 Purpose: Refinance fire/EMS b	Village Rate: 3.50% Term: 19 years puilding loan	General Obligation	\$399,000.00
2.	Cadott Chippewa County Application #: 02016155 Purpose: Finance street project	Village Rate: 3.50% Term: 20 years s	General Obligation	\$295,000.00
3.	Cadott Chippewa County Application #: 02016156 Purpose: Refinance BCPL loar	Village Rate: 3.50% Term: 18 years 1#2014165	General Obligation	\$308,375.67
4.	Mondovi Buffalo County Application #: 02016152 Purpose: Purchase vehicles and	City Rate: 2.50% Term: 5 years I equipment	General Obligation	\$52,300.00
5.	Two Rivers Manitowoc County Application #: 02016146 Purpose: Finance 2016 capital	City Rate: 3.00% Term: 10 years projects	General Obligation	\$1,420,000.00
6.	Two Rivers Manitowoc County Application #: 02016147 Purpose: Refinance BCPL loar	City Rate: 2.50% Term: 3 years #2015115	General Obligation	\$765,000.00
7.	Two Rivers Manitowoc County Application #: 02016148 Purpose: Refinance BCPL loar	City Rate: 3.00% Term: 9 years #2015116	General Obligation	\$367,000.00
8.	Two Rivers Manitowoc County Application #: 02016149 Purpose: Refinance BCPL loar	City Rate: 3.00% Term: 8 years #2015117	General Obligation	\$1,941,374.00

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Municipality		Municipal Type	Loan Type	Loan Amount
9.	Vandenbroek Outagamie County Application #: 02016153 Purpose: Purchase rescue truck	Town Rate: 2.50% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$55,000.00
10.	West Milwaukee Milwaukee County Application #: 02016151 Purpose: Finance TID #2 deve	Village Rate: 2.50% Term: 4 years lopment incentive	General Obligation	\$1,010,000.00

TOTAL

\$6,613,049.67

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

Vendor Name	Amount	Description
Reyco Forestry	\$7,235.72	Contract for timber stand inventory to determine
		timber values on incoming parcels included in a
		potential land exchange with the U.S. Forest
		Service (E1502). The Board approved obtaining
		appraisals for this potential land exchange at the
		December 16, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM 5 DISCUSS AND VOTE ON WSLCA SUMMER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Agenda topics to be presented and discussed at this conference include asset management, asset allocation, timber management and public trust land management.

The conference is hosted by the Idaho Department of Lands, which itself holds significant timberland assets in its permanent School Trust Fund.

The conference will provide BCPL staff an opportunity to collaborate with Idaho staff on best practices related to timber management and real estate transactions. Building working relationships with Idaho and other states' timber management staff may be expected to assist BCPL in the future.

Additional sessions focus on submerged lands, asset management and asset allocation strategies. The Board's Executive Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and investment officer will participate in these sessions as well.

The registration fee is \$400 per person and includes most meals. Travel expenses are projected to be around \$450 and lodging costs are \$125 per night for a total cost anticipated to be approximately \$1,600 per BCPL employee, plus one rental car at \$250.