Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

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Board Meeting Minutes January 17, 2017

Present via teleconference were:

Doug La Follette, Commissioner

Brad Schimel, Board Chair

Jonathan Barry, Executive Secretary

Tom German, Deputy Secretary

Secretary of State

Attorney General

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Chief Investment Officer

Richard Sneider, Loan Analyst and

Vicki Halverson, Office Manager Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Schimel called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. He noted that Commissioner Adamczyk was not present for the roll call.

ITEM 2. APPROVE MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2016

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

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DISCUSSION: None.

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VOTE: The motion passed 2-0.

ITEM 3. APPROVE LOANS

Executive Secretary Barry reported that the loans had been reviewed for proper public purpose.

Municipality		Municipal Type	Loan Type	Loan Amount
1.	Lac La Belle Waukesha County Application #: 02017132 Purpose: Finance sewer improvements	Village Rate: 3.50% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$56,000.00
2.	Milltown Polk County Application #: 02017129 Purpose: Purchase skidsteer	Village Rate: 3.00% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$24,500.00
3.	Poplar Douglas County Application #: 02017130 Purpose: Purchase dump truck	Village Rate: 3.50% Term: 15 years	General Obligation	\$60,000.00
4.	Twin Lakes Kenosha County Application #: 02017131 Purpose: Refinance NAN	Village Rate: 4.00% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$775,000.00

5. Union Town General Obligation \$52,135.99

Rock County Rate: 2.50%
Application #: 02017133 Term: 5 years
Purpose: Refinance fire department building construction loan

TOTAL \$967,635.99

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

Commissioner Adamczyk joined the teleconference.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the low number of loans is not unusual for the beginning of each new year.

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

ITEM 4. DISCUSS AND VOTE ON STAFF ATTENDING FIXED INCOME CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

MOTION: Board Chair Schimel moved to permit Richard Sneider and Tom German to attend the conference and fund the expenses associated with their attendance; Commissioner La Follette seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Executive Secretary Barry said he attended the 2016 conference and found it very informative. He added that there are no registration fees and traveling expenses are nominal.

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

ITEM 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Barry reported that the 2017 public school library aid distribution is estimated to be \$32.1 million, which is lower than 2016. The lower distribution was due to a reduction in market interest rates as evidenced by the drop in 10-year Treasuries to a low of 1.32 percent during the year. Staff has been in contact with the Department of Public Instruction and informed them of the estimated 2017 distribution. Board Chair Schimel noted that it was still good news given the challenges to earning money in the financial market.

Executive Secretary Barry also reported that staff exceeded benchmarks by 83 basis points in the fourth quarter. He noted that staff made significant purchases in the bond market in December to take advantage of increased interest rates.

Commissioner La Follette asked whether staff had purchased stocks. Executive Secretary Barry replied no. He said that the Investment Committee would meet to determine the proper timing for investing in the stock market and keep the board informed.

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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