



MINUTES
STATE BOND COMMISSION
January 22, 2018
8:30 AM - Senate Committee Room A
State Capitol Building

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be a part of the minutes herein.

Treasurer Schroder called the meeting to order. Then Ms. Guthrie called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Matthew Block, representing the Governor
Mr. Robert Barham, representing the Lieutenant Governor
Mr. Joe Salter, representing the Secretary of State
Mr. John Morris, representing the Attorney General
Senator John Alario, President of the Senate
Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Senator John Smith, representing the Chair, Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee
Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House
Representative Cameron Henry, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Representative Neil Abramson, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
Representative Jim Morris, Representative at large
Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing the Commissioner of Administration
Honorable John M. Schroder, State Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Rick Ward, representing the Senator at large

2. Approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting.

Senator John Alario, President of the Senate moved approval, seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Local Governmental Units - Elections (April 28, 2018)

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 10.

3. L18-008 - Cameron Parish Law Enforcement District

(1) 9.13 mills tax, 10 years, 2020-2029, salary obligations and normal operating expenses; (2) 2.29 mills tax, 10 years, 2020-2029, increased operating costs.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

4. L18-010 - Jefferson Parish, City of Harahan

5.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2018-2027, funding and supporting payroll, benefits and expenses to support maintaining Officers and Administration staff of the Harahan Police Department.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

5. L18-006 - Lafourche Parish, Fire Protection District No. 6

7.6 mills tax, 10 years, 2019-2028, **(1)** acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment, including purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment and **(2)** paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

6. L18-004 - Lincoln Parish School Board

(1) Dubach School District No. 5 - 2.99 mills tax, 10 years, 2019-2028, maintaining and operating school facilities, including, but not limited to, the payment of the costs of utilities; **(2) Choudrant School District No. 6** - 2.99 mills tax, 10 years, 2020-2029, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating the public schools and public school system.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

7. L17-408 - Morehouse Parish, City of Bastrop

(1) 0.5% sales tax, 10 years, beginning July 1, 2018, any and all lawful municipal purposes, including but not limited to funding into bonds; **(2)** 0.5% sales tax, 10 years, beginning July 1, 2018, any and all lawful municipal purposes, including but not limited to funding into bonds; **(3)** 1.0% sales tax, 10 years, beginning July 1, 2018, any and all lawful municipal purposes, including but not limited to funding into bonds.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

8. L18-001 - Rapides Parish, Gravity Drainage District No. 2

10.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2018-2027, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating gravity drainage and other flood prevention works.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

9. L18-007 - Webster Parish, Cullen Fire Protection District No. 6

11.92 mills tax, 10 years, 2019-2028, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment, including the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

10. L18-005 - Webster Parish School Board

School District - (1) 6.15 mills tax, 10 years, 2018-2027, additional aid and support to the public schools; **(2)** 2.64 mills tax, 10 years, 2018-2027, providing repairs, upkeep, additions and maintenance of buildings and physical properties to the schools; **(3) Consolidated School District No. 3** - 26.42 mills tax, 10 years, 2018-2027, construction, renovation, repair and improvement of public school buildings and facilities, including acquisition of furniture, fixtures, equipment and other school related property.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Local Political Subdivisions - Bonds - Final Approval

11. L18-009 - Jefferson Parish, Stonebridge Neighborhood Improvement and Beautification District

(1) Not exceeding \$6,700,000 Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 6%, not exceeding 15 years, acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and/or maintaining recreational and other facilities; (2) Not exceeding \$500,000 Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes, not exceeding 6%, not exceeding 1 year, interim financing.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Senator John Alario, President of the Senate moved approval, seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was approved.

12. L18-003 - Lafayette Parish, Lafayette Airport Commission

Not exceeding \$60,000,000 Excess Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, not exceeding 12%, not exceeding 15 years, constructing and acquiring airport facilities, additions and improvements, including necessary furnishings, machinery and equipment.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved for conditional approval contingent upon adoption and subsequent verification of a resolution by the City-Parish authorizing the incurrence of the debt, which is scheduled to be adopted on January 23, 2018. The motion was seconded by Senator Eric LaFleur, Chair, Senate Finance Committee, and without objection, the item was conditionally approved.

13. L18-011 - Ouachita Parish, Town of Sterlington

Not exceeding \$2,000,000 Revenue Bonds, taxable or tax-exempt, in one or more series, not exceeding 5%, not exceeding 27 years, (1) construct, acquire, maintain, operate and equip (a) concessions facility and (b) parking related facilities, each of which will be located within the existing youth sports park and tournament complex and (2) paying the costs associated with the installation of lighting and electrical systems located within the Complex.

14. L18-002 - Vernon Parish, Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 (LDH Program)

Not exceeding \$2,575,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, in one or more series, not exceeding 2.45%, not exceeding 22 years, constructing and acquiring additions, extensions and improvements to the drinking water system, including equipment and fixtures.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Senator John Alario, President of the Senate moved approval, seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was approved.

Political Subdivisions - Bonds

15. S18-001 - Louisiana Community Development Authority (City of Baker School District Project)

Not exceeding \$6,000,000 Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, taxable or tax-exempt, not exceeding 6% fixed and/or 8% variable rate, not exceeding 20 years, (1) financing the demolition, construction, reconstruction, renovation and improvement of flood damaged schools within the District, including all furnishings, fixtures and facilities incidental or necessary; (2) funding capitalized interest, if necessary and (3) funding a debt service reserve fund, if necessary.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Additional information was provided by Matthew Kern, Bond Counsel, Jones Walker, LLP. After further discussion, Senator John Alario, President of the Senate moved approval, seconded by Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House and without objection, the item was approved.

16. S18-002 - Louisiana Community Development Authority (American Biocarbon CT, LLC Project)

Not exceeding \$30,000,000 Revenue Bonds (Volume Cap), taxable or tax-exempt, in one or more series, not exceeding 12%, fixed or floating rate, not exceeding 25 years, (1) development and construction of a biorefinery plant that will convert sugarcane waste into biocarbon products, including but not limited to energy pellets and briquettes in White Castle, Iberville Parish, (2) paying capitalized interest and (3) funding a debt service reserve fund, if necessary.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Ratifications and or Amendments to Prior Approvals

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis on Items 17 through 20.

17. L17-162A - Red River Parish School Board, Parishwide School District No. 1

Amendment of a prior approval granted on May 18, 2017, to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals associated with a change in structure.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

18. L17-164A - Bienville Parish School Board, School District No. 1

Amendment of a prior approval granted on May 18, 2017, to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals associated with a change in structure.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

19. L17-254A - St. Tammany Parish, Recreation District No. 14

Amendment of a prior approval granted on August 17, 2017, to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals associated with a change in structure.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

20. L17-340A - DeSoto Parish School Board, School District No. 1

Amendment of a prior approval granted on September 21, 2017, to reflect change in cost of issuance and professionals.

Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

State of Louisiana

21. State of Louisiana General Obligation Refunding Term Loan, Series 2013D

Delegation of authority to the Director, after consultation with bond counsel and the financial advisor, to take appropriate action, which may include amendments to documents, in connection with changes in terms of prepayment and the impact to the bonds due to recent changes to the federal corporate tax rate.

Ms. Folse provided a synopsis. Additional information was provided by Renee Boicourt, Financial Advisor, Lamont Financial Services. After further discussion, Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

22. State of Louisiana Gasoline and Fuels Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A, 2017D-1 and 2017D-2

Delegation of authority to the Director, after consultation with bond counsel and the financial advisor, to take appropriate action, which may include the execution of amendments to financing documents and refinancing options, including the solicitation of underwriters and/or private purchasers, in connection with the impact on the interest rate to certain Gas and Fuel bonds due to recent changes to the federal corporate tax rate.

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis. Additional information was provided by Renee Boicourt, Financial Advisor, Lamont Financial Services. After further discussion, Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House moved approval, seconded by Senator John Alario, President of the Senate and without objection, the item was approved.

Other Business

Ms. Folsie mentioned the monthly reports.

23. Monthly Reports

There was a brief discussion on the anticipated Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) Bond presentation.

24. Adjourn

On the motion of the Chairman and without any objection, the meeting was adjourned.

(A verbatim transcript in specific order items were considered is available with the Bond Commission.)
