

Minutes of the ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

October 23, 2014

A special telephonic meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission was held Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, 101 East Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commissioners participating were Chairman Corbet Lamkin; Vice-Chairman David Feilke; Fred Fowlkes; Mike Carter; Don Richardson; Neal Anderson, Sloan Hampton, Ann Cash; and Jerry Hunton.

Staff members participating included: Randy Young, Executive Director; Jon Sweeney, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer; Adrian Baber, Chief, Conservation Division; Deanna Ray, Associate General Counsel; Mark Bennett, Chief, Water Development Division; Dave Fenter, Marketing Manager, and Pat Smith, Executive Assistant.

Chairman Lamkin called the meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to order and requested Mrs. Smith to call roll.

A list of guests is attached.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES; SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Upon motion by Ms. Cash, second by Mr. Feilke, the Commission, roll-call vote, unanimously approved the minutes of the September 17, 2014, regular meeting.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE SERIES RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$30,000,000 STATE OF ARKANSAS WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL AND POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – SERIES 2014B – Mr. Bennett advised that the bond sale was conducted on October 15, 2014. There were six bids and the low bid was J.C. Morgan Securities L.L.C., with a true interest cost of 2.138613 percent.

Mr. Bennett introduced Mr. Jim Fowler with Raymond James, the Commission's financial advisor. Mr. Fowler pointed out that at the prior sale questions arose about continuing disclosure. That was not the case for this sale, but he added that one underwriting firm wanted to know whether these bonds would be considered a socially responsible use of funds. He answered in the affirmative and noted that these funds would be used to protect the ground water aquifer in east Arkansas.

Mr. Fowler was very pleased that this bid hit a one-day trough in interest rates over a one week period. He advised that the cover bid was from R.W. Baird.

Mr. Carter asked about selling \$60 or \$90 million in bonds. Mr. Bennett stated that he wants to ensure that he can spend the funds. He added that the vast majority of money being used from this sale is to construct the two irrigation projects.

Upon motion by Ms. Cash, second by Mr. Hunton, the Commission, by roll-call vote, unanimously adopted the Series Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$30,000,000 State of Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal and Pollution Abatement Facilities General Obligation Bonds – Series 2014B (Resolution attached to minutes).

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Director and Secretary

Date