

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ILLINOIS FINANCE
AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Illinois Finance Authority (the "IFA"), pursuant to notice duly given, held an Agricultural Committee Teleconference Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at the Chicago Office of the Illinois Finance Authority, 180 North Stetson, Suite 2555, Chicago, IL 60601.

Committee Members present:

Edward H. Leonard, Sr, Chair
Bradley A. Zeller
Michael W. Goetz

Staff Members present:

Chris Meister
Eric Reed

**Additional Board Members
participating:**

Call to Order

Mr. Leonard, Chair of the Agriculture Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with the above committee members and staff present by phone except for Chris Meister and Board Secretary, Beverly Womack-Holloway who attended by phone at the IFA Office.

Approval of Minutes

There was no review or approval of the minutes from the August 10, 2009 Agricultural Committee meeting. The minutes were deferred and will be presented at the October Committee teleconference meeting.

Projects for Approval

1. Request to extend regularly scheduled Principal and Interest payment for Linker Farms, Inc. for 90 days.

Eric told the Committee that just the August 30, 2009 payment will be deferred 90-days and if granted, this would move the payment to October/November. All future payments would be paid at the same annual date of August 30th. \$90,000 is left on the note with a \$96,000 balance.

Approval was given.

2. Request by Peoples State Bank and Andy Shull to defer principal payments for a period of 6 months on 2 loans:

Loan number 2001-GP-1269	
Original Amount	\$160,000
Current Balance	\$ 99,882
IFA Exposure	\$ 84,899

Loan number 2000-SL-0088	
Original Amount	\$100,000
Current Balance	\$ 49,649
IFA Exposure	\$ 42,201

Eric explained that he had met with the borrower in the past. The bank feels they are a good customer and would like to grant this request in an effort to provide cash flow relief for the borrower. They have a fair amount of assets but are in a lot of debt and the net income YTD reflects a -\$75,187 loss. After hearing the background, the Committee approved their request.

3. \$500,000

Hayden Farms Partnership, Ronald and Marcy Hayden
Jeffrey and Heather Hayden, Timberline Farms, LLC
Agri-Debt Guarantee

Eric discussed the extensive list of loan covenants and conditions imposed by the bank in effort to manage this credit relationship. The strength and premise for approving the guarantee is the addition of a production contract with the Maschoffs. Also, the IFA is only involved in the \$500,000 real estate mortgage originated by First Bank who is seeking an 85% guarantee from the IFA. The bank is providing a larger more extensive refinancing package, which does not require IFA's participation. It was approved by the IFA Credit Review Committee and the Ag Committee members gave their approval as well.

4. \$500,000

Keith G. Beer
Agri-Debt Guarantee

Approval for this project was given by the Ag Committee members.

5. Beginning Farmer Bonds

- Thomas & Wendy Dietmeier
- Jeffrey R. Jensen
- Ryan Van Fleet
- Matthew and Angela Swanson

The Committee unanimously approved all beginning farmer bonds listed above.

6. Other Business – There was none

7. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM

Respectfully submitted by
Beverly Womack-Holloway
Board Secretary

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