

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on November 8, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., a public hearing will be held before the Executive Director of the Illinois Finance Authority (the "Authority"), or his designee, in Suite 501 of the law office of Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), regarding a plan of finance for the Authority to issue its revenue bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in a maximum aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$212,500.00. In addition, the public hearing will be simultaneously accessible by residents, taxpayers and other interested persons telephonically on November 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., by dialing into the toll-free telephone conference line number: (844) 875-7777, and entering access code: 5002925.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to Isaac Shepherd, an Illinois resident (the "Borrower"), and will be used to purchase approximately 82 acres of farmland reached by driving from West Salem, IL begin on W Lancaster Rd; turn south onto N. Broadway St. Continue straight south onto S. Broadway St past Homestead Vineyards and onto 775 E. Travel south on 775 E to 770 E then go south across a bridge that goes over Walser Creek and immediately east of the bridge is the lane that leads to the bottom of the field. Subject property is in Edwards County, Salem Township, Illinois.

The Bonds will be issued as qualified small issue bonds within the meaning of Section 144 of the Code.

The Bonds are special, limited obligations of the Authority, payable solely out of funds to be paid by the Borrower pursuant to an agreement to be entered into between the Borrower and the Authority and any other revenues and/or other funds pledged and assigned for the payment of the Bonds. The Bonds will not constitute a debt of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any provisions of the Constitution or statutes of the State of Illinois or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof or grant to the owners thereof any right to have the Authority, the General Assembly of the State of Illinois or any political subdivision of the State of Illinois levy any taxes or appropriate any funds for the payment of the Bonds. The Authority has no taxing power.

The above notice of public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Code. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of finance and issuance of the Bonds. In addition, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons that attend the public hearing telephonically by dialing into the toll-free telephone conference line number noted above will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of finance and the issuance of the Bonds at a designated point in the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to the Executive Director of the Authority via (i) email at publiccomments@il-fa.com or (ii) mail at the Authority's office located at 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite S-1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601 until November 6, 2024.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, then no later than November 7, 2024, such person should contact the Authority at (312) 651-1300.

NOTICE DATED: October 31, 2024.

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

By: /s/ Christopher Meister

Executive Director

Illinois Finance Authority