

## BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES August 20, 2019 11:41 a.m.

#### **Board Members in Attendance**

Michael S. Buehlhorn, Chair Vernal Brown, Secretary Irma Golliday (via phone) Derrick Cox Rose Windmiller Constance Gully Herbert Simmons Fred Pestello

Aliah Holman, Vice Chair – Absent Justin Zimmerman, Treasurer – Absent

#### Staff in Attendance

Taulby Roach, President and Chief Executive Officer
Barbara Enneking, General Counsel and Deputy Secretary
Myra Bennett, Manager of Board Administration
Brenda Krieger, Executive Assistant
Mary Lamie, Executive Vice President – Multi Modal Enterprises
Erick Dahl, St. Louis Downtown Airport Director
Mark Vago, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Tammy Fulbright, Senior Director, Financial Planning & Treasury
Jim Cali, Chief Audit Executive
Karl Tyminski, Senior Internal Auditor/PT
Jessica Mefford-Miller, Executive Director Metro Transit
Larry Jackson, Executive Vice President Administration
Charles Stewart, Executive Vice President Organizational Effectiveness
Ted Zimmerman, Vice President, Marketing and Communication
Patti Beck, Director Communications

#### Also in Attendance

Jeff White, Managing Member, Columbia Capital Management, LLC Jason Terry, Gilmore & Bell

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#### 1. Open Session Call to Order

11:41 a.m. Chairman Buehlhorn called the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 11:41 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

11:41 a.m. Roll call was taken, as noted above.

# 3. Interagency Agreement between the Village of Sauget, Illinois and Bi-State Development, on behalf of the St. Louis Downtown Airport (Resolution #985)

11:42 a.m. A briefing paper, attachments, and resolution were provided in the Board packet, regarding a request to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Sauget and Bi-State Development, on behalf of the St. Louis Downtown Airport regarding the local match for the Curtis Steinberg Drive and Sauget Business Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Mary Lamie, Executive Vice President – Multi Modal Enterprises, gave an overview of this issue, noting that improvements to the intersection at Curtis Steinburg Drive and Sauget Business Boulevard have long been sought by the Airport for the benefit of Airport users and others in the local area. Although originally expected to cost no more than \$565,000, the current estimate of the Project is \$650,000. As the Federal / State share of the Project is capped at \$452,020, the increase in the Project cost must necessarily come from the local match funded by the Village of Sauget and the St. Louis Downtown Airport. Due to the delays, scope changes, and inflation since 2009, when the Project was first approved, the Airport's approximate local share has increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000, and staff is seeking Board approval.

A motion to approve this agenda item, as presented, was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Windmiller. **Motion passed unanimously.** 

#### 4. Potential Refunding of Series 2009 and Series 2013A Bonds (Resolution #986)

11:42 a.m. A briefing paper, resolution, and attachments were provided in the Board packet, regarding a request to approve permission for BSD to proceed with a refunding of the Refunding Targets, in order to realize economic savings and to use a portion of those savings to fund a capital projects account for the purpose of security improvements, the releases from which would require approval by the County.

Mark Vago, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief overview of this item, noting that staff is requesting that the Board approve the refunding of all of Bi State Development's ("BSD") outstanding Series 2009 Bonds, BSD's Series 2013A Bonds maturing in 2019, 2028, 2046 and 2048 and interest due on the Series 2013A Bonds on October 1, 2019 (collectively, the "Refunding Targets"), in order to lower BSD's borrowing costs and to fund a capital projects account to be used for security improvements. He noted that, as of July 3, 2019, all of the Refunding Targets became currently callable. Current markets present BSD with the

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ability to replace \$196.8 million of bonds carrying interest rates of 4.5% to 5.0% with bonds having an effective cost of funds of approximately 3.0%.

It was noted that this transaction seeks to replace higher cost debt (4.5%-5.0%) with lower cost debt (3.0%). BSD's annual debt service payments will be less after the refinancing. The amount of savings in each year varies depending upon the amount of debt service due on the existing bonds. Although the amount of savings differs each year, the average across all years through the end of the financing (10/1/2048) is expected to be about \$2.3 million annually (Note: These are nominal or future value or budgetary basis savings). When discounted to 2019 dollars, this produces a net present value benefit of approximately \$45 million. The term of the existing bonds will not be extended by the refinancing.

A motion to approve this agenda item, as presented, was made by Commissioner Gully and seconded by Commissioner Cox. **Motion passed unanimously.** 

### 5. Adjournment

11:43 a.m. Chair Buehlhorn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Motion passed unanimously, and the Special Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.

Deputy Secretary to the Board of Commissione's

Bi-State Development