

TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Monday, July 24, 2023, 2:00 p.m. 1701 Congress Avenue, Room 170, Austin, TX 78701

## 1. Opening

- a. Acting Chair Mark Havens call the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- b. The Chair declared a quorum present.

Acting Chair Mark Havens
Board Member Judson Scott
Board Member James Rothfelder
Also present, Executive Secretary Tony Dale

- c. The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flag.
- d. Invocation was led by Robert Miri U.S. Army and U.S. Navy veteran.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting of April 25, 2023. Approved with no objections.
- 3. Approval of the minutes from the special called Board meeting of May 23, 2023. Approved with no objections.
- 4. Citizen Communications. No members of the public testified during citizen communications.
- 5. Chair and Board Member Opening Comments. No members made comments.
- 6. Consideration and possible action to set aside bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held July 20, 2023, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal. No action taken.
- 7. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held July 20, 2023. The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 7, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Consideration and possible action on request to forfeit VLB delinquent land accounts. The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 8, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Consideration and possible action on request to Order for Sale land tracts that may be included in the next Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale. The motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Mr. Scott to approve item 9, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Consideration and possible action to set the next Quarterly Electronic Forfeited Land Sale bidding period to begin September 5, 2023, through October 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 10, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 11. Consideration and possible action on Forfeited Land Sale Tract 14866 Bowie County. The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 11, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 12. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution authorizing interest rate swap transactions relating to bonds issued, or to be issued, in connection with the Veterans Land Program or the Veterans Housing Assistance Program and providing for other matters relating to the subject. The motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve item 12, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 13. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Taxable Series 2024, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, and providing for other matters relating to the subject. The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 13, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 14. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution authorizing liquidity facilities relating to bonds issued, or to be issued, in connection with the Veterans Land Program or the Veterans Housing Assistance Program and providing for other matters relating to the subject. The motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve item 14, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 15. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of tax-exempt State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Series 2024, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, and providing for other matters relating to the subject. The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 15, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 16. Consideration and possible approval for the delegated authority to contract for furnishings for the Tuskegee Airmen Texas State Veterans Home, Fort Worth, Texas (GLO Contract No. 24-057-000-E115). The motion was made by Mr. Scott and

- seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 16, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 17. Consideration and possible action on a five-year contract with Bracewell LLP for outside counsel services related to VLB Bonds (GLO Contract No. 24-019-000-E003). The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 17, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 18. Consideration and possible action on a five-year contract with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated for financial advisory services related to VLB Bonds (GLO Contract No. 24-010-000-D924). The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 18, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 19. Consideration and possible action on the FY24 Budget (Year 3 of 3) for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the operation of the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery with the City of Mission (GLO Contract No. 21-049-000-C607). The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 19, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 20. Consideration and possible action on a 3-year extension of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Nucces County for the operation of the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery at Corpus Christi in the amount of \$2,700,000 (GLO Contract No. 21-111-000-050). The motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve item 20, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 21. Consideration and possible action naming the new State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock as the West Texas State Veterans Cemetery. The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 21, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 22. Consideration of and possible action on delegation of authority to execute a contract to establish the West Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock (GLO Contract No. 24-018-000-D981). The motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve item 22, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 23. Consideration of and possible action on delegation of authority to execute a contract to expand the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery (GLO Contract No. 24-007-0000908). The motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve item 23, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- 24. Texas State Veterans Cemetery Program Quarterly Update. No action was taken on this item.
- 18. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments. No members made comments.

19. Adjournment. There being no further business before the Veterans Land Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony Dale

Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Judson Scott
Board Member