

RESOLUTION NO. 97-01

of the

ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 STATE OF ARKANSAS WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE AND OFFICIAL BID FORM; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REVIEW BIDS AND ACCEPT THE BID HAVING THE LOWEST NET INTEREST COST FOR THE PURCHASE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 STATE OF ARKANSAS WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; APPROVING THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DEEM IT "FINAL" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEC RULES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES 1997A BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission (the "Commission") proposes to offer for sale its State of Arkansas Water Resources Development General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997A, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000 (the "Series 1997A Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 5 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1995, approved October 19, 1995, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$30,000,000 of bonds during the 1995-97 biennium; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 304 of the Regular Session of the 81st General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas authorized the issuance of not to exceed \$12,025,000 of additional State of Arkansas Water Resources Development General Obligation Bonds during the 1995-97 biennium resulting in authority to issue a total of \$42,025,000 of State of Arkansas Water Resources Development General Obligation Bonds during the 1995-97 Biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Commission prepared and submitted to the Governor of the State of Arkansas and, as evidenced by the Proclamation signed March 6, 1997, he approved the First Amendment to the State of Arkansas Water Resources Development General Obligation Bonds Plan of Work for the 1995-97 Biennium which approved the issuance of not to exceed \$42,025,000 of State of Arkansas Water Resources Development General Obligation Bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority described in the foregoing paragraphs, the Commission has previously issued in the 1995-97 biennium (i) its Series 1995B Bonds in the principal amount of \$7,500,000, (ii) its Series 1996A Bonds in the principal amount of \$12,025,000, and (iii) its Series 1996B Bonds in the principal amount of \$7,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared, but not yet published and proposes to distribute the Official Notice of Sale requesting bids for the purchase of the Series 1997A Bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has caused preparation to commence, and proposes to complete and distribute a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Series 1997A Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Series 1997A Bonds shall be offered for sale on sealed bids on the date to be specified in the Official Notice of Sale at the offices of the Financial Advisor, Stephens Inc., 23rd Floor, 111 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or such other location as may be approved by the Executive Director. At such time and place, the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Executive Director of the Commission shall meet to receive the bids. The Chairman or the Vice Chairman and the Executive Director, after consultation with Stephens Inc., as Financial Advisor, and Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, as Bond Counsel, are authorized to review the bids from prospective purchasers of the Series 1997A Bonds as they are received pursuant to the Official Notice of Sale and to accept the bid having the lowest net interest cost or to reject all bids, as they, in their sole discretion, shall determine.

2. The Official Notice of Sale and Official Bid Form, substantially in the forms exhibited to the Commission at this meeting are hereby approved. The publication and distribution thereof are approved. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and Executive Director are authorized to complete, amend and modify these forms as they, in their discretion, shall determine with the advice of Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor. The signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Executive Director on such documents conclusively establish their approval of any such changes.

3. The preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement and the distribution of said Preliminary Official Statement to prospective purchasers of the Series 1997A Bonds is hereby approved. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Executive Director are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Preliminary Official Statement to be delivered for and in the name of the Commission, with such provisions therein as shall be approved by such officers. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Executive Director are delegated by the Commission the authority to deem "final," for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Preliminary Official Statement at such time and in such form as is required by such Rule.

4. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and Executive Director are hereby authorized to execute the documents approved herein; to take such other actions and to approve such other documents as are, in their judgment, necessary or appropriate in order to prepare for the sale of and to sell the Series 1997A Bonds; to authorize the preparation of a Final Official Statement and a Series Resolution prescribing the terms and provisions of the Series 1997A Bonds, which Series Resolution is to be adopted at a subsequent meeting of the Commission; and to accomplish the intent of this Resolution and the Series Resolution.

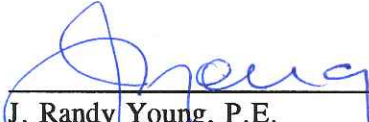
RESOLUTION ADOPTED: March 19, 1997.

ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By 

Mike Carter
Chairman

ATTEST:



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

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