

Minutes of the
Special Meeting of the State Board of Agriculture
March 7, 1945

Present: Mr. Berkey, Chairman; Messrs. Armstrong, Brody; Miss Jones; President Hannah, Treasurer Wilkins and Secretary McDonel

Absent: Mr. Akers, Mr. McPherson; Dr. Elliott

The Board convened for dinner in the President's dining room at the Union at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting was called to order in the Board Room at 8:15 p.m.

Refinancing
outstanding
bond issues
on Auditorium
and Gymnasi-
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house.

The meeting was called for the specific purpose of considering the possibility of refinancing the outstanding bond issues on the Auditorium and Gymnasium-Fieldhouse. The existing bonds bear 3% and the first callable date is April 1, 1945.

The offer of Braun, Bosworth & Company and Stranahan, Harris & Company, represented by Mr. A. P. Liska and Mr. Andrew Starrett, was presented in writing and read by the President to the Board. Mr. Liska made a brief statement.

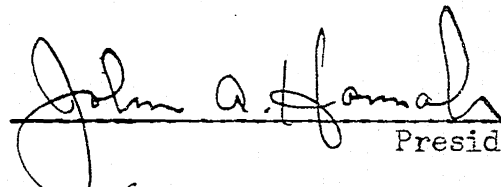
Mr. Earl Cress of the Ann Arbor Trust Company then appeared before the Board and presented a proposed schedule for refinancing including an offer by the First of Michigan Corporation. After some discussion Mr. Cress was excused.

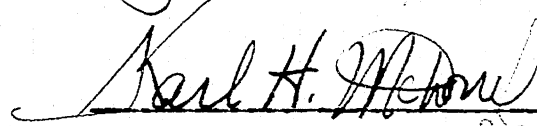
The proposals were not easily comparable inasmuch as the Braun, Bosworth & Company proposal included the provision that all maturities prior to April 1, 1952 were non-callable and those beyond that date were callable April 1, 1946 at a premium of 101. The schedule of charges differed for the two offers but when reducing both proposals to a net basis, the First of Michigan Corporation proposal represented a net interest rate of 1.20. The Braun, Bosworth & Company proposal represented a net interest rate of 1.2241.

On motion of Mr. Berkey, seconded by Miss Jones, it was voted to proceed with the refinancing and to proceed with the calling of the existing bond issues on April 1, 1945. The President, Secretary and Comptroller are authorized to take such preliminary steps as are necessary to consummate the desires of the Board with the understanding that the proper resolutions in final form, after approval by the college attorney, Byron E. Ballard, will be acted upon by the regular meeting of the Board on March 15, 1945. The offer of the First of Michigan Corporation was accepted.

Mr. McPherson is in Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mr. Akers is in Florida. The President reported that word had been received from each of them endorsing the proposed refinancing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.


President


Secretary