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Tallahassee, Florida, December 2, 1916.

To The  
Board of Commissioners,  
Everglades Drainage District,  
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Sirs:-

For your issue of \$3,500,000.00 Drainage Bonds, same being a general obligation of the Everglades Drainage District, said bonds being dated as follows, \$1,500,000.00 Nov. 1, 1915; \$1,500,000.00 May 1, 1916, and \$500,000.00 on May 1, 1917, and maturing as follows: \$500,000.00 Nov. 1, 1920; \$100,000.00 May 1, 1921; \$100,000.00 May 1, 1922; \$50,000.00 May 1, 1923; \$50,000.00 Nov. 1, 1923; \$100,000.00 May 1, 1924; \$100,000.00 May 1, 1925; \$100,000.00 Nov. 1, 1925; \$150,000.00 May 1st, 1926; \$100,000.00 May 1, 1927; \$100,000.00 Nov. 1 1927; \$150,000.00 May 1, 1928; \$100,000.00 May 1, 1929; \$100,000.00 Nov. 1 1929; \$150,000.00 May 1, 1930; \$50,000.00 Nov. 1, 1930; \$150,000.00 May 1, 1931; \$100,000.00 Nov. 1, 1931, \$225,000.00 May 1, 1932; \$125,000.00 Nov. 1, 1932; \$100,000.00 May 1, 1933; \$125,000.00 Nov. 1, 1933; \$200,000.00 May 1, 1934; \$125,000.00 Nov. 1, 1934; \$225,000.00 May 1, 1935 and \$125,000.00 on Nov. 1, 1935, all of the above bonds being callable at 102 and accrued interest, all of the said bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6 % per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of May and November in each year, both principal and interest being payable in Gold at Tallahassee or at the National Park Bank Bank in New York City, at the option of the holder, issued in denomination of \$1000 each, delivered to us in Toledo or New York City at our option, we will pay you as follows: For the \$500,000.00 dated May 1, 1917, we will pay you 92 and accrued interest; for the \$1,500,000.00 dated May 1, 1916, delivered to us with all interest coupons attached, we will pay you 95 plus accrued interest from November 1, 1916, and for the \$1,500,000.00 dated November 1, 1915, delivered to us with all interest coupons attached, except the first one due May 1, 1916, we will pay you 95½ plus accrued interest from December 1, 1916.



We are to take up and pay for \$500,000.00 of the 1915 or 1916 issue of said bonds as soon, as same are delivered to us in accordance with this bid, and thereafter we are to take up and pay for the remainder of said bonds in monthly installments, only as the funds are needed to pay for work done or material furnished in the drainage work, or earlier at our option. It is understood that the Board will have the right to deliver installments of bonds one month ahead of the expected need of the funds.

We are to have the right to offer said bonds for sale and to issue to purchasers interim receipts bearing interest at the rate of 6 % per annum, the District to reimburse us at the rate of 3 % per annum, beginning two months from the date of each sale and the actual delivery of such bonds to us by the District or to the date on which the District might chance to find that they would be unable to make delivery of said bonds in accordance with this proposal such interest bearing period not to exceed six months.

It is understood that Chapter 6957 approved June 4, 1915, only authorizes the Drainage Board, at the present time, to issue the \$3,500,000.00 of bonds covered in the foregoing contract, but the Legislature has reserved the right in said Act to authorize additional bonds of said Board, payable from drainage taxes within said District, provided any such additional authority shall be accompanied by the levy and imposition of additional taxes or assessments sufficient to meet the payment of the bonds authorized and interest thereon as the same shall become due.

It is also mutually understood and agreed as a part consideration of the present contract that subject to said to said additional bonds being authorized by the Legislature the Board hereby grants to Spitzer, Rorrick and Company the right to purchase said additional bonds not exceeding \$2,500,000.00 Par Value at 95 and accrued interest and on the same conditions as near as possible as the present issue.

It is also mutually understood and agreed that Spitzer, Rorrick and Company are willing to purchase the \$3,500,000.00 of bonds covered by this agreement only in case no additional bonds are to be issued unless the present bonds are called in and paid off, or if additional bonds are issued, they shall not exceed \$2,500,000.00 in amount



during the next ten years, and that Spitzer, Rorick and Company shall be given the option of purchasing such additional bonds at 95 and accrued interest, said option to run for sixty days from the date of notice to Spitzer, Rorick and Company of the issue of each installment of such additional bonds.

It is also mutually understood and agreed that said additional bonds shall be issued, in such installments only, as the tax collections, on the basis or ratio of collections for the preceding three years, will take care of and in no event shall they be issued more rapidly than \$500,000.00 per year except by mutual consent of both Spitzer, Rorick and Company and the Drainage Board, provided however, that additional bonds may be issued for the purpose of refunding outstanding bonds.

It is also mutually understood and agreed that the Board will recommend to the next Legislature that it amend the present Law so that the following provisions will be incorporated:

(1) An amendment providing that lands sold for taxation shall revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

(2) Subject to the approval of Dillon, Thompson and Clay, an amendment giving the Board power to levy ad valorem taxes on all the property in the District or to increase the acreage taxes if the taxes authorized prove insufficient to meet the bonds and interest as they mature.

(3) An amendment giving the Board the power to refund bonds or interest as same may come due and to issue and sell refunding bonds.

Prior to our taking up and paying for said bonds we are to be furnished with a full certified transcript of all the proceedings had in their issuance together with an unqualified opinion of Dillon, Thompson and Clay, Bond Attorneys of New York, approving of the legality and collectability of the bonds and of the sufficiency of the taxing power back of them issue. The District also agrees, before delivery of the bonds, to secure a decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida in which all matters affecting the validity of the bonds and the sale thereof shall be favorably passed upon. The form of the proceedings to be brought and the points to be raised and to be decided by it shall be such as may be agreed upon by the



Board and the above mentioned firm of Bond Attorneys.

This bid is made subject to the District and its affairs being approved by our Mr. H.C. Rorick, it being understood that he is to make his examination and report thereon to the Board on or before thirty days from this date, and if said report is favorable, the said Spitzer, Rorick and Company shall concurrently therewith deposit with the Board its certified check of a bank satisfactory to the Board for the sum of \$25,000.00 which amount shall be held by the Board as a guarantee of the faithful performance of this offer and contract to purchase said bonds by the Spitzer, Rorick and Company, as herein provided.

Respectfully submitted,

SPITZER, RORICK AND COMPANY

By W.J. Long, Agent.

Tallahassee, Florida, Dec. 4, 1916.

The above proposition is acceptable and will be formally accepted and ratified by us at a meeting of the Board held for that purpose immediately after January 2 next.

Siâney J. Catts,

Ernest Amos,

J.C. Luning,

T.F. West,

W.A. McRae.