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- 3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Rural Finance Agency
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- 6 Rules as Adopted
- 7 AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOND BEGINNING FARMER LOAN PROGRAM
- 8 1650.0501 APPLICABILITY AND PURPOSE.
- 9 Subpart 1. Applicability. Parts 1650.0501 to 1650.0571
- 10 establish the criteria and procedures to be used by the RFA in
- 11 administering the agricultural development bond beginning farmer
- 12 loan program authorized by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41C.
- 13 Subp. 2. Purpose. The purpose of the agricultural
- 14 development bond or "aggie bond" beginning farmer loan program
- 15 is to facilitate the acquisition of agricultural land and
- 16 improvements and depreciable agricultural property by beginning
- 17 farmers. This is accomplished through the issuance of tax
- 18 exempt bonds, which provides eligible farmers with borrowed
- 19 capital at below market interest rates.
- 20 1650.0511 DEFINITIONS.
- 21 Subpart 1. Scope. The definitions in this part apply to
- 22 parts 1650.0501 to 1650.0571.
- 23 Subp. 2. Act. "Act" means the Minnesota Agricultural
- 24 Development Act in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41C.
- 25 Subp. 3. Agricultural farmland. "Agricultural farmland"
- 26 means productive, tillable land or land used for pasture.
- 27 Subp. 4. Applicant. "Applicant" means an individual or
- 28 partnership who submits a completed application for a loan under
- 29 the program to the authority through an eligible lender.
- 30 Subp. 5. Application. "Application" means an application
- 31 for a loan under the program in the form prescribed by the
- 32 authority.
- 33 Subp. 6. Authority or RFA. "Authority" or "RFA" means the
- 34 Minnesota Rural Finance Authority established by Minnesota
- 35 Statutes, section 41B.025, acting through its board or its duly

- 1 authorized officers.
- Subp. 7. Bond. "Bond" means a special, limited obligation
- 3 revenue bond issued by the authority to an eligible lender to
- 4 finance a loan to an eligible borrower for an eligible purpose
- 5 pursuant to a loan agreement between the eligible lender and the
- 6 authority.
- 7 Subp. 8. Borrower. "Borrower" means an eligible borrower
- 8 who has received a loan under the program.
- 9 Subp. 9. Code. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of
- 10 1986, as amended, and all rules, regulations, and revenue
- 11 procedures issued under it.
- 12 Subp. 10. Depreciable agricultural property. "Depreciable
- 13 agricultural property" has the meaning given in Minnesota
- 14 Statutes, section 41C.02, subdivision 9.
- Subp. 11. Eligible borrower. "Eligible borrower" means a
- 16 Minnesota resident or a Minnesota partnership consisting only of
- 17 individuals who are Minnesota residents, who:
- A. has a low or moderate net worth as established by
- 19 Minnesota Statutes, section 41C.02, subdivision 12;
- B. will engage in farming as a principal occupation;
- 21 C. has sufficient education, training, or experience
- 22 in the type of farming for which the loan is desired;
- D. will agree to participate in a farm business
- 24 management program approved by the commissioner of agriculture
- 25 in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 41C.05,
- 26 subdivision 2, clause (6), for the first five years of the loan
- 27 if an approved program is available within 45 miles of the
- 28 residence of the borrower or one of the borrower's partners;
- 29 E. will-agree-to-file-a visit the soil and water
- 30 conservation plan-approved-by district office or the county-soil
- 31 <u>natural resources</u> conservation service <u>in the county where the</u>
- 32 land is located to inquire about the soil and water conservation
- 33 needs for the identified farm property; and
- F. is a first time farmer, as defined in subpart 16,
- 35 who will be the principal user of the property financed under
- 36 the code, and will materially and substantially participate in

- 1 the operation of the farm of which the property is a part or on
- 2 which the property will be used.
- 3 Subp. 12. Eligible lender. "Eligible lender" means a
- 4 bank, credit union, savings association, insurance company, or
- 5 other legal entity that is authorized to do business in
- 6 Minnesota, an individual, or a group of individuals.
- 7 Subp. 13. Eligible purpose. "Eligible purpose" means:
- 8 A. the purchase of Minnesota land and improvements on
- 9 the land, other than a residence, by an eligible borrower for
- 10 farming purposes;
- 11 B. the construction of new improvements, or of
- 12 additions to or renovations of existing improvements, other than
- 13 a residence, for farming purposes; or
- 14 C. the purchase of depreciable agricultural property
- 15 by an eligible borrower for farming purposes.
- 16 Subp. 14. Executive director. "Executive director" means
- 17 the authority's executive director or any other person
- 18 authorized to act on behalf of the authority's board or its
- 19 executive director.
- 20 Subp. 15. Farming. "Farming" has the meaning given in
- 21 Minnesota Statutes, section 41C.02, subdivision 10.
- 22 Subp. 16. First time farmer. "First time farmer" means an
- 23 individual who, together with the individual's spouse and minor
- 24 children:
- A. has not at any time had any direct or indirect
- 26 ownership interest in agricultural farmland that is 15 percent
- 27 or more of the median size farm in the county where located or
- 28 that had a market value at any time in excess of \$125,000 unless
- 29 the farm was disposed of while the individual was insolvent and
- 30 code section 108 applied to indebtedness with respect to the
- 31 farm; and
- 32 B. has not received other similar tax-exempt
- 33 financing in any state in an amount that, together with the
- 34 current loan, exceeds \$250,000.
- 35 Subp. 17. Improvements. "Improvements" to farm land means
- 36 items that, when complete, become part of the farm land or

- 1 fixtures, including but not limited to confinement systems,
- 2 barns and other out buildings, silos and other crop storage
- 3 facilities, and improvements to land such as tiling, terraces,
- 4 ponds, erosion control structures, and waterways.
- 5 Subp. 18. Lender. "Lender" means an eligible lender who
- 6 has purchased a bond under the program.
- 7 Subp. 19. Loan. "Loan" means the loan of the proceeds of
- 8 a bond to an eligible borrower for an eligible purpose pursuant
- 9 to a loan agreement between the authority and the eligible
- 10 borrower.
- 11 Subp. 20. Net worth. "Net worth" means the total value of
- 12 an applicant's assets and the assets of the applicant's spouse
- 13 and dependents, less the liabilities of those parties. For
- 14 purposes of calculating net worth, "assets" means property, real
- 15 or personal, tangible or intangible, and all contract rights of
- 16 value that constitute assets, including cash crops or feed on
- 17 hand, livestock held for sale, breeding stock, marketable bonds
- 18 and securities, securities not readily marketable, accounts
- 19 receivable, notes receivable, cash invested in growing crops,
- 20 cash value of life insurance, machinery and equipment, cars and
- 21 trucks, farm and other real estate including life estates and
- 22 personal residence, and the value of a beneficial interest in
- 23 any trust. For purposes of calculating net worth, "liabilities"
- 24 means the debts or other obligations for which an applicant is
- 25 responsible including accounts payable, notes or other
- 26 indebtedness owed to any source, taxes and rent due or past due,
- 27 amounts owed on real estate contracts or mortgages, judgments,
- 28 and accrued interest payable.
- 29 Subp. 21. Principal user. "Principal user" means a person
- 30 who is a principal owner, a principal lessee, a principal output
- 31 purchaser, or an "other" principal user as defined in the code.
- 32 Subp. 22. Program. "Program" means the agricultural
- 33 development bond beginning farmer loan program established by
- 34 the authority.
- 35 1650.0521 BORROWER ELIGIBILITY.

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- 1 Subpart 1. Eligibility. To be eligible for a loan under
- 2 the program an applicant must be an eligible borrower.
- 3 Subp. 2. Certification. An applicant must certify to the
- 4 authority in each loan application that the applicant
- 5 understands and meets the definition of eligible borrower for
- 6 the program.
- 7 Subp. 3. Net worth. A financial statement showing an
- 8 applicant's net worth must be submitted with the application and
- 9 may not include the value of the property or improvements to be
- 10 acquired with the proceeds of the loan or the liability of the
- 11 loan. At the loan closing the eligible lender must recertify
- 12 that the applicant's net worth does not exceed program limits.
- 13 1650.0531 OPERATION OF PROGRAM.
- 14 Subpart 1. Loan transactions and security.
- 15 A. The authority shall make unsecured loans to
- 16 eligible borrowers for eligible purposes under a loan agreement
- 17 between the authority as lender and the eligible borrower as
- 18 borrower. The loans must be evidenced by promissory notes
- 19 payable to the authority or its assigns.
- B. A loan may not be made that violates any of the
- 21 restrictions in subitems (1) to (6).
- (1) A loan may not exceed \$250,000 and may not
- 23 finance more than \$62,500 of used depreciable agricultural
- 24 property.
- 25 (2) Ninety-five percent of the loan proceeds in
- 26 excess of loan transaction costs must be expended for an
- 27 eligible purpose, and not more than two percent of the loan
- 28 proceeds may be used to pay loan transaction costs.
- 29 (3) The maturity of a loan or portion of a loan
- 30 made to finance improvements or depreciable agricultural
- 31 property may not exceed 120 percent of the useful life of the
- 32 improvements or depreciable agricultural property under the code.
- 33 (4) Not more than five percent of the loan
- 34 proceeds in excess of loan transaction costs may be used to
- 35 refinance existing indebtedness, or to finance the purchase or

- 1 improvement of a residence or working capital or inventory such
- 2 as seed, fertilizer, or feeder livestock. Use of loan proceeds
- 3 for reimbursement of costs incurred prior to the adoption by the
- 4 authority of a preliminary resolution approving a loan and the
- 5 issuance of a bond to fund it as described in part 1650.0551 or
- 6 money borrowed to pay such costs constitutes use of loan
- 7 proceeds for working capital or refinancing.
- 8 (5) All loan proceeds must be expended within six
- 9 months of the loan closing.
- 10 (6) Loan proceeds may not be used to finance the
- 11 purchase of land, improvements, or depreciable agricultural
- 12 property from a related person. For the purpose of this
- 13 subitem, "related person" means a spouse, lineal descendant, or
- 14 sibling, or a partnership or corporation owned, directly or
- 15 indirectly, more than 50 percent by the borrower and one or more
- 16 of the borrower's spouse, lineal descendant, or sibling.
- 17 C. The authority shall issue a bond to provide money
- 18 to fund each loan. The authority has no other money available
- 19 for this purpose. The bond must be issued to the eligible
- 20 lender who has agreed with the eligible borrower to finance the
- 21 eligible borrower's loan by jointly submitting a loan
- 22 application according to part 1650.0541. The bond must be
- 23 issued in fully registered form under a loan agreement between
- 24 the lender and the authority.
- D. The bond must be a special, limited obligation of
- 26 the authority payable solely from loan payments payable by the
- 27 eligible borrower under the borrower's loan agreement and the
- 28 promissory note evidencing the loan, that must be assigned to
- 29 the lender and pledged to the payment of the principal of and
- 30 interest on the bond, without recourse to the authority. The
- 31 bond must not be a general obligation of the authority, the
- 32 state of Minnesota, or any department, agency, or political
- 33 subdivision of the state. The full faith and credit of the
- 34 authority or the state or any department, agency, or political
- 35 subdivision of the state must not be pledged for the bond's
- 36 payment.

- 1 E. A bond may be additionally secured by a mortgage
- 2 on or security interest in the property financed or other
- 3 property provided by the borrower, or by personal guaranties
- 4 made by the borrower or another individual. All agreements and
- 5 documents providing or evidencing additional security must be
- 6 entered into between the borrower or another individual and the
- 7 lender. The authority may not be a party to the agreement or
- 8 document and is not responsible in any way with respect to the
- 9 authorization, execution, effectiveness, or adequacy of the
- 10 additional security.
- 11 Subp. 2. Loan evaluation. The lender must determine and
- 12 evaluate the eligible borrower's financial condition, net worth,
- 13 and ability to repay the loan of the bond proceeds to be made by
- 14 the authority, and the lender is solely responsible for that
- 15 determination. The authority shall not make any independent
- 16 evaluation of any of these matters, but shall rely upon
- 17 certifications provided to it by the applicant and the lender as
- 18 part of an application.
- 19 Subp. 3. Loan terms. The payment terms of each loan and
- 20 the bond that will be issued to fund the loan must be identical
- 21 and, subject to the applicable provisions of state and federal
- 22 law or the code, must be established by the eligible borrower
- 23 and the lender.
- Subp. 4. Loan documents. Except as provided in subpart 1
- 25 with respect to certain loan security agreements, all loan and
- 26 bond transactions must be evidenced by use of the authority's
- 27 standard loan documents. The documentation must include loan
- 28 agreements, a promissory note, a bond, various closing
- 29 certificates, legal opinions, and other documents as bond
- 30 counsel requires.
- 31 Subp. 5. Tax exemption.
- 32 A. The authority must try to issue each bond as a
- 33 "qualified small issue bond" within the meaning of section
- 34 144(a) of the code. Interest payable on a qualified small issue
- 35 bond is not includable in gross income of the recipient for
- 36 federal income tax purposes, or in net income of individuals,

- 1 estates, or trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes. At the
- 2 loan closing, the authority shall furnish to the lender an
- 3 opinion of an attorney or firm of attorneys nationally
- 4 recognized as bond counsel as to the validity of the bond and
- 5 the tax exempt nature of the interest payable on the bond,
- 6 addressed to the lender. The form of that opinion is available
- 7 upon request to the authority by any eligible lender joining in
- 8 a loan application.
- 9 B. The lender may not rely upon information provided
- 10 by the authority as to state and federal tax matters, but may
- 11 rely only upon representations, warranties, or covenants made by
- 12 the authority in the loan documents and the legal opinion.
- C. The lender is responsible to determine the
- 14 applicability and effect of other state and federal laws on the
- 15 lender's income, deductions, or tax status for state and federal
- 16 tax purposes as a result of the purchase of a bond.
- 17 Subp. 6. Use of bond proceeds; certification. Bond
- 18 proceeds may not be used for a purpose other than an eligible
- 19 purpose or by a person other than an eligible borrower. If
- 20 funds are not fully disbursed at the time of closing, the lender
- 21 and borrower must certify to the authority that the proceeds
- 22 were used for an eligible purpose by an eligible borrower, and
- 23 were fully expended within six months after the loan closing
- 24 date.
- Subp. 7. Assignment of bond. A lender may assign a bond
- 26 in whole or in part to any person, but the lender is responsible
- 27 for compliance with all state and federal laws applicable to the
- 28 assignment. Servicing of the loan may also be assigned. The
- 29 authority must be notified in writing prior to assignment of
- 30 servicing of a loan.
- 31 Subp. 8. Assumption of loans; substitution of collateral
- 32 and transfer of property. Loans may not be assumed without the
- 33 prior approval of the authority, and then only if the purchaser
- 34 of the property is an eligible borrower. Depreciable
- 35 agricultural property may be exchanged or traded for similar
- 36 property, and other property such as breeding livestock may be

- 1 added or substituted as collateral at the discretion of the
- 2 lender without the prior approval of the authority. The
- 3 benefits of the loan made at the tax exempt rate from the
- 4 proceeds of an authority bond must remain with the eligible
- 5 lender, and no person to whom property is traded or otherwise
- 6 transferred may obtain the benefits of the authority loan.
- 7 1650.0541 APPLICATION PROCEDURES.
- 8 Subpart 1. Application.
- 9 A. An applicant and an eligible lender who wish to
- 10 request the authority to make a loan to the applicant and issue
- 11 a bond to the lender to fund the loan must jointly complete,
- 12 sign, and submit an application to the authority. All
- 13 supporting documents must be submitted with the application.
- B. The eligible lender shall present the documents in
- 15 item A to the authority by the close of the business day on the
- 16 Friday prior to the first Wednesday of each month. Presentation
- 17 of the documents constitutes an offer to purchase a bond to fund
- 18 the loan.
- 19 C. Lenders shall use their own forms of financial
- 20 statement and other forms considered necessary to document the
- 21 eligibility of the applicant. Financial statements must be
- 22 dated as of a date not more than 120 days before the date on
- 23 which the application is submitted to the authority.
- 24 Subp. 2. Application fee. The applicant shall provide to
- 25 the eligible lender for submission to the authority with the
- 26 application a check payable to the Minnesota Department of
- 27 Agriculture in an amount established by the authority under
- 28 Minnesota Statutes, section 41C.12, as an application fee. The
- 29 fee is not refundable.
- 30 Subp. 3. Volume cap allocation charge. The applicant must
- 31 also provide to the eligible lender for submission to the
- 32 authority with the application, a check payable to the Minnesota
- 33 Department of Agriculture in the amount determined under
- 34 Minnesota Statutes, section 474A.03, as a volume cap allocation
- 35 fee. If the application is approved and the authority makes

- l application for a volume cap allocation as described in part
- 2 1650.0551, subpart 2, the fee must be delivered to the
- 3 commissioner of finance in payment of the application charge
- 4 imposed by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 474A. If the application
- 5 is rejected, the volume cap allocation fee must be returned to
- 6 the applicant.
- 7 Subp. 4. Use of allocation. The allocation purchased from
- 8 the finance department must be used within 90 days. If the
- 9 allocation expires due to no fault of the authority, the
- 10 authority may require payment of additional fees to secure a new
- 11 allocation.
- 12 Subp. 5. Insufficient funds. If there are insufficient
- 13 funds to allocate to all applications received, priority must be
- 14 given in the order of the application number. If the allocation
- 15 requested exceeds the allocation fund balance, the next
- 16 application must then be allowed to request the allocation.
- 17 This procedure must be used until the balance of the allocation
- 18 fund is depleted. Eligible lenders are responsible to verify
- 19 that an allocation has been secured before closing on their bond.
- 20 Subp. 6. Authority review. The executive director, or a
- 21 designee, shall review the information provided and accept or
- 22 reject the application. If the information provided is not
- 23 sufficient to make a determination, the executive director, or a
- 24 designee, shall request additional information from the eligible
- 25 lender and applicant. The review must include, but is not
- 26 limited to, whether the loan complies with the act and parts
- 27 1650.0501 to 1650.0571. The authority shall notify the
- 28 applicant and eligible lender whether the application has been
- 29 approved or rejected. If the application is not approved, a
- 30 written notice must state the reasons for disapproval.
- 31 Subp. 7. Administrative reconsideration. If a proposed
- 32 application is not approved, the applicant or the eligible
- 33 lender may petition the executive director for an administrative
- 34 reconsideration. The petition must be in writing and must be
- 35 sent within 15 business days of the date of the disapproval.
- 36 The petition must state the petitioner's reasons for disagreeing

- 1 with the disapproval and may include additional information
- 2 relevant to the request for reconsideration. Within 15 business
- 3 days of receiving the petition, the executive director shall
- 4 send a written response to the petitioner upholding or reversing
- 5 the original decision and giving the reasons for the decision.
- 6 Subp. 8. Appeal. A petitioner may appeal the executive
- 7 director's reconsideration directly to the authority's board, by
- 8 written notice to the executive director within 15 business days
- 9 of receiving the executive director's reconsideration decision.
- 10 The decision of the board is final.
- 11 Subp. 9. Application expiration. An application that
- 12 remains inactive for 120 days from the date of the preliminary
- 13 resolution is considered canceled and the application fee is
- 14 forfeited.
- 15 1650.0551 HEARING AND OTHER PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.
- 16 Subpart 1. Hearing and approval requirement. Under
- 17 section 147(f) of the code, in order to make the interest
- 18 payable on a bond excludable from gross income for federal tax
- 19 purposes, prior to the issuance of the bond the authority or its
- 20 designated representative must hold a public hearing on the
- 21 issuance of the bond, and the issuance of the bond must be
- 22 approved by an "applicable elected representative" of the state,
- 23 which means, in this case, the governor or another elected
- 24 official of the state designated by the governor. Notice of the
- 25 hearing must be published at least 14 days before the hearing in
- 26 a newspaper of general circulation in the state and where the
- 27 property being financed is or is to be located. The notice must
- 28 set forth the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing; the
- 29 authority's intention to issue the bond; the maximum principal
- 30 amount of the bond to be issued; the source of payment of the
- 31 bond; the purpose for which the proceeds of the bond will be
- 32 loaned to the borrower; the name of the borrower; and the
- 33 location of the property being acquired with the proceeds of the
- 34 loan or where it will be used.
- 35 Subp. 2. Volume cap allocation requirement. Under section

- 1 146 of the code, in order to make the interest payable on a bond
- 2 excludable from gross income for federal tax purposes, the
- 3 authority must obtain a volume cap allocation in an amount equal
- 4 to the amount of the bond, pursuant to the state volume cap
- 5 allocation law, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 474A. In order to
- 6 obtain a volume cap allocation, the authority must submit an
- 7 application for it to the state Department of Finance together
- 8 with a preliminary resolution of the authority approving the
- 9 loan and the issuance of a bond to fund it, a statement of bond
- 10 counsel that the proposed bond requires an allocation under
- 11 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 474A, and a statement that the bond
- 12 is a "qualified small issue bond" within the meaning of section
- 13 144 of the code. The authority has no control over whether a
- 14 volume cap allocation will be received with respect to any
- 15 volume cap application submitted by it.
- Subp. 3. Executive director authority. If upon review of
- 17 a loan application and all supporting documents and other
- 18 information requested by the authority in connection with the
- 19 application the executive director determines that the
- 20 application is in compliance with the program and parts
- 21 1650.0501 to 1650.0571, the executive director will:
- A. cause a preliminary resolution approving the loan
- 23 and the issuance of the bond requested by the application to be
- 24 placed upon the agenda of the next meeting of the authority for
- 25 consideration by it;
- B. establish a date, time, and place of the public
- 27 hearing required in subpart 1 and cause notice of the hearing to
- 28 be published, which date must be at least three business days
- 29 after the meeting of the authority at which the preliminary
- 30 resolution approving the loan and bond described in the notice
- 31 will be considered by the authority;
- 32 C. conduct, or designate other members of the
- 33 authority's staff to conduct, the public hearing; and
- 34 D. following adoption of the preliminary resolution
- 35 by the authority, make application for a volume cap allocation
- 36 as described in subpart 2.

- 1 Subp. 4. Preliminary resolution. The authority shall
- 2 consider the adoption of the preliminary resolution described in
- 3 subpart 3 at its first meeting following approval of an
- 4 application by the executive director.
- 5 Subp. 5. Public hearing. A public hearing must be held at
- 6 the offices of the authority during regular business hours on
- 7 regular business days. A person appearing in person at the
- 8 hearing will be allowed ten minutes to present views. A protest
- 9 may also be made in writing by mailing or faxing it to the
- 10 authority. The authority is not responsible for delays in
- 11 delivery of written protests. The person conducting the hearing
- 12 shall make a written record of the hearing and all information
- 13 or views presented at the hearing. The record must be
- 14 maintained as part of the public records of the authority.
- 15 Subp. 6. Public approval. Following the public hearing,
- 16 if no information is presented indicating that the loan to be
- 17 made and the bond to be issued are not in accordance with the
- 18 program and parts 1650.0501 to 1650.0571, the executive director
- 19 shall cause to be prepared and sent to the governor's office, or
- 20 the office of the elected official of the state designated by
- 21 the governor, a statement describing each bond or series of
- 22 bonds it proposes to issue, along with a summary of the public
- 23 comments received at the hearings. Any information received at
- 24 the hearing must be presented to the authority at its next
- 25 meeting, at which the authority shall confirm or take further
- 26 action on the application in question that may be indicated.
- 27 1650.0561 LOAN DOCUMENTS; CLOSING PROCEDURES.
- 28 Subpart 1. Loan documents. The executive director shall
- 29 provide standard forms of all loan documents and closing
- 30 documents necessary to evidence a bond and related loan
- 31 transaction to all applicants and prospective lenders. All bond
- 32 and loan transactions must be done on standard forms, with only
- 33 insertions and changes necessary to accurately reflect the
- 34 transaction in question or to assure compliance with section 144
- 35 of the code.

- Subp. 2. Lender's responsibility. The lender must use its
- 2 own form of additional security documents (mortgage, security
- 3 agreement, or guarantee) it believes are necessary and
- 4 appropriate under the particular loan circumstances. These
- 5 items must be referenced in the bond documents. Any additional
- 6 requirements not specifically provided for in the bond
- 7 documents, such as insurance coverage and amounts, must also be
- 8 added. It is the lender's responsibility to ensure that any
- 9 security agreements, mortgages, guarantees, or other security
- 10 documents that the lender requires in a transaction, have been
- 11 completed and signed, and that any financing statements have
- 12 been filed, mortgages recorded, or any other necessary steps
- 13 taken to protect the lender's interests. The authority makes no
- 14 warranties or representations with respect to the effectiveness,
- 15 validity, or priority of any liens or security interests, that a
- 16 lender has, or believes it may have, with respect to a
- 17 particular loan or bond.
- Subp. 3. Authority's responsibility. The authority shall
- 19 by resolution authorize all documents to be executed by it and
- 20 is responsible for the preparation, execution, and delivery by
- 21 the borrower and the authority of the authority's loan documents
- 22 and closing documents; compliance with the procedures in part
- 23 1650.0551; the issuance of necessary legal opinions by the
- 24 authority's bond counsel; the filing with the Internal Revenue
- 25 Service of all reports and forms required to be filed in
- 26 connection with the issuance of a bond; and the furnishing of
- 27 fully executed copies of those items to the borrower and the
- 28 lender.
- Subp. 4. Origination fee and closing costs. At the loan
- 30 closing, the applicant shall deliver to the authority a check
- 31 payable to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in an amount
- 32 sufficient to pay the origination fee as established in
- 33 Minnesota Statutes, section 41C.12. Under no circumstances
- 34 shall this fee be less than \$200. The authority shall estimate
- 35 and the borrower shall pay these costs at closing. Loan
- 36 proceeds may be used to pay closing costs subject to the

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- 1 limitation established by the code, which is described in part
  - 2 1650.0531, subpart 1, item B, subitem (2).
  - 3 1650.0571 GENERAL MATTERS.
  - 4 Subpart 1. Forms. The executive director shall provide
  - 5 forms necessary for administration and implementation of the
  - 6 program. The number and type of forms must be sufficient to
  - 7 safeguard the interests of the authority.
  - 8 Subp. 2. Waivers. The authority or the executive director
  - 9 may waive or vary particular provisions of parts 1650.0501 to
- 10 1650.0571 to conform to requirements of the code necessary to
- ll make the interest on any bond excludable from gross income of
- 12 the recipient for federal tax purposes. No waiver may conflict
- 13 with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41C.
- Subp. 3. Right to audit. The authority may audit at any
- 15 time the records of the lender and the borrower relating to a
- 16 loan and bond to ensure that bond proceeds were used for an
- 17 eligible purpose by an eligible borrower.
- 18 Subp. 4. Data privacy. Financial information, including
- 19 credit reports, financial statements, and net worth calculations
- 20 received by the authority regarding any loan and the name of
- 21 each eligible borrower who is the recipient of a loan are
- 22 private data under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, and may be
- 23 disclosed only in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter
- 24 13. The name of an eligible borrower, the proposed amount of
- 25 any loan, the purpose of the loan, and the location of the
- 26 property to be acquired with the loan proceeds or the location
- 27 where it is to be used must be disclosed as provided in part
- 28 1650.0551 and as required by the code in order to make the
- 29 interest payable on the bond issued to fund the loan excludable
- 30 from gross income for federal tax purposes.
- 31 REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 1650.0500; 1650.0510;
- 32 1650.0520; 1650.0530; 1650.0540; 1650.0550; 1650.0560; and
- 33 1650.0570, are repealed.