Jeffery S. Hall, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Glen R. Smith, Board Member



### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD May 8, 2025

These minutes reflect the business transacted at the May 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and the regulations of the FCA adopted thereunder.

The meeting was held at the FCA office in McLean, Virginia. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 11:17 a.m. The meeting was a hybrid physical/virtual meeting.

Members of the Board present were:

#### Jeffery S. Hall, Chairman and CEO Glen R. Smith, Board Member

The above named constitute the full Board.

Others present included **Ashley Waldron**, Secretary to the Board; **Seema Mahini**, General Counsel; and staff of the FCA and Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC). There were five members of the general public in attendance. (A list of Board and staff attendees is attached as Exhibit A.)

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.

The **Secretary** addressed technical and protocol items and read a statement that announced the meeting would be conducted according to Government in the Sunshine Act requirements.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Chairman Hall** reviewed the published agenda. (A copy of the Public Announcement publishing the agenda for the meeting is attached as Exhibit B.)

**Board Member Smith** moved to adopt the agenda as published.

Chairman Hall seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Hall** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members, and the motion carried unanimously.

### CONSIDERATION TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF THE MEETING

**Board Member Smith** noted that the agenda did include portions of the meeting that should be closed to the public as permitted by the Government in the Sunshine Act and therefore moved that the meeting be closed at that point as shown on the agenda.

Chairman Hall seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Hall** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

#### Minutes for April 10, 2025

#### (BM-8-MAY-25-01)

**Board Member Smith** moved to approve the minutes for the April 10, 2025, FCA regular board meeting, as presented.

**Chairman Hall** seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Hall** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members, and the motion carried unanimously. **(BM-8-MAY-25-01)** 

(A copy of the official "Board Action Item" is attached as Exhibit C.)

#### Reports

#### Update on Farm Credit System Funding Conditions

**David Lewandrowski** of the **Office of Regulatory Policy** presented the Update on Farm Credit System Funding Conditions.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached as Exhibit D.)

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**Chairman Hall** noted that the meeting was moving into closed session and asked the members of the public and staff who were not observing the closed session to leave the meeting.

**OIT staff** confirmed that the public and those staff had disconnected from the virtual portion of the meeting.

**Chairman Hall** convened the closed session of the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

**OIT staff** confirmed that the proceedings of the closed session were being recorded, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f).

The **Secretary** confirmed she had the certification from the General Counsel, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f), that the portions of the meeting held in closed session may be properly closed

to the public. (Attendees are listed on Exhibit A.) (A copy of the General Counsel's certification is attached as Exhibit E.)

#### Impact of Tariffs on Agriculture and the Farm Credit System

**Patrick Fairchild** and **Brent Duey** of the **Office of Examination** and **Skyler Ocheltree** of the **Office of Data Analytics and Economics** presented the report on Impact of Tariffs on Agriculture and the Farm Credit System.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Chairman Hall** indicated he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Board Member Smith** moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Chairman Hall seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, **Chairman Hall** called the question.

The **Secretary** polled the Board Members, and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

### **NOTATIONAL VOTE ACTIONS**

There were three notational vote actions approved by the FCA Board from April 10, 2025, through May 7, 2025.

Item Number	Action Date	Voting Results	Subject
NV 25-07	4/18/2025	Approved	Documents for submission to the Office of Management and Budget
NV 25-08	4/22/2025	Approved	Personnel Action
NV 25-09	4/28/2025	Approved	Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc. Request to Amend its Articles of Incorporation

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are the official minutes of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board held on May 8, 2025.

/s/ Jeffery S. Hall Chairman and CEO /s/ Ashley Waldron Secretary to the Board

Approved: June 12, 2025

### **BOARD AND STAFF PRESENT AT THE** FCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 8, 2025

Jeffery S. Hall, Chairman and CEO Glen R. Smith, Board Member

ATTENDEES	OPEN SESSION	CLOSED SESSION		
Office of the Board				
Hall, Jeffery	Х	Х		
Smith, Glen	Х	Х		
Donner, Mary Alice	Х	Х		
Stokke, Michael	Х	Х		
Calhoun, Gaye	Х	Х		
Lewandrowski, Barbara	X	Х		
Waldron, Ashley	Х	Х		
OCOS				
Duran, Maribel	Х	Х		
Coleman, Robert	X	X		
Cunningham, Lesley	X			
OEEO				
Burlew, Thais	Х	Х		
Fish, Tyler	Х	Х		
Major, Sara Lynn	X	X		
OIT				
Versace, Jerry	Х	Х		
Matos, Ricardo	X	X		
Rana, Ben	X	X		
Amaya, Victor	X	X		
ОСРА				
Mosely, Ben	Х	Х		
Rezendes, Andrew	X	X		
Shelly, Philip	X	X		
OGC				
Mahini, Seema	Х	Х		
Griffin, Ward	X	X		
OE				
Duffy, Mike	X	Х		
Fennewald, Dan	X	X		
Greenlee, Angela	X	X		
Fairchild, Patrick	X	X		
Duey, Brent	X	X		
Beckers, Cris	X	X		
ODAE				
D'Antoni, Jeremy	X	Х		
Shields, Dennis	X	X		
Iannetta, Sal	X X	X		

ATTENDEES	OPEN SESSION	CLOSED SESSION
Ocheltree, Skyler	X	X
Kaiser, Rebecca	Х	Х
OIG		
Cerne, Sonya	X	Х
Miller, Kevin	X	Х
OSMO		
Fay, Thomas	Х	X
Hudson, Bruce	X	Х
ORP		
Kramp, Kevin	Х	Х
Agans, Autumn	Х	Х
Lewandrowski, David	X	
Suen, Vania	Х	
Leist, Ryan	X	
Underwood, Justin	Х	
OCFO		
Peterman, Mary	Х	Х
Soares, Ily	Х	X
OAS		
Bell, Vonda	X	Х
Adkins, Byron	Х	Х
FCSIC		
Grimaldi, Andrew	X	Х
Simonson, John	X	Х
Wynn, Wade	X	Х
Smith, Gregory	Х	Х
Morgan, Matthew	Х	Х
Bowen, Mark	X	Х
GENERAL PUBLIC	5	N/A

### **Farm Credit Administration**

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### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE ACT

#### Farm Credit Administration Board Regular Meeting May 8, 2025

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2025.

**PLACE:** You may observe the open portions of this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, or virtually. If you would like to observe, at least 24 hours in advance, visit FCA.gov, select "Newsroom," then select "Events." From there, access the linked "Instructions for board meeting visitors" and complete the described registration process.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The following matters will be considered:

- Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2025
- Update on Farm Credit System Funding Conditions

#### **PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

• Impact of Tariffs on Agriculture and the Farm Credit System<sup>1</sup>

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** If you need more information or assistance for accessibility reasons, or have questions, contact Ashley Waldron, Secretary to the Board. Telephone: 703-883-4009. TTY: 703-883-4056.

/s/

Ashley Waldron Secretary to the Board April 28, 2025

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552b(c)(8) and (9).

### **Farm Credit Administration**

### **BOARD ACTION ITEM**

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### FCA BOARD ACTION ON

Minutes for April 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

BM-8-MAY-25-01

Effective Date: May 8, 2025

Impact on Prior Board Actions: None

### THE FCA BOARD HEREBY:

• Approves the minutes for the April 10, 2025, regular Board meeting, as presented.

### DATED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD** 

/s/

Ashley Waldron Secretary to the Board







## Update on the Farm Credit System Funding Conditions



### **Recent Financial Headlines**

# "Commodity Prices Set to Tumble as Tariffs Slow Global Economy"



### **Recent Financial Headlines**

## "Inflation Fear Is Making Some People Spend More—and Others Less"



### **Recent Financial Headlines**

# "The Nasdaq Composite Is Back to Pre-'Liberation Day' Levels"





- Global Market
  - Agency Debt Market
  - Funding Corporation Activity
- Yields & Spreads on FCS Debt
- FCS Liquidity
- Potential Geopolitical Impacts





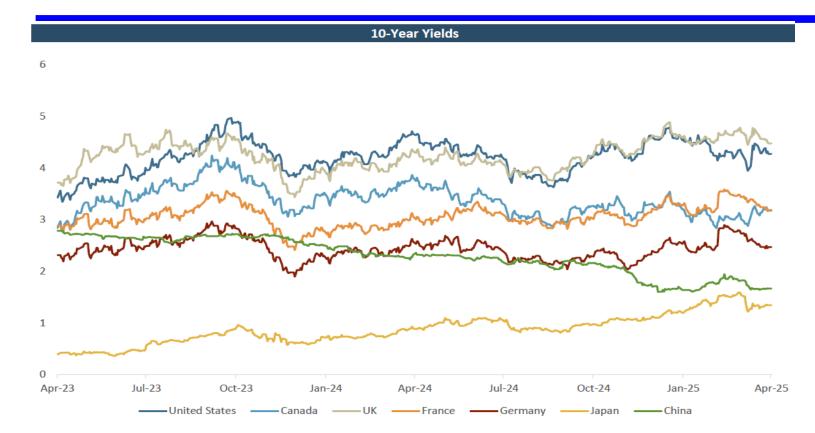
### **Global Market**

- ➤ U.S. Market
- E.C.B., Bank of England, Bank of Japan
- China
- Geopolitical Impacts



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### **Global Yields**







## Credit Rating Agencies -Outlook for the United States

- Standard & Poors AA+ Outlook – Stable
- Moody's Aaa Outlook – Negative
- Fitch AA+ Outlook – Stable



### **Agency Debt Issuance**

Billions of Dollars	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
F.H.L.B.	\$4,642	\$3,745	\$6,371	\$6,892	\$6,970
FCS	421	415	387	281	299
Freddie Mac	465	22	138	146	208
Fannie Mae	370	96	115	236	287
Total	\$5,898	\$4,278	\$7,011	\$7,555	\$7,764

Source: Agency Websites



## **Agency Debt Outstanding**

Billions of Dollars	2021	2022	2023	2024	3/2025
F.H.L.B.	\$653	\$ 1,182	\$ 1,202	\$1,193	\$1,156
FCS	353	391	416	448	453
Freddie Mac	182	179	172	188	183
Fannie Mae	202	139	128	143	136
Farmer Mac	23	25	27	28	28
Tenn. V.A.	21	20	21	22	22
Total	\$1,434	\$1,936	\$1,966	\$2,022	\$1,978

Source: Agency Websites



## Funding Activity by FCS

Debt Outstanding (\$ millions)	Discount Notes	Designated Bonds	Fixed Rate Bonds		Floating Rate Bonds			Retail Bonds	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total
			Callable	Non- Callable	SOFR	PRIME	Other Indexes <sup>2</sup>			
5/1/2025	22,088	3,000	134,292	96,109	175,838	12,360	13,490	8	504	457,68
12/31/2024	19,555	5,000	131,897	101,891	161,829	12,900	14,765	8	456	448,30
12/31/2023	19,364	11,700	130,811	101,995	124,085	12,730	15,010	11	404	416,10
12/31/2022	27,717	12,700	124,924	95,259	99,548	12,975	17,581	17	417	391,13
12/31/2021	24,280	9,100	104,071	100,600	79,747	13,165	21,773	20	151	352,90
<sup>1</sup> Includes Linked Dep <sup>2</sup> Includes LIBOR	osits									

Source: FFCBFC Website

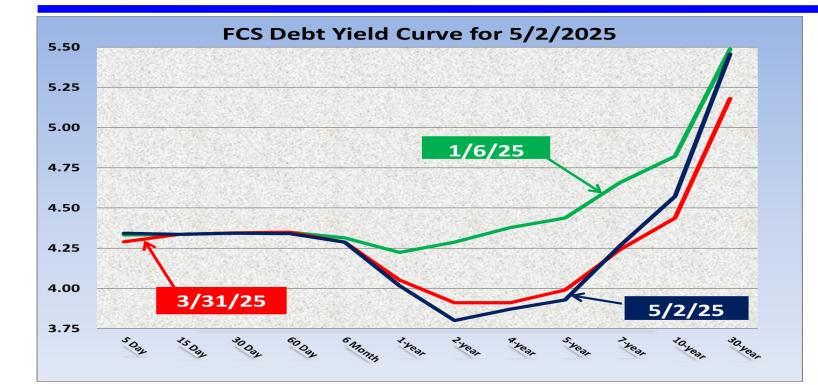


### **Dealer Group**

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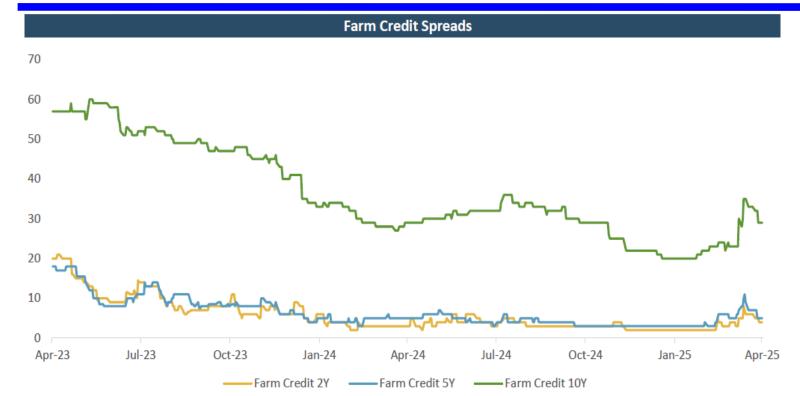


### FCS Debt Yield Curve "Back to Inverted"



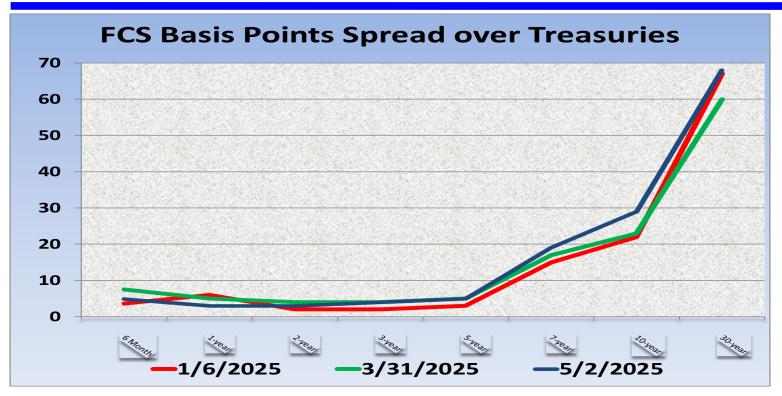


### **Favorable Risk Premiums**





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## **Days of Liquidity**

- > As of 3/31/25 System = 177(167) days:
  - AgFirst = 161(157) days, AgriBank = 160(127) days, FCB of TX = 199(183) days, CoBank = 188(185) days
- > As of 12/31/24 System = 177(163) days:
  - AgFirst = 176(170) days, AgriBank = 152(120) days, FCB of TX = 197(187) days, CoBank = 182(182) days



### Wild Cards



## ➢Political Agenda

➢Federal Reserve

Global Conflicts



## Summary

- Overall Strong Demand for FCS Debt, Varies by Type
- Reinversion of FCS Debt Yield Curve
- Favorable FCS Risk Premiums
- Strong Secondary Liquidity
- Wild Cards

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### **CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING**

The General Counsel, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f)(1), hereby certifies that the Farm Credit Administration Board regular meeting of May 8, 2025, was properly closed to the public on the basis of the exemption set forth below:

 Supervisory and oversight activities of Farm Credit System institution(s) – 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(8) and (9).

<u>May 8, 2025</u> Date /s/

Seema Mahini General Counsel