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RE: April 19th Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting

Dear Supervisors:

Please be advised that the special meeting of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors will be held on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** This meeting will be virtually, and the public will be able to participate in the meeting in-person or remotely via voice either by using the internet link or phone number below.

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Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the County Clerk's office at 715-373-6100, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-45; Providing \$500k Loan to Northern Lights Services, Inc. 2023
4. Adjournment.

Sincerely,

LYNN M. DIVINE
Bayfield County Clerk
LMD/pat



Bayfield County Administrator

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Mark Abeles-Allison, *County Administrator*

To: County Board
From: Mark Abeles-Allison
Re: Loan to Northern Lights
Date: April 19, 2023

Tonight's meeting will be 100% virtual.

Attached is a resolution approving a \$500,000 loan to Northern Lights Services, Inc.

\$182,460.16 remains on Northern Lights \$500k loan from the county made in 2019.

This resolution proposes a \$500k loan, then subtracts \$182,460.16 and write a check for the remainder, \$317,589.84 to NL. The Treasurer's Office has indicated we have sufficient funds on hand to do this on Thursday.

The loan will be the exact same terms as the 2019 issuance, an interest rate of 2.61% with a five-year term. We will use the same repayment plan as adopted in 2019.

John Carlson will join us on the call.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



Resolution

No. 2023-45

Providing \$500k Loan to Northern Lights Services, Inc. 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Bayfield County, Wisconsin (the “County”), as follows:

1. Under Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.0621, as amended (the “Act”), the Municipality is authorized and empowered to issue revenue obligations to finance all or any part of the cost of acquisition, construction, equipping, improving, enlarging, or extending of public utilities, as defined therein.
2. Under and pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 59.01 and 59.52(6), the Municipality is authorized to:
 - (1) acquire and hold, lease or rent real and personal estate for public uses or purposes, to sell, lease and convey the same, to make such contracts and to do such other acts as are necessary and proper to the exercise of the powers and privileges granted and the performance of the legal duties charged upon it;
 - (2) acquire, lease or rent property, real and personal, for public uses or purposes of any nature, including without limitation, acquisitions for county buildings;
 - (3) direct the clerk to lease, sell or convey or contract to sell or convey any county property, not donated and required to be held for a special purpose, on terms that the Board approves;
 - (4) construct, purchase, acquire, lease, develop, improve, extend, equip, operate and maintain all county buildings, structures and facilities hereinafter in this subsection referred to as “projects,” including, among others, schools, hospitals, homes for the aged or indigent, regional projects and including all property, real and personal, pertinent or necessary for such purposes;
 - (5) finance such projects, including necessary sites, by the issuance of revenue bonds under the Act, and payable solely from the income, revenues and rentals and fees derived from the operation of the project financed from the proceeds of the revenue bonds
3. The County has a vested interest in ensuring the continued operation and success of Northern Lights Services, Inc (“Northern Lights”) for reasons that include, but not limited to the following:
 - a. The County owns the property that is operated by Northern Lights and Northern Lights pays the County rent pursuant to a long-term lease.
 - b. Northern Lights operates the only skilled nursing facility in Bayfield County.
 - c. Northern Lights employs a significant number of residents.
4. Northern Lights has shown a need for a loan in the amount of \$500,000 and has shown that based upon its non-profit status and lack of assets, it is unable to obtain a conventional loan without the assistance of the County. The County has reviewed financing options and has found that using \$500,000 of its reserve funds to be the best option to the County and its residents.
5. The County Administrator and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to provide Northern Lights with a loan in the amount of \$500,000.00 effective April 19, 2023 with an interest rate of 2.61% per annum and payable over 60 months. The first payment will be due on May 19, 2023.
6. The 2019 Promissory note has a balance due of \$182,460.16 effective April 19, 2023. This note will be retired with this issuance leaving a balance of \$317,539.84 payable to Northern Lights. The new \$500,000 loan will utilize the same payment schedule of the original loan.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Lynn M. Divine, *Bayfield County Clerk*, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023-45, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 19th day of April 2023.

Lynn M. Divine, *Bayfield County Clerk*