

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021, supports the submittal of a DNR Surface Water Grant to map artesian wells in Bayfield County and develop protective measures for the future; *and*,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Administrator and Clerk are authorized to complete and submit an application; *and*,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County will contribute matching grant funds in the form of time from the Zoning, Land Water & Conservation, Land Records, Health, County Clerk, and Administrator Offices.

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Fickbohm to adopt Resolution No. 2021-81 Bayfield County DNR Surface Water Grant Application. Motion carried, 11-0, 2 absent.*

**14. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-82:**

**2021-82**

**Endorsement of American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation EDA Grant for Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation**

**WHEREAS**, the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (Birkie) is an important member of the Cable and Bayfield County Community; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Birkie has a long history in Bayfield County; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Birkie has proposed applying for a Nordic Center and other recreation amenities using Federal EDA funds; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Birkie has asked Bayfield County to join as a co-applicant, showing support for the project; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Birkie will be solely responsible for all legal, funding and grant preparation and construction activities; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County recognizes tourism and recreation as significant driving forces in the county and region's economy; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County believes this project will help create jobs and boost tourism in the county and region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021, does hereby endorse this project and supports the Birkie's application to redevelop the site for recreation in the county and region.

*After discussion and amendment, motion by Crandall, seconded by Zepczyk to adopt Resolution No. 2021-82 Endorsement of American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation EDA Grant for Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation with the following change to me made; removing "and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa" from the Now Therefore it be Resolved clause. Motion Carried, 11-0, 2 absent.*

**15. Discussion and Possible Action, Action on Possible ARPA Funding Projects:**

Abeles-Allison informed the board that four new projects have been submitted to receive ARPA funds. All four projects would total approximately \$460,000. The Northern Lights Nursing Home is requesting an additional \$150,000 to allocate towards either upgrading their phone system or upgrading the facility's windows. The Bayfield County Health Department is requesting an additional \$60,000 to fund additional staff in the department for the Fall of 2021. Abeles-Allison explained that \$200,000 in funds would be used to relocate the Bayfield County Clerk of Court's office. The last project would be on-demand countywide transportation through the BART system that would provide 5 or 6 trips a day to citizens in Bayfield County to travel anywhere in Bayfield County or to Ashland County. Bayfield County is requesting \$50,000 in funds to match the BART system's contribution for the next two years.

Silbert requested an additional \$40,000 in funds be used to purchase a new command trailer for the emergency management department.

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Fickbohm to appropriate \$40,000 from the ARPA funds to purchase a new command trailer for the Emergency Management Department. Motion carried, 11-0, 2 absent.*

*Motion by Crandall, seconded by Sandstrom to approve funding for the following four ARPA projects: 1) Northern Lights phone upgrade or window replacement project for a total of \$150,000, 2) Bayfield County Health Department staff for Fall of 2021 for a total of \$60,000, 3) the relocation of the Bayfield County Clerk of Court office for a total of \$200,000, and 4) Bayfield County fund matching for on-demand countywide transportation through the BART system for the next two years for the total of \$50,000. Motion carried, 11-0, 2 absent.*

## **16. Reports:**

### **a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:**

- a. September 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (Special Meeting)**
- b. October 26, 2021**
- c. November 9, 2021**
- d. December – To Be Decided as Necessary**

**b) Budget 2022 Meetings and Update:** Abeles-Allison reported that the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for September 22, 2021, has been cancelled as the committee has already come to a consensus on the budget.

**c) EMS Committee Appointments:** Abeles-Allison informed the board that the Committee is looking to set a date in the third week of October to hold their first organizational meeting.

## **17. Supervisors' Reports:**

Silbert reported that the Northern Lights nursing home will be distributing across the board pay raises in an effort to deal with retention issues. The nursing home is also having discussions regarding the installation of solar at the facility.

Oswald reported that Emergency Management has extended an invitation at the previous Sheriff's Committee meeting to anyone interested in sitting in the dispatch center to experience the workings of dispatch.

Abeles-Allison reported that the Electric Vehicle charger installation at the courthouse has been completed. The grand opening for the charger will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. The charger uses a Gateway App called EV Gateway that customers will have to use to be able to charge vehicles. The rate for the charger is \$0.30 per minute. Oswald informed the board that the Blue Goose would eventually be an electric vehicle, they are waiting for the bus to be made and shipped.