

# Bayfield County Clerk

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## Minutes of the: Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting January 31, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Held in the Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, WI

The meeting of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Bayfield County *Chairman* Dennis M. Pocernich. A roll call was taken by *County Clerk*- Lynn Divine, as follows: Steve Sandstrom-present virtually; Mary Dougherty-present; Larry Fickbohm-present; Charly Ray-present; Jeremy Oswald-present; Jeff Silbert-present; Fred Strand-present; John Rautio-present; Marty Milanowski-present; Madelaine Rekemeyer-present; Jim Crandall-present; Brett Rondeau-present virtually; Dennis Pocernich-present. Total: 13 present, 0 absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present for today's meeting: *County Administrator*- Mark Abeles-Allison; *County Clerk*- Lynn M. Divine; *Child Support Director*- Jen Jones; *Highway Commissioner*- Bob Anderson; *County Conservationist*- Ben Dufford; *Conservation Technician*- Travis Tulowitzky; *Forest Administrator*- Jason Bodine; *GIS Technician*- Carmen Novak; *Planning and Zoning Director*- Ruth Hulstrom; *Emergency Management Director*- Meagan Quaderer; Senator Romaine Quinn; Stacey Hessel; *Bayfield High School Senior*- Mardea LaPointe; *Washburn High School Senior*- Kaiya Haveri; *Accountant*- Kim Mattson; and *Clerk III*- Paige Terry.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

4. **Public Comment:**

Mardea LaPointe, Bayfield High School, introduced herself to the board and expressed an interest in the inner workings of local government. Abeles-Allison asked if LaPointe was active in any activities at school. LaPointe responded that she was formerly on the volleyball team. Crandall asked about LaPointe's interest in the scholarship. LaPointe responded that she will be pursuing a degree in cosmetology the following fall at an institute in Madison and the scholarship will help with costs.

Kaiya Haveri, Washburn High School, introduced herself to the board and stated that her grandmother currently sits on the Ashland County Board which inspired her to run for class treasurer, a position she has held for the past three years. Haveri explained that she will be attending UW Madison in the Fall of 2023 to pursue a degree in nursing and that she currently is a CNA at Northern Lights. Haveri concluded by stating she will be attending Superior Days for the first time in 2023 and is interesting in learning more about the lobbying process of such an event.

5. **Presentation, Senator Quinn's Office:** Senator Romaine Quinn introduced himself to the board and gave the board a history of his experience with local government that he gained as the Mayor of Rice Lake. Quinn addressed some of his top priority goals as senate and answered questions posed by the board.

6. **Presentation, Delta Landfill:** Bob Anderson, Carmen Novak, Travis Tulowitzky, and Jason Bodine delivered a presentation on the history of the Delta Landfill and the completion of the Delta Landfill Project.

Senate staff member, Stacey Hessel, introduced herself to the board.

7. **Bayfield County Resolution 2023-01:**

**In Recognition and Appreciation for the Completion of the Delta Landfill Restoration Project**

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, severe flooding washed out the former Delta Landfill and uncovered landfill debris; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Department and the Land Records Department were instrumental in submitting FEMA flood damage reports which resulted in funding approval; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Department worked in close collaboration with the Bayfield County Land Water Conservation Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Land Water Conservation Department shared plan documents with the Bayfield County Highway Department and the Bayfield County Highway Department agreed to take on the restoration project; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Highway Department planned and built the flood control structure and developed a unique Gambion structure along the waterway to prevent future flooding; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, during this process, Bayfield County worked in collaboration with the Town of Delta and the town was a partner in completing this project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, extends its sincere appreciation and recognition to the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks, Land Records, Land Water Conservation, and Highway Departments for their unique collaboration and completion of the Delta Landfill restoration.

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Ray to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01 In Recognition and Appreciation for the Completion of the Delta Landfill Restoration Project. Motion carried, 13-0.*

8. **Discussion and Possible Action, Minutes from November 15, 2022:**

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Fickbohm to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Bayfield County Board of Supervisors Meeting held on November 15, 2022. Motion carried, 13-0.*

9. **Discussion and Possible Action, Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-02; Congratulating New DNR Secretary Adam Payne:**

**Congratulating New DNR Secretary Adam Payne**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County has a strong working relationship with the Wisconsin DNR; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the county forest and motorized trail programs rely on the DNR for assistance; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Local DNR staff collaborate with Planning and Zoning, Land Water Conservation, and Land Records on coastal and water resource issues; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin DNR has supported critical policy initiatives associated with Chronic Wasting Disease, Artesian Well research and invasive species control;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, welcome new DNR Secretary Adam Payne and pledges to continue Bayfield County’s strong collaborative partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors formally invites Secretary Payne to address the Bayfield County Board at one of its meetings in 2023. The Board meets the last Tuesday of the month. Scheduled meetings this summer are June 27, July 25 and August 29.

- b) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-03; Congratulating New Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs James Bond:**

### **Congratulating New Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs James Bond**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County has a strong working relationship with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the County Veterans Service Department relies on the Department of Veterans Affairs for assistance; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs provides critical assistance to both veterans directly and County Veteran Services Officers; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Veteran population continues to grow making up over 13% of the county population; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County has a strong and expanding Veteran Services Program and welcomes new ideas on how to address veteran health and housing issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, welcome new Wisconsin Veterans Affairs Secretary James Bond and pledges to continue Bayfield County’s strong collaborative partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors formally invites Secretary Bond to address the Bayfield County Board at one of its meetings in 2023. The Board meets the last Tuesday of the month. Scheduled meetings this summer are June 27, July 25, and August 29.

- c) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-04; In Recognition and Appreciation of Peggy Kman for 23 Years of Commitment and Service in the Bayfield County Coroner’s Office:**

### **Retirement of Peggy Kman**

**WHEREAS**, Peggy Kman has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Bayfield County Coroner’s Office for 23 years,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, honors Peggy Kman for her 23 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for her efforts, wishing her well in the years ahead.

d) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-05; In Support of Increased County Child Support Funding:**

**In Support of Increased County Child Support Funding**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing a holistic set of services to Bayfield County children and their parents, including paternity establishment, assistance with finding employment, obtaining child support and establishing health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Child support is one of the most effective anti-poverty programs in the state, with county child support agencies serving approximately 347,000 children and collecting roughly \$906 million in financial support for Wisconsin families in 2021; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Child support is proven to reduce childhood poverty rates, lead to better educational and behavioral outcomes for children, and have a positive effect on food security, health and housing stability; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, County child support agencies work closely with both parents to ensure that they have the help they need to be successful, including assistance with finding employment, referrals to other social service programs and right-sizing orders for individuals impacted by substances use disorders or other challenges; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to a high number of caseloads per worker, increased complexity of cases, inflation and new regulations; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional funding. The state has already dropped from 2nd in the nation for the collection of current support in 2016 to 6th in the nation in 2021; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Without additional state funds, county child support agencies may need to eliminate positions, further increase caseloads, or reduce services, further impacting federal performance measures, which would result in the loss of additional federal funds; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, The individuals most impacted by insufficient funding for child support are the children and families served by county child support agencies, who will need to seek out public assistance programming absent the financial security provided by the child support program; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, State investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.43 in support for every dollar invested in the program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 Wisconsin state budget, which will

generate approximately \$9.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children; *and*,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Bayfield County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

e) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-06; State of Emergency Declaration for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Snowstorm Event:**

**State of Emergency Declaration for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Snowstorm Event**

**WHEREAS**, A prolonged heavy ice and snow storm commencing December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 through December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 impacted several townships in Bayfield County; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, The heavy ice and snow caused major damage to powerlines; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Caused damage to several trees making several roadways impassable; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Several Bayfield County residents were left without power for up to 72 hours; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, A state of Emergency was declared on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023 confirms the emergency declaration by County Board Chairman, Dennis Pocerlich for the heavy snow event on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

f) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-07; Joint BART Resolution:**

**City Of Ashland, Ashland County, Bad River Reservation, Bayfield County, City of Washburn, City of Bayfield, Red Cliff Reservation, and Price County**

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Rural Transportation Commission (hereinafter “BART”) is a commission formed under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 66; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Red Cliff and Bad River bands of Lake Superior Chippewas; the Cities of Bayfield, Washburn, and Ashland; and the Counties of Bayfield and Ashland (hereinafter “Members”) are the current members of the Commission; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Price County has passed an ordinance accepting the Charter and its rights and responsibilities and filed a certified copy of the ordinance with the BART Commission; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Price County has designated a representative to the BART Commission Board; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Members executed a Charter on August 21, 1984 (Exhibit A); *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Article X of the Charter states it may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board and upon ratification by a majority vote of the governing bodies of Members; *and*,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled

this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, approves the amendment to the BART Charter attached as Exhibits A and B and directs the Bayfield County Board Chair to sign charter amendments.

- g) **Forestry & Parks 2023 Annual Work Plan**
- h) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-08; 2022 Year End Budget Amendments Forestry and Parks Department:**

**2022 YEAR END BUDGET AMENDMENTS FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, as per Wisconsin State Statute 28.11(9)(d), Bayfield County is required to distribute 10% of net timber sale proceeds to towns that contain county forest lands; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 expense budget for the 10% net timber sale receipts due to Towns (100-34-56125-50590) was \$319,000.00; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the combined 2022 revenue budget for county forest stumpage (100-34-46811 & 100-34-46815) was \$3,190,000.00; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the actual county forest timber sale revenue for CY 2022 was \$4,679,087.06; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the required 10% timber sale payment due to the towns totaled \$467,908.78; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the required 10% timber sale payment due to the towns exceeded the expense budget by \$148,908.78; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Department administers over 450 miles of designated, state funded snowmobile trails in Bayfield County; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, maintenance of the snowmobile trails is funded by the Wisconsin DNR at a rate of \$300.00 per mile; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, when general maintenance costs exceed the base funding amount, supplemental snowmobile trail aid funds are made available, by the Wisconsin DNR, to cover up to 100% of the overage; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, for the 2021/2022 snowmobile season, actual maintenance expenses exceeded the budgeted amount by roughly \$117,200; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the supplemental snowmobile trail aids funds covered the overage at the rate of 100%;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, approve the following 2022 budget amendments:

Increase Revenues:

Sale of Wood-CFL-County Share	100-34-46811	by	\$129,818
10% County Forestry-Towns	100-34-46815	by	\$ 19,091
State Grant – Snowmobiles Trails	100-34-43572	by	<u>\$117,200</u>

Total Revenues: \$266,109

Increase Expenses:

10% Timber Sales Due Towns	100-34-56125-50590	by	\$148,909
Snowmobile Trail Maint., Grants	100-34-55442-50240	by	<u>\$117,200</u>

Total Expenses: \$266,109

i) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-09; Withdrawal of Land from County Forest Law and Sale of Land to Address an Encroachment:**

**Withdrawal of Land from County Forest Law and Sale of Land to Address an Encroachment**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Department (hereafter, the Department) discovered an encroachment of county forest land located in Section 19, T47N-R9W, in the Town of Hughes; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, upon further inspection, it was established that the adjacent landowners, Lon and Elizabeth Anderson (hereafter, the Landowners), of 66460 Wills Rd, Brule, Wisconsin, were responsible for the encroachment; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the inspection, the Department determined that the primary dwelling, LP tank and septic, were in violation of Bayfield County Zoning ordinances; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Department concluded that the most efficient way to address the encroachment was to sell a portion of the encroached upon land to the Landowners; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the portion of encroached upon property considered for sale was calculated to be 0.05 acres, and only included enough land to comply with local and state ordinances (see Exhibit A, Plat of Survey); *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the value of the encroached upon land was determined to be \$3,200.00 per acre; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County (hereafter, the County) agrees to sell the approximately 0.05 acres of encroached upon land to the Landowners for \$3,200.00/acre, in addition to all other terms outlined in the real estate sales agreement (Exhibit B), including the Landowners paying all expenses associated with a survey, including the development of a CSM (if necessary), and all recording fees, as well as all legal and administrative fees incurred by the County as part of the transaction; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to compensating the County for the cost of land and other associated expenses, as outlined in the real estate sales agreement (Exhibit B), the Landowners will be required to remove all personal items/property from the encroached upon land not included in the transaction, and will need to obtain a ten-year temporary access permit, from the Forestry and Parks Department, to address their existing driveway; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Forestry and Parks Committee's recommendation to sell the land, as described above, to the Landowners, all net proceeds from the sale are to be reinvested in forest land and made part of the County Forest; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the sale of County Forest land currently enrolled in County Forest Law is inconsistent with the purposes set forth in ss. 28.11, Wisconsin Statutes (County Forest Law); *and*,

**WHEREAS**, any proposal to sell County Forest land will first require filing an application, to the DNR, to withdraw said parcel from County Forest Law; *and*,





## Extension Bayfield County 2022 Budget Amendment

**WHEREAS**, UW-Madison Extension received a number of grants in 2022 that experienced extension past their original end dates, which resulted in additional expense and revenues; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, revenue and expenses for other program funds were not reached and a budget amendment is now needed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, does hereby authorize the following budget amendments:

Hedgerow Hazelnut Grant Revenue	Increase	292-25-43570-012	\$1,625.00
Hedgerow Hazelnut Operating Supplies Expense	Increase	292-25-55652-50340	\$1,625.00
Hazelnut Nursery Grant Revenue	Increase	292-25-43570-013	\$21,695.00
Hazelnut Nursery Grant Operating Supplies	Increase	292-25-55653-50340	\$21,695.00
Ag Registration Fees	Decrease	292-25-46773	\$2,500.00
4-H Program Contractual Services Expenses	Decrease	292-25-55630-50290	\$2,500.00
Potential Adventures Grant Revenue	Increase	292-25-48516-001	\$2,000.00
Potential Adventures Grant Operating Expenses	Increase	292-25-55649-50348	\$2,000.00

*Motion by Rondeau, seconded by Ray to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried, 13-0.*

- 10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding LATCF Project Authorization:** Abeles-Allison informed the board that the county will be received \$1.04 million in Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) over the next two years. Five projects have been proposed to utilize the funds: replace the Cable highway garage, replace the Grand View highway garage, waiving the Bayfield County Fair exhibitor fee in 2023, installing protective glass in the Courtroom for court security, and contributing funds to the consolidated dispatch implementation plan. Abeles-Allison reviewed each of the projects with the board. Discussion took place regarding the proposed projects.

*7:00 p.m. – Brett Rondeau left the meeting.*

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Rautio to authorize the LATCF Projects as presented. Roll Call Vote: Sandstrom-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Oswald-yes; Strand-yes; Milanowski-yes; Crandall-yes; Dougherty-yes; Ray-yes; Silbert-yes; Rautio-yes; Rekemeyer-yes; Rondeau-absent; Pocernich-yes. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

- 11. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-12:**

### **Supporting and Authorizing Matching Funds for Bayfield County “RAISE” Grant Project on County Highways A & N**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County maintains 172 miles of county highways; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Forestry is a critical industry for Bayfield County; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County annually places road weight limit restrictions on county highways during the spring break-up to protect roads which negatively impact the ability of the logging industry to access and transport forest products; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, County Highways A and N provide access to thousands of acres of forestland that supplies timber for forest products; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, County Highways A and N are used by local industry; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County uses highways for multi modal purposes with County Highway A designated as a bike route and County Highway N designated as an ATV route; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, funding for highways is important. Scarce resources make funding difficult. Bayfield County has annually dedicated additional resources to highway projects but does not have the ability to contribute to fund this entire project; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, over the past five years both the Bayfield County Board and the Citizens of Bayfield County have ranked Highways as a top priority of the County during the annual budget process and budget survey; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, maintenance and upkeep of roadways are of regional concern to support the forest industry; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, alternate funding mechanisms are important to supplement the county's ability to properly maintain county roads; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County has proposed a "replace in kind" construction method to keep costs to a minimum; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Transportation RAISE program offers matching funds for economic development projects and in March of 2022 the Bayfield County Board authorized submittal of an application to the RAISE grant program for reconstruction of County Highways A and N to all season road standards; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost for the project is Seventeen Million, Three Hundred Thirty-one Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-eight dollars (17,331,468), encompassing sixteen (16) miles of county highway reconstruction on County Highway N and conversion of six (6) miles of County Highway N from A to Highway 27 making this entire route (US 2 to State Highway 27) an All-Season Road; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, this improvement project would have a significant economic development impact on Bayfield County communities, businesses, bikers, ATV users and tourists in addition to improving safety and reducing maintenance costs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, will commit and hereby encumbers 10% or \$1,733,147 towards this project over a period of up to five years; *and*,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bayfield County has previously supported efforts at the state level to raise additional funds for county highway reconstruction and that the Bayfield County Board hereby petitions the Governor, the Assembly, and the Senate of the State of Wisconsin to pursue supplemental funding for county highways in Wisconsin.

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Sandstrom to adopt Resolution No. 2023-12 Supporting and Authorizing Matching Funds for Bayfield County “RAISE” Grant Project on County Highways A & N. Roll Call Vote: Pocernich-yes; Rautio-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Silbert-yes; Sandstrom-yes; Crandall-yes; Ray-yes; Strand-yes; Dougherty-yes; Rekemeyer-yes; Rondeau-absent; Oswald-yes; Milanowski-yes. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**12. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-13:**

**FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT 2022 AND 2023 BUDGET  
AMENDMENT ACCEPTING WISCONSIN DNR ARPA GRANT AND  
TRANSFERRING UNEXPENDED 2022 EXPENDITURES TO 2023 FOR THE  
REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY FOREST LANDS**

**WHEREAS**, via Resolutions 2022-06 and 2022-76, the County Board gave the Forestry and Parks Department (Department) authorization to develop a roughly 2,001-acre Sand River land acquisition project (Sand River), in part, to replace the roughly 1,439 acres of county forest lands that were previously sold to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Red Cliff); *and*,

**WHEREAS**, proceeds from the sale of county forest lands are required to be re-invested in the purchase of replacement lands, that will be enrolled in County Forest Law and managed as part of the county forest; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Department has partnered with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) on the development of the Sand River project, who are now holding said land until Bayfield County has secured full funding; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the final value of the Sand River project is approximately \$2.552 million, which includes the value of the land and all closing costs; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Sand River project, two external funding sources had been targeted: the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for County Forest Land Acquisitions and the USFS Community Forests Grant; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, as of 1-1-2023, the non-lapsing Land Acquisition account balance was roughly \$1.77 million; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Department has secured \$1.90 million in grants, including \$1.30 million from the State of Wisconsin’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Conservation Land Acquisition Program grant and \$600,000 from the Federal Community Forests grant; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA grant has served as a replacement of the previous Stewardship grant application; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, with \$1.90 million in total grant funding secured, the Department needs roughly \$652,000 in Land Acquisition account balance to complete the Sand River project; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Department is also in negotiations with another landowner on the purchase of roughly 1,581 acres in the Town of Clover (see Exhibit A); *and*,

**WHEREAS**, when including closing and other expenses, the Town of Clover acquisition is estimated to cost \$1.032 million; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, when combined, and considering the value of grants already awarded, the Sand River and Town of Clover land acquisition projects would require a total of roughly \$1.681 million in cash from the Land Acquisition account, leaving a balance of a little under \$100,000; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, when combining the recent 160-acre purchase at Lost Creek in the Town of Bell (authorized via Resolution 2022-83) with the Sand River and Town of Clover land acquisition projects, a total of roughly 3,740 acres would be added to the county forest; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, additional funding sources are also still being pursued that, if awarded, would reduce the cash contributions required by the county, allowing the Department to pursue other land acquisition projects; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Sand River and Lost Creek acquisition projects were both budgeted for completion in 2022, but will require budget amendments to address activities that will occur in 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, approves accepting the State of Wisconsin’s ARPA grant, completing the roughly 2,001 acre Sand River project with TPL, purchasing the roughly 1,581 acres in the Town of Clover and allocating the additional funds required to complete both transactions, and approves the following amendment to the 2022 and 2023 Forestry and Parks Department budget:

**2022 Budget Amendment**

Decrease	430-34-43260	600,000	Community Forest Grant
Decrease	430-34-56132-50252	600,000	Community Forest Grant

**2023 Budget Amendment**

Increase	430-70-49301	652,000	Fund Balance Applied Community Forest
Increase	430-70-43260	600,000	Grant
	430-34-56132-50252		Community Forest
Increase		600,000	Grant
Increase	430-34-57100-50252	652,000	Purchase of Land
Increase	ARPA # TBD revenue	1,300,000	
Increase	ARPA # TBD expense	1,300,000	

Bodine reviewed the purpose of the resolution with the board.

*Motion by Strand, seconded by Fickbohm to adopt Resolution No. 2023-13 Forestry and Parks Department 2022 and 2023 Budget Amendment Accepting Wisconsin DNR ARPA Grant Expenditures for the Replacement of County Forest Lands. Roll Call Vote: Dougherty-yes; Rautio-yes; Pocernich-yes; Ray-yes; Sandstrom-yes; Strand-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Rekemeyer-yes; Crandall-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Milanowski-yes; Rondeau-absent. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**13. Report of the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee No. 2023-01:**

**REPORT OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

**TO: The County Board of Supervisors of Bayfield County on the hearing of petitions to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance.**

**The Planning and Zoning Committee of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, having held a public hearing pursuant to Section 59.69(5)(e), Wisconsin Statutes; notice thereof having been given as provided by law; and having been duly informed of the facts pertinent to the following changes; hereby recommends the following action on said petition:**

The Zoning of **Jeremy C Mueller and Mindy M Mueller 40-acre parcel (ID# 26001)**; described as the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE ¼ NW ¼) in Doc# 2008R-519660; and **40-acre parcel: (ID# 26002)**; described as the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ NW ¼) in Doc# 2008R-519660; Section Twenty (20), Township Forty-Nine (49) N, Range Nine (9) W, Town of Orienta from **Forestry-One (F-1) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1)**.

**The Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation is:**

- Be Approved**
- Be Approved with modification**
- Be Disapproved**

Hulstrom reviewed the proposal with the board. The zoning committee has recommended denying the rezone application. Fickbohm suggested tabling item for one month to allow applicants to address the concerns of the Zoning Department and the Zoning Committee. The board discussed the proposal.

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Ray to receive and place on file Report No. 2023-01 Petition to Change District Boundaries of a Parcel Owned by Jeremy C Mueller and Mindy M Mueller, Town of Orienta, from Forestry-One (F-1) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1). Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**14. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2023-01:**

**The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:  
That the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance, adopted June 1, 1976, be and the same, is hereby amended as follows:**

The Zoning of **Jeremy C Mueller and Mindy M Mueller 40-acre parcel (ID# 26001)**; described as the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE ¼ NW ¼) in Doc# 2008R-519660; and **40-acre parcel: (ID# 26002)**; described as the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ NW ¼) in Doc# 2008R-519660; Section Twenty (20), Township Forty-Nine (49) N, Range Nine (9) W, Town of Orienta from **Forestry-One (F-1) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1)**.

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Sandstrom to deny Amendatory Ordinance No. 2023-01 Petition to Change District Boundaries of a Parcel Owned by Jeremy C Mueller and Mindy M Mueller, Town of Orienta, from Forestry-One (F-1) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1). Motion carried, 11-1, 1 absent.*

**15. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2023-02:**

**To Add 1 Route to the All-Terrain Vehicles Designated Routes in the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances, Title 10 – Chapter 3**

## **Chapter 3: All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Motor Vehicle Operation**

### **Sec. 10-3-1 State All-Terrain Vehicle Laws Adopted.**

The provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to all-terrain vehicles in §23.33, Wis. Stats., and any future amendments or revisions, are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this Section as if fully set forth therein.

### **Sec. 10-3-2 Purpose.**

Taking consideration of the economical and recreational value weighted against possible dangers, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and public health, this ordinance has been created to designate certain all-terrain vehicle routes on portions of existing county highways, to identify the procedure for establishment of additional all-terrain vehicle routes in the county, to set forth conditions of operation of all-terrain vehicles on the county trunk highway system and signage, suspension and revocation of all-terrain vehicle routes, and to specify penalties for violation of this ordinance.

### **Sec. 10-3-3 Authority.**

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to County Board authority under Wis. Stat. 59.02, as authorized by 23.33 (11)(am) and 23.33 (8)(b).

### **Sec. 10-3-4 Establishment of ATV Routes.**

County Trunk Highways designated as ATV routes shall be established and approved by the Bayfield County Board upon recommendation by the Highway Committee. The Highway Committee shall develop policies and procedures for the designation of ATV routes including appropriate criteria for making a designation.

### **Sec. 10-3-5 Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles on the County Trunk Highway System**

- (a) All ATV's shall operate only on the extreme right side of the paved portion of the roadway. Operation of an ATV on the shoulder, ditch or right-of-way is prohibited and illegal.
- (b) All ATV operators shall observe and obey posted speed limits. The speed limit for ATVs traveling on designated routes is 40 mph unless otherwise posted.
- (c) All ATV operators shall ride in single file.
- (d) ATV operators shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- (e) All ATV operators shall have their headlight and taillight illuminated at all times while operating on a county highway.
- (f) All persons under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when operating or riding an ATV.
- (g) All ATV operators will be in compliance with Statutory Regulations.
- (h) All ATV operators assume all the usual and normal risks of ATV operation while on the approved County Highway route(s).

### **Sec. 10-3-6 Signage of ATV Routes.**

Any ATV signage on County Trunk Highway right-of-way will be installed by the Bayfield County Highway Department which shall be reimbursed for time and materials by the Route Sponsor. All signage will be in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 64.12 (7). Any removal, damage, defacing, moving, or obstructing of signage is illegal and prohibited.

### **Sec. 10-3-7 Enforcement.**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department or any other law enforcement official as set forth in Wis. Statute 23.33(12).

### **Sec. 10-3-8 Violations.**

- (a) Wisconsin state All-Terrain Vehicle penalties as found in s. 23.33 (13) (a) Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.
- (b) Forfeiture: The penalty for violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be a forfeiture, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 2 of the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances, together with the court costs and fees and the applicable penalty assessment. Forfeiture for violation of any ATV regulation(s) set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes adopted by reference in this Chapter shall conform to the forfeiture penalty permitted to be imposed under the applicable statute(s).

**Sec. 10-3-9 Maintenance.** Approval of highway segments as ATV routes does not imply that additional maintenance will be provided by the Bayfield County Highway Department. These segments will be maintained like any other segment of County Highway, and Bayfield County makes no representation as to their condition or fitness for ATV use.

### **Sec. 10-3-10 Designated Routes.**

The following routes are designated all-terrain vehicles routes in Bayfield County:

1. CTH H (Scenic Drive to Finger Lake Road) – 0.15 *mile* (Adopted May 17, 2014)
2. CTH N (Hiatt Road to Longview Road) 2.26 miles
3. CTH N (STH 27 To Kickapoo Trail) 4.64 miles (Adopted Nov. 28, 2014)
4. CTH D (CTH M to Pioneer Road) 6.07 miles (Adopted Jan. 26, 2016)
5. CTH C (Siskiwit Lake Road to Mountain Road) 0.51 mile (Siskiwit Falls Road to Huron Avenue) 0.21 mile
6. CTH E (Sutherland to STH 63) 1.19 miles
7. CTH N (Pease Road to CTH A) 0.50 mile
8. CTH A (CTH N to Kickapoo Trail) 0.25 miles
9. CTH F (USH 2 to STH 63) (Adopted Aug. 27, 2013) – 3.47 miles (Adopted May 27, 2014)
10. CTH E (USH 2 to Keystone Road) (Adopted Aug. 27, 2013) – 1.0 miles
11. CTH M (Kavanaugh Road to USH 63, (1 City Block) (Adopted Oct. 1, 2013) – 0.09 Mile (Adopted May 27, 2014)
12. CTH C (FR 696 to FR 697) – 0.25 Mile (Adopted May 27, 2014)
13. CTH H (Horstman Road to CTH E) – 1.96 miles (Adopted Nov. 28, 2014)
14. CTH E (CTH H to Panasuk Road) – 1.00 mile (Adopted Nov. 28, 2014)
15. CTH E (Lund Road to Faith Church Road) - .50 Miles (Adopted Nov. 28, 2014)
16. CTHE (Moonshine Alley Road to Olaf Johnson Road) – 1.00 Miles (Adopted Nov. 28, 2014)
17. CTH E (Andrew Anderson Road to Benoit Road) – .50 Miles (Adopted Nov. 28, 2014)
18. CTH E (Panasuk Road to Keystone Road) – 1.00 Mile (Adopted Nov. 28, 2014)
19. CTH M (Frels Road to Garmisch Road) – 2.72 miles (Adopted Aug. 30, 2016)
20. CTH D (Porcupine Lake Road to Club Lake Road) – 0.06 miles (Adopted Oct. 18, 2016)
21. CTH H (Scenic Drive West to E Knutson Drive) – .512 miles (Adopted January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019)
22. CTH H (W Knutson Drive to South McCarry Lake Road) – .981 miles (Adopted January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

23. CTH H (North McCarry Lake Road to Busky Bay Drive – .964 miles *(Adopted January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*)
24. CTH M (Old Grade Road (FR191) and East Lake Five Road) – 1.1 miles *(Adopted February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
25. CTH H (Hortsman Road to Finger Lake Road) – 4.48 miles *(Adopted March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
26. CTH H (Scenic Drive to Scenic Drive) – 3.81 miles *(Adopted March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
27. CTH G (USH 2 east to Pristash Road) – 2 miles *(Adopted July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019)*
28. CTH J (Highway 13 to Highway 13) – 8.24 miles *(Adopted August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
29. CTH I – .7 miles *(Adopted August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
30. CTH C (Big Pine Trail to Siskiwit Lake Road) – .25 miles *(Adopted August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
31. CTH D (Highway 63 to Camp 8 Road) – 3.25 miles *(Adopted August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
32. CTH H (McCarry Lake Road to McCarry Lake Road) – .79 miles *(Adopted August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
33. CTH H (Buskey Bay Drive to Wayside Road) – 1.2 miles *(Adopted August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
34. CTH D (Triangle Road to Pioneer Road) – 1 mile *(Adopted September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
35. CTH C (Big Rock Road to McKinley Road) – 1 mile *(Adopted September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*
36. CTH C (29635 County Hwy C west to South Maple Hill Road) (Void upon sale of home) – .6 mile *(Adopted February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020)*
37. CTH Y (Intersection of CTH Y and Lake Road south to intersection of CTH Y and South Shore Road in the Town of Barnes) – 1 mile
38. CTH Y (Starting from demarcation point 2.12 miles south of intersection of CTH Y and State Hwy 27 north to intersection of CTH Y and CTH N, portion of CTH N to State Hwy 27 to access trail) – 2.15 miles
39. CTH E (CTH H to Highway 63) – 9.4 miles
40. CTH A (Summit Street in the Town of Iron River south to Kolling Road) – 2.1 miles
41. CTH M (Trail Inn Road to Telemark Road) – 0.6 miles
42. **CTH N (Beck Road to Hiatt Road) – 0.7 miles**

### **Sec. 10-3-11 Suspension and Revocation of Route**

- (a) The Bayfield County Highway Commissioner shall have the authority to suspend operation of any ATV route for up to ninety (90) days due to hazard, construction or emergency conditions in any highway segment listed as a designated route.

Any ATV route may be revoked at any time by the Bayfield County Highway Commissioner. At the next Bayfield County Highway Committee meeting following the revocation, the committee shall take action to either uphold the revocation or overturn it.

*Motion by Crandall, seconded Milanowski to adopt Amendatory Ordinance No. 2023-02 To Add 1 Route to the All-Terrain Vehicles Designated Routes in the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances, Title 10 – Chapter 3. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

### **14. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-14:**

#### **County Support for a Consolidated Dispatch and Implementation Plan**



**WHEREAS**, Bayfield and Ashland Counties each operate PSAPs (911 dispatch centers), the centers are nine miles apart; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield and Ashland Counties often have just one person working in the PSAP; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Dispatch and s. DMA 2.04 (6) requires each PSAP to have a minimum of two telecommunicators on duty to be available to receive and process requests for emergency assistance, including life-saving medical instructions, while the designated public safety answering point is in operation; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield and Ashland Counties undertook a consolidated dispatch feasibility study, the study concluded that consolidated dispatch was feasible and that the counties would be better served by consolidating the two PSAPs; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Both counties applied for the Department of Military Affairs Consolidated Dispatch Grant; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Although the grant was initially denied the DMA stated that if both counties supported joint dispatch and agreed to complete an implementation/consolidation plan, funding would be considered;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, agrees to pursue an implementation plan and pay 50%, (\$11,000) of the cost; *and*,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors goes on record supporting and endorsing a consolidated dispatch center.

Quaderer clarified that the resolution is not to enact the consolidation of the two dispatch centers, but it is to give the county's support for the development of the implementation plan for the project.

*Chairman Pocernich suggested that the word "Study" in the title of the resolution be changed to the word "Plan."*

*Motion by Oswald, seconded by Fickbohm to adopt Resolution No. 2023-14 County Support for a Consolidated Dispatch and Implementation Study with the correction to change the word "Study" in the title to "Plan." Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**15. Discussion and Possible Action, Budget Amendments:**

**a. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-15; 2022 Bridge Aid Town of Kelly:**

**2022 Bridge Aid Town of Kelly**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County budgeted \$4,500 for bridge work on Brown Road to US 63; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, work was not complete until 2022; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, project prices were more than expected and totaled \$17,474; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Town of Kelly is requesting reimbursement for half the expense; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Highway Committee approved the additional expense at a meeting on November 2, 2022; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Executive Committee approved the additional expense at a meeting on December 8, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, approves the additional expense of \$4,237; *and*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following line-item adjustments be made to the 2022 budget:

Increase Fund Balance Applied Revenue: 100-00-49301 by \$8,737  
Increase County Bridge Aid to Towns: 100-00-53319-50790 by \$8,737

**b. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-16; 2022 Bridge Aid Town of Pilsen:**

**2022 Bridge Aid Town of Pilsen**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County budgeted \$48,628 for bridge work on Pine Creek Bridge on Old US 2 over Fish Creek in 2022; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the project is now complete and traffic is using the bridge; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, project prices were more than expected and the revised Bridge Aid total \$58,234.59; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pilsen is requesting immediate reimbursement for the expense; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Highway Committee approved the additional expense at a meeting on November 2, 2022; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Executive Committee approved the additional expense at a meeting on December 8, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, approves the additional expense of \$9,607; *and*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following line-item adjustments be made to the 2022 budget:

Increase Fund Balance Applied Revenue: 100-00-49301 by \$9,607  
Increase County Bridge Aid to Towns: 100-00-53319-50790 by \$9,607

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Executive Committee immediately approves these funds from Contingency for immediate distribution.

**c. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-17; 2023 Bridge Aid Village of Mason:**

**2023 Bridge Aid Village of Mason**

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Highway Committee approved the Village of Mason bridge aid expense in the amount of \$11,620 at the meeting on November 2, 2022 but the expense was not included in the 2023 budget; *and*

**WHEREAS**, there are sufficient funds to meet this request; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Executive Committee approved the expense at a meeting on January 12, 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, approves the Village of Mason bridge aid expense of \$11,620.47 *and*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following line-item adjustments be made to the 2023 budget:

Increase Fund Balance Applied Revenue:	100-00-49301	by	\$11,620
Increase County Bridge Aid to Towns:	100-00-53319-50790	by	\$11,620

**d. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-18; County Clerk 2022 Budget Amendment – Municipal Voting Equipment:**

**County Clerk 2022 Budget Amendment – Municipal Voting Equipment**

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Board approved resolution 2021-80 for election equipment; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution approved a bulk purchase to be reimbursed by municipalities; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution was not input into the accounting system due to no expenses in 2021; *and*,

**WHEREAS** total expenditure of \$208,505 was recognized in 2022; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County agreed to pay \$1500 per machine for a total of \$42,000; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, 2022 budget included \$42,000 for the County portion;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, approves the following expense accounts and amounts in 2022:

Increase Revenue:	430-10-47312	by	\$166,505
Increase Expenditures:	430-10-57100-50310	by	\$166,505

*Motion by Crandall, seconded by Milanowski to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15, No. 2023-16, No. 2023-17, and No. 2023-18. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**16. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Updated Appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee:**

Quaderer reviewed the update list of proposed Local Emergency Planning Committee members and stated that Jan Victorson has also submitted an application to be added as a citizen member of the committee.

*Motion by Oswald, seconded by Rekemeyer to approve the appointments of the presented member list with the addition of Jan Victorson as a citizen member to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**17. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board of Adjustment Resignation and Appointment:**

Abeles-Allison informed the board that Mark Hoefling has turned in his resignation from the Board of Adjustment, effective June 2023 and stated there are parties interested in the position that would not be available until March. Dennis Rasmussen has also resigned from the Board of Adjustment but has agreed to stay in the position until a replacement can be found. Abeles-Allison asked the board to approve Hoefling's resignation and to reappoint Rasmussen to the board until a replacement is found.

*Motion by Crandall, seconded by Rautio to confirm the appointment of Dennis Rasmussen to the Board of Adjustment until a replacement is found and to accept the resignation of Mark Hoefling from the Board of Adjustment effective June 2023. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**18. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2023-19:**

**Northern Lights Debt Repayment Schedule**

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County and Northern Lights have a close working relationship; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Northern Lights continues to struggle to fill all shifts and as a result, has a lower census than desired with lagging reimbursements; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Northern Lights makes monthly payments to Bayfield County to make bond and loan repayments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023, authorizes the Bayfield County Board Chair and Bayfield County Administrator to waive debt payment relief payments for up to four months in 2023. Debt payments include a monthly \$20,000 bond payment and a monthly loan payment of approximately \$8,900.

Silbert asked that the words "if needed" be added to the Now Therefore clause after "the Bayfield County Board Chair and Bayfield County Administrator to waive debt payment relief payments."

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Dougherty adopt Resolution No. 2023-19 Northern Lights Debt Repayment Schedule with the change to add the phrase "if needed" to the Now Therefore clause. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**19. Reports:**

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

**a. February 28, 2023**

**b. March 28, 2023**

**c. April 18, 2023 (statutory requirement)**

**b) Safety Practices:** Abeles-Allison reviewed safety practices for the boardroom should an emergency take place.

**c) WCA Annual Conference – Registration Opens May 1, 2023**

**d) County Ambassador Program Review:** Abeles-Allison reported that some of the key topics of the program included Local Government Funds, Mental Health, and District Attorney Funding.

**e) Northern Lights Services Report**

**20. Supervisors' Reports:** Oswald reported that the Sheriff's Office had received their new Emergency trailer.

21. **The Board may entertain a motion to move in and out of Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1) (c) to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session:**

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Oswald to enter Executive/Closed Session at 8:19 p.m.  
Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

Discussion took place regarding the Closed Session Minutes from October 25, 2022, the County Administrator Evaluation, and a WPPA Union Contract Ratification.

*There being no further business to conduct in Executive/Closed Session, a motion was made by Oswald, seconded by Dougherty to return to Open Session at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

22. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *Chairman Pocerlich* adjourned the meeting at **8:29 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LYNN M. DIVINE**  
*Bayfield County Clerk*  
LMD/pat