

December 14, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Cass County, State of Iowa, met in open session, in the Board Room, Courthouse, 5 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Atlantic, Iowa, at 9 A.M., on the above date. There were present Chairperson Steve Baier, in the chair, and the following named Board Members:

John Hartkopf, Stephen Green, Bernard Pattinger, Mark O'Brien

Absent: none

Vacant: none

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Board Member Green introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Hartkopf seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Hartkopf, Green, Pettinger, Baser, O'Brien

NAYS: none

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

Resolution No. 2021-027

RESOLUTION APPROVING POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

WHEREAS, Cass County, sometimes hereinafter referred to as the County, is a political subdivision duly incorporated, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, various requirements apply under the Internal Revenue Code and Income Tax Regulations (hereinafter "IRS Requirements") including information filing and other requirements related to issuance, the proper and timely use of bond-financed property, and arbitrage yield restriction and rebate requirements; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the IRS Requirements, governmental bond issuers must ensure that the rules are met at the time the bonds, capital loan notes or lease-purchase obligations (hereinafter "bonds") are issued and throughout the term of the bonds; and


WHEREAS, this includes the continued review of post-issuance obligations and maintenance of records:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CASS COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, THAT THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN PROCEDURES ARE ADOPTED WHICH SHALL APPLY WITH RESPECT TO ALL TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY:

Section 1. The "Post-Issuance Compliance Policy" (hereinafter "Policy") attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and approved.

Section 2. The official designated in said policy shall take any and all action necessary to properly implement the policy.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2021.

  
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Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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County Auditor

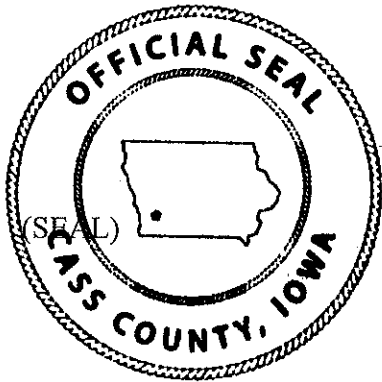
CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA )  
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COUNTY OF CASS )

I, the undersigned County Auditor of Cass County, State of Iowa, do hereby certify that attached is a true and complete copy of the portion of the records of the County showing proceedings of the Board, and the same is a true and complete copy of the action taken by the Board with respect to the matter at the meeting held on the date indicated in the attachment, which proceedings remain in full force and effect, and have not been amended or rescinded in any way; that meeting and all action thereat was duly and publicly held in accordance with a notice of meeting and tentative agenda, a copy of which was timely served on each member of the Board and posted on a bulletin board or other prominent place easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the Board pursuant to the local rules of the Board and the provisions of Chapter 21, Code of Iowa, upon reasonable advance notice to the public and media at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of the meeting as required by law and with members of the public present in attendance; I further certify that the individuals named therein were on the date thereof duly and lawfully possessed of their respective County offices as indicated therein, that no Board vacancy existed except as may be stated in the proceedings, and that no controversy or litigation is pending, prayed or threatened involving the incorporation, organization, existence or boundaries of the County or the right of the individuals named therein as officers to their respective positions.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board hereto affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Dale Sunderman  
County Auditor, Cass County, State of Iowa



## EXHIBIT "A"

### CASS COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

1. Compliance Coordinator:
  - a) The County Auditor ("Coordinator") shall be responsible for monitoring post-issuance compliance.
  - b) The Coordinator will maintain a copy of the transcript of proceedings in connection with the issuance of any obligations. Coordinator will obtain such records as are necessary to meet the requirements of this policy.
  - c) The Coordinator shall consult with bond counsel, a rebate consultant, financial advisor, federal publications, a continuing disclosure agent and such other resources as are necessary to understand and meet the requirements of this policy.
  - d) Training and education of Coordinator will be sought and implemented upon the occurrence of new developments and upon the hiring of new personnel to implement this policy.

2. Financing Transcripts. The Coordinator shall confirm the proper filing of an 8038 Series return for all tax-exempt obligations, and maintain a transcript of proceedings for all obligations issued by the County, including but not limited to all tax-exempt bonds, notes and lease-purchase contracts. Each transcript shall be maintained until eleven (11) years after the obligation it documents has been retired. Said transcript shall include, at a minimum:

- a) Form 8038s (if applicable);
- b) minutes, resolutions, and certificates;
- c) certifications of issue price from the underwriter;
- d) formal elections required by the IRS (if applicable);
- e) trustee statements;
- f) records of refunded bonds, if applicable;
- g) correspondence relating to bond financings; and
- h) reports of any IRS examinations for bond financings.

3. Proper Use of Proceeds. The Coordinator shall review the resolution authorizing issuance for each tax-exempt obligation issued by the County, and that the County shall:

- a) obtain a computation of the yield on such issue from the County's financial advisor;

- b) create a separate Project Fund (with as many sub-funds as shall be necessary to allocate proceeds among the projects being funded by the issue) into which the proceeds of issue shall be deposited;
- c) review all requisitions, draw schedules, draw requests, invoices and bills requesting payment from the Project Fund;
- d) determine whether payment from the Project Fund is appropriate, and if so, make payment from the Project Fund (and appropriate sub-fund if applicable);
- e) maintain records of the payment requests and corresponding records showing payment;
- f) maintain records showing the earnings on, and investment of, the Project Fund;
- g) ensure that all investments acquired with proceeds are purchased at fair market value;
- h) identify bond proceeds or applicable debt service allocations that must be invested with a yield-restriction and monitor the investments of any yield-restricted funds to ensure that the yield on such investments does not exceed the yield to which such investments are restricted;
- i) maintain records related to any investment contracts, credit enhancement transactions, and the bidding of financial products related to the proceeds;

4. Timely Expenditure and Arbitrage/Rebate Compliance. The Coordinator shall review the Tax-Exemption Certificate (or equivalent) for each tax-exempt obligation issued by the County and the expenditure records provided in Section 2 of this policy, above, and shall:

- a) monitor and ensure that proceeds of each such issue are spent within the temporary period set forth in such certificate;
- b) if the County does not meet the “small issuer” exception for said obligation, monitor and ensure that the proceeds are spent in accordance with one or more of the applicable exceptions to rebate as set forth in such certificate;
- c) not less than 60 days prior to a required expenditure date confer with bond counsel and a rebate consultant if the County will fail to meet the applicable temporary period or rebate exception expenditure requirements of the Tax-Exemption Certificate; and

- d) in the event the County fails to meet a temporary period or rebate exception:
  - i. procure a timely computation of any rebate liability and, if rebate is due, file a Form 8038-T and arrange for payment of such rebate liability;
  - ii. arrange for timely computation and payment of “yield reduction payments” (as such term is defined in the Code and Treasury Regulations), if applicable.

5. Proper Use of Bond Financed Assets. The Coordinator shall:

- a) maintain appropriate records and a list of all bond financed assets. Such records shall include the actual amount of proceeds (including investment earnings) spent on each of the bond financed assets;
- b) with respect to each bond financed asset, the Coordinator will monitor and confer with bond counsel with respect to all proposed:
  - i. management contracts,
  - ii. service agreements,
  - iii. research contracts,
  - iv. naming rights contracts,
  - v. leases or sub-leases,
  - vi. joint venture, limited liability or partnership arrangements,
  - vii. sale of property; or
  - viii. any other change in use of such asset;
- c) maintain a copy of the proposed agreement, contract, lease or arrangement, together with the response by bond counsel with respect to said proposal for at least three (3) years after retirement of all tax-exempt obligations issued to fund all or any portion of bond financed assets; and
- d) In the event the County takes an action with respect to a bond financed asset, which causes the private business tests or private loan financing test to be met, the Coordinator shall contact bond counsel and ensure timely remedial action under IRS Regulation Sections 1.141-12.

6. General Project Records. For each project financed with tax-exempt obligations, the Coordinator shall maintain, until three (3) years after retirement of the tax-exempt obligations or obligations issued to refund those obligations, the following:

- a) appraisals, demand surveys or feasibility studies,
- b) applications, approvals and other documentation of grants,
- c) depreciation schedules,

- d) contracts respecting the project.

7. Advance Refundings. The Coordinator, shall be responsible for the following current, post issuance and record retention procedures with respect to advance refunding bonds:

- a) Identify and select bonds to be advance refunded with advice from internal financial personnel, and a financial advisor;
- b) The Coordinator shall identify, with advice from the financial advisor and bond counsel, any possible federal tax compliance issues prior to structuring any advance refunding;
- c) The Coordinator shall review the structure with the input of the financial advisor and bond counsel, of advance refunding issues prior to the issuance to ensure (i) that the proposed refunding is permitted pursuant to applicable federal tax requirements if there has been a prior refunding of the original bond issue; (ii) that the proposed issuance complies with federal income tax requirements which might impose restrictions on the redemption date of the refunded bonds; (iii) that the proposed issuance complies with federal income tax requirements which allow for the proceeds and replacement proceeds of an issue to be invested temporarily in higher yielding investments without causing the advance refunding bonds to become “arbitrage bonds”; and (iv) that the proposed issuance will not result in the issuer’s exploitation of the difference between tax exempt and taxable interest rates to obtain an financial advantage nor overburden the tax exempt market in a way that might be considered an abusive transaction for federal tax purposes.
- d) The Coordinator shall collect and review data related to arbitrage yield restriction and rebate requirements for advance refunding bonds. To ensure such compliance, the Coordinator shall engage a rebate consultant to prepare a verification report in connection with the advance refunding issuance. Said report shall ensure said requirements are satisfied.
- e) The Coordinator shall, whenever possible, purchase SLGS to size each advance refunding escrow. The financial advisor shall be included in the process of subscribing SLGS. To the extent SLGS are not available for purchase, the Coordinator shall, in consultation with bond counsel and the financial advisor, comply with IRS regulations.
- f) To the extent as issuer elects to the purchase a guaranteed investment contract, the Coordinator shall ensure, after input from bond counsel, compliance with any bidding requirements set forth by the IRS regulations.
- g) In determining the issue price for any advance refunding issuance, the Coordinator shall obtain and retain issue price certification by the purchasing underwriter at closing.



- h) After the issuance of an advance refunding issue, the Coordinator shall ensure timely identification of violations of any federal tax requirements and engage bond counsel in attempt to remediate same in accordance with IRS regulations.

8. Continuing Disclosure. The Coordinator shall assure compliance with each continuing disclosure certificate and annually, per continuing disclosure agreements, file audited annual financial statements and other information required by each continuing disclosure agreement. The Coordinator will monitor material events as described in each continuing disclosure agreement and assure compliance with material event disclosure. Events to be reported shall be reported promptly, but in no event not later than ten (10) Business Days after the day of the occurrence of the event. Currently, such notice shall be given in the event of:

- a) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- b) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- c) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- d) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements relating to the bonds reflecting financial difficulties;
- e) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- f) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the bonds, or material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the bonds;
- g) Modifications to rights of Holders of the Bonds, if material;
- h) Bond calls (excluding sinking fund mandatory redemptions), if material, and tender offers;
- i) Defeasances of the bonds;
- j) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the bonds, if material;
- k) Rating changes on the bonds;
- l) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
- m) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an

action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and

n) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

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