# Town of North Topsail Beach

2022A FEMA SOBs and 2022B USDA Refunding SOBs Financing and Structure Discussion

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# 2022 NTB SOBs Financings Introduction and Overview

- Special Obligation Bonds (SOBs) G.S. 1591-30 Preferred Method by Most Beach Communities for Nourishment Financing
  - N.C. Law Requires Use of Municipal Service District to Issue Special Obligation Bonds
  - SOBs Pledge of Selected Town Tax Revenues That Are Not Levied by the Town and Fees Levied by Town
  - Pledge of Selected Town Tax/Fee Revenues Do Not Have to be Used to Pay Debt Service and Can Remain in the General Fund Budget as Customary
  - Any Other Source of Revenue Can Be Used for Debt Repayment For NTB the Beach Fund (Shoreline Protection Fund 30) Revenues
- 2015 NTB SOBs Issued for Beach Nourishment Primarily Phase 5
  - Placed with USDA with 30-year Amortization Level P&I \$14.5 Million Outstanding
  - Local Government Commission (LGC) Required Shorter Amortization by Agreement with NTB – Must Early Call Annually When F/B Exceeds \$5 Million – Financial Model Assumed Payoff by FY 2026/27
  - Fund Balance Has Not Exceeded \$5 Million Since 2015
    - FEMA Storm Grant Reimbursements Partial Cause and Could be Well into Future
    - Building of USDA Required Reserves Also Hindered Early Repayment Current Reserve \$5 Million+

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- Why Issue SOBs in 2022 Means to Eliminate the Cashflow Mismatch of FEMA Grants and Potentially Refund the USDA SOBs of 2015
- Two Actions on Current Agenda
  - 2022A FEMA SOBs \$9.5 Million Maximum (Estimate \$9.0 Million) First of Two Tranches - Second in October of 2022
    - FEMA Slow to Reimburse NTB for Grant Funded Project Cost (Same for All Beach Towns)
    - Last 25% of Project Cost Held Back Reimbursement Can Take Up To 24 Months
    - SOBs Issued on FEMA Reimbursement Not NTB Credit
    - PNC Banker Int. Rate of 1.96% (One Year Maturity With Two Extensions/Rate Reset)
    - Transaction fees FA \$35,000, Bond Counsel \$45,000, LGC \$12,500, Bank Counsel \$10,000
  - 2022B USDA Refunding SOBs \$9.5 Million Maximum (Estimate \$9.2 Million)
    - LGC Has Increased Efforts for NTB to Repay USDA Policy on Amortization of Sand Projects Generally 6 Years
    - Material Savings Available for Refunding More Info Later
    - Transaction fees estimated at \$100,000+

# 2022 NTB SOBs Financings FEMA SOBs

#### • 2022A FEMA SOBs

- NTB Has Two FEMA Approvals for Florence and Dorian Total Exceeds \$17 Million
- Size of These Storm Projects, Delivery Method and Nourishment Window Calls for Two Tranches of Renourishment – Assumed Sand Placement
  - Tranche One (2022A) Feb. 22 to End of April and Continue November to December 2022
  - Tranche Two January 2023 Until Completion in April 2023
- Pledge of FEMA Grant Reimbursement as Credit for SOBs Not NTB Revenues

#### • Benefits of 2022A SOBs

- Removes Negative Cashflow Impacts for NTB and Leaves the Beach Fund Balance Available for Future Needed Purposes
- Without SOBs the 25% Holdback Would Exceed \$4 Million, Significant Impact on the Cashflow and Fund Balance
- Does Not Pledge NTB Revenues as Collateral, Freeing Them for Other Purposes

# 2022 NTB SOBs Financings USDA Refunding SOBs

- 2022B USDA Refunding SOBs
  - NTB Must Repay Bonds More Quickly Than 30 Year Amortization LGC Agreement
  - Interest Rate of 3.25% and Reserves of Over \$5.0 Million
  - Refunding with 5 Year Term, Payoff 2027, at Lower Interest Cost and No Reserves
  - Savings Approximating \$1 Million+
  - NTB Revenue Pledge Sales Taxes, Utility Franchise Taxes and One More Potentially
  - Credit Review With PNC in Progress
- Benefits of 2022B SOBs
  - Eliminates LGC Agreement Accelerated Repayment
  - Provides \$s for New Beach Nourishment Projects After 2027
  - Creates Material Savings Over 10% of Refunding Principal
  - Places NTB on "Renourishment Cycle" With Phase 5

# USDA Refunding Scenarios Compliance with Prepayment Agreement

3.25%

Current U		3.25%			
FY	Principal	Interest*	Total		
2023 \$	441,000	\$ 458,055	\$	899,055	
2024 \$	455,000	\$ 443,723	\$	898,723	
2025 \$	470,000	\$ 428,935	\$	898,935	
2026 \$	485,000	\$ 413,660	\$	898,660	
2027_\$	501,000	\$ 397,898	\$	898,898	
Totals \$	2,352,000	\$ 2,142,270	\$	4,494,270	

#### Prepay Current USDA Loan

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FY	Principal		Interest		Total	Pre-payment*			
2023	6 411,812	\$	447,539	\$	859,351	\$	1,440,000		
2024	392,470	\$	400,739	\$	793,209	\$	1,440,000		
2025	356,345	\$	387,984	\$	744,329	\$	1,440,000		
2026	315,685	\$	282,803	\$	598,487	\$	1,440,000		
2027 9	6 269,975	\$	225,743	\$	495,718	\$	1,440,000		
Totals §	5 1,746,287	\$	1,744,807	\$	3,491,094	\$	7,200,000		

#### **Refunding SOBs** 2.25% FY Principal\* Interest Total 2023 \$ 1,836,400 \$ 206,595 \$ 2,042,995 2024 \$ 1,836,400 \$ 165,276 2,001,676 \$ 2025 \$ 1,836,400 \$ 123,957 \$ 1,960,357 82,638 2026 \$ 1,836,400 \$ 1,919,038 \$ 1,877,719 2027 \$ 1,836,400 \$ 41,319 \$ Totals \$ 9,182,000 \$ 619,785 \$ 9,801,785

Savings: \$1,125,022 \*Reduced by reserve

Savings:

: \$ 397,463

\*Plus reserve

\*Total interest to maturity \$5,928,000

#### **Final Observations**

- NTB Has Sound Financial Position
- Beach Fund Balance Has Been Negatively Impacted by FEMA Grants and Slow Reimbursement and Issuance of FEMA SOBs Would Remedy This Shortcoming/Cashflow Mismatch
- NTB Has Contractual Obligation to Repay USDA SOBs as Rapidly as Possible and Current Markets Provide Potential for Refunding With Material Savings
- Issuing FEMA SOBs and USDA Refunding SOBs Would Benefit NTB Financial Position and Would Settle/Eliminate LGC Agreement
- DEC Recommends Moving Forward with Resolutions on Current Agenda for Both SOBs