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Felzkowski Bill that Helps Antigo Signed into Law

Madison, WI – On Thursday, State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R- Tomahawk) joined Governor Evers as he signed Senate Bill 915 into law.

When Senator Felzkowski held listening sessions in Antigo last fall, city officials asked for a statutory fix to extend Tax Incremental District (TID) #4 in the City of Antigo for six years to ensure that the TID could repay the city for the advanced payments they made. This idea became Senate Bill 915, which is now 2023 Wisconsin Act 137.

Antigo TID #4 has been extremely successful. It was created in 1999 to assist in the expansion of the Antigo Cheese Company (formerly Kraft Cheese, and now Sartori). In addition, it has helped CoVantage Credit Union expand and bring more jobs to the area, and was a major factor in bringing life to the struggling downtown area.

The current expiration date for TID #4 is 2025. This extension will extend the life of the TID to 2031 – solely for the purpose of paying off its loan to the city.

Senator Felzkowski commented: "It's a really great feeling when constituents bring us ideas and we have the opportunity to work with them to get their ideas across the finish line. It was an absolute pleasure working with Kaye and Karin from the City of Antigo – their knowledge and experience were extremely vital when they came down to Madison to testify in both the Senate and Assembly Committees."

In addition to Senate Bill 915, Governor Evers also signed into law four other bills that Felzkowski authored, including: Senate Bill 437 which cleans up statute language relating to the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, Senate Bill 672 which allows for value-based purchasing agreements under the Medical Assistance Program, Senate Bill 707 which helps communities participate in reading programs that provide free books to kids under five years old, and Assembly Bill 964 which prohibits local governments from requiring kids under 18 years-of-age, that operate a business occasionally, from having to get a license or permit.