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**HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

May 29, 2020 @ 2:00pm, Virtual Meeting to be held with Webex

CONSENT

- ✓ Confirm e-mail poll approval from 5.28.20 to authorize the County Administrator to sign the CARES Act Reimbursement Request & Certification documentation.
- ✓ Confirm e-mail poll approval from 5.26.20 to authorize Chair Oates to sign a letter of support for the EFID grant application for their pipeline project.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Commissioners

1. Consideration of County Order 20-004 Related to Rescinding Restrictions to Transient Lodging
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt County Order No. 20-004 as presented.

Upcoming BOC Meetings:

- *June 1, 2020 @ 1:00pm & 1:30pm – Special Business Meeting (exec session (1pm), public hearing(1:30pm), & new business)*
- *June 8, 2020 @ 3:00pm – work session/COVID-19 Check-In*

HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

DATE: May 29, 2020 **DEPARTMENT:** Administration **NAME:** Jeff Hecksel

SUBJECT: Confirm E-mail Poll from May 28, 2020

AUTHORITY: *ORS:* _____ *OAR:* _____

COUNTY ORD.: _____

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

The County was given the opportunity to submit a reimbursement request for COVID-19 related expenses through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The deadline for submission is May 29th by close of business and therefore staff conducted an e-mail poll to gain approval to submit the reimbursement request.

ATTACHMENTS: Multiple 2

FISCAL IMPACT:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY AFFECTED PARTIES:

COUNTY COUNSEL *FINANCE* *OTHER AGENCIES* *ADMIN*
HR DEPT *APPROPRIATE COUNTY COMMITTEE* *OTHER*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT:

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm e-mail poll approval from 5.28.20 to authorize the County Administrator to sign the CARES Act Reimbursement Request & Certification documentation.

FOLLOW UP: ORD/RESO/AGMT/ORDER, ETC: ORIGINALS TO R&A
 COPIES TO: _____

FEDERAL FUNDING CERTIFICATION

I, Jeff Hecksel, am the chief executive of Hood River County, Oregon, and I certify that:

1. I have the authority and approval from the governing body on behalf of Hood River County to request direct payment from the State of Oregon from the allocation of the Coronavirus Relief Fund as created in section 5001 of H.R.748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) for reimbursement of the expenditures included on the attached Funding Request Form.
2. I understand that as additional federal guidance becomes available, an additional agreement between the State of Oregon and Hood River County may become necessary.
3. I understand that the State of Oregon will rely on this certification as a material representation in making a direct payment to Hood River County.
4. I certify Hood River County's use of the funds provided as direct payment from the Coronavirus Relief Fund were used only to cover those costs that –
 - a. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (“necessary expenditures”);
 - b. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
 - c. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.
5. I understand funds provided as a direct payment from the State of Oregon pursuant to this certification must adhere to official federal guidance issued or to be issued on what constitutes a necessary expenditure. We have reviewed the guidance established by U.S. Department of the Treasury¹ and certify costs meet the required guidance. Any funds expended by a political subdivision or its grantee(s) in any manner that does not adhere to official federal guidance shall be returned to the State of Oregon.
6. I understand any local government entity receiving funds pursuant to this certification shall retain documentation of all uses of the funds, including but not limited to invoices and/or sales receipts in a manner consistent with §200.333 *Retention requirements for records* of 2 CFR Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Such documentation shall be produced to the State of Oregon upon request and may be subject to audit by the Secretary of State.
7. I understand any funds provided pursuant to this certification cannot be used as a revenue replacement for lower than expected tax or other revenue collections.
8. I understand funds received pursuant to this certification cannot be used for expenditures for which a local government entity has received any other supplemental funding (whether state, federal or private in nature) for that same expense.

Footnote:

1 – Guidance available at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf> (4/30/2020)

I certify that I have read the above certification and my statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name and Title:

Jeff Hecksel, County Administrator, Hood River County, Oregon

Signature:

Date:

Entity Name: Hood River County, Oregon

EIN: 93-6002297

DUNS Number: 05-564-8638

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City: Hood River, OR
Zipcode: 97031

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Name: Hood River County, OR

March 1 - May 15, 2020

	Costs Incurred to Date
Eligible Expenditures	
I. Medical Expenses	
A. Public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities	-
B. Temporary public medical facilities	-
C. COVID-19 testing, including serological testing	-
D. Emergency medical response expenses	-
E. Telemedicine capabilities	-
II. Public Health Expenses	
A. Communication and enforcement	-
B. Medical and protective supplies	9,433
C. Disinfecting public areas and other facilities	1,008
D. Technical assistance on COVID-19 threat mitigation	-
E. Public safety measures	5,174
F. Quarantining individuals	-
III. Payroll expenses for employees dedicated to COVID-19	401,575
IV. Expenses to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-measures	
A. Food delivery to residents	-
B. Distance learning tied to school closings	-
C. Telework capabilities	7,855
D. Paid sick and paid family and medical leave	7,518
E. COVID-19-related expenses in county jails	-
F. Care for homeless populations	-
V. Other Eligible Expenses (Specifically Identify)	
A. Food for Emergency Operations Center	2,553
B.	-
C.	-
D.	-
E.	-
Total Current Request for COVID-19 Funding	435,117

****Ensure Contact Information is entered on the preceding tab****



Hood River County Administration

Jeff Hecksel, County Administrator

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May 27, 2020

Oregon Water Resources Department
Attention: Becky Williams
725 Summer St. NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301

Re. Eastside Lateral Pipeline and Water Conservation Project Proposal

Dear Oregon Water Resources Department:

The Hood River Board of County Commissioners supports East Fork Irrigation District's Eastside Lateral Pipeline and Water Conservation Project grant proposal. This project is supported by extensive Basin-wide assessment and planning efforts that culminated in the Hood River Basin Study (Bureau of Reclamation, 2015), the Hood River Water Conservation Strategy (Hood River Watershed Group, 2016), and the East Fork Irrigation District Irrigation Modernization Plan (Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2020 *In review*). This project will ultimately lead to increased water conservation instream and greater water resource reliability for the Basin's agricultural producers. With one-third of County incomes and over \$100 million in annual gross sales coming from agriculture, it is critical that we find long-term solutions to provide reliable water into the future.

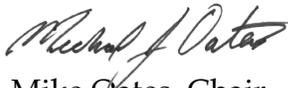
The Eastside Lateral Pipeline and Water Conservation Project will replace a 6-mile open canal with a pressurized pipeline. This will eliminate 14 end spills, which will save an estimated 6 cfs and improve water quality in the Hood River. A portion of the saved water will be protected instream. The project will also provide pressurized water to irrigators, reducing the need to pump irrigation water, thereby saving energy.

A portion of the new pipeline will cross Hood River County Forestland. EFID has identified a section of the existing canal on County land where the alignment of the new pipeline could be shortened, which will result in a cost savings of approximately \$750,000, reduce the footprint of EFID infrastructure on County

lands, and improve operational efficiencies for managing the County's tree farm. EFID has requested an easement from the Hood River County Forestry Department and Board of Commissioners for permission to realign the canal to the proposed location. The easement is under review and will be considered by the Board of Commissioners early this summer.

The Hood River Basin has a long history of collaboratively working to address potentially conflicting water use demands for fish, farms, and people. Water plays a central role in the cultural, economic, and social history and values of Hood River County. Finding solutions for equitable use of our valuable water resources is essential to the continued success of the communities within Hood River County. The proposed project is critical for continuing to support environmental, agricultural, and community investments already made, and will perpetuate and enhance our collaborate, progressive, Basin-wide approach to solving water resource issues and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Oates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mike Oates, Chair
Hood River County Board of Commissioners

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
RESCINDING CLOSURE ORDERS)
TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS) ORDER NO. 20-004
OF HOOD RIVER COUNTY AND LIMIT)
COMMUNITY SPREAD OF)
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19))

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Hood River County Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution No. 2323 declaring a Local State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, activating certain emergency powers authorized by ORS 401.309 and the County’s Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order (EO-20-12) directing Oregonians to Stay Home, Save Lives, restricting non-essential travel and prohibiting all non-essential social and recreational gatherings of individuals where a minimum 6-foot distance between all individuals could not be maintained as a primary means of reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Board adopted Order No. 20-001 closing all County parks, forests, forest recreational staging areas, facilities and to recreational use, and restricting transient lodging, including RV parks and public and private campgrounds, hotels, motels, short-term rentals and homestay lodging; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the Board adopted Order No. 20-002, amending Order No. 20-001 to exclude controlled hunting from the recreational closure orders; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, the Board adopted Order No. 20-003, amending Order No. 20-002 to restore local access to County forests, roads and trails for dispersed recreational day use, subject to certain restrictions for maintaining adequate social distancing measures; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, Governor Kate Brown issued a public health framework for reopening Oregon, establishing Gating Criteria, Core State Preparedness and Phased Lifting of Restrictions for restarting public life and business; and

WHEREAS, Hood River County, together with its community stakeholders, developed a Reopening Plan based on Governor Brown’s public health framework, certifying preparedness to enter Phase One of Lifting Restrictions, and adopting state guidelines for reopening; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the Board formally adopted Hood River County's Reopening Plan and Resolution No. 2328 certifying preparedness and requesting approval from the Governor's Office to commence Phase One Reopening in Hood River County; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Governor Brown found that Hood River County had met the prerequisite criteria for entering Phase One and approved the County's Reopening Plan, effective May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, while the state and local declarations of emergency and executive orders issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic remain in effect, the Board finds that reopening County parks, forests and facilities and lifting lodging restrictions in a safe and strategic manner can now be accomplished under the State and County public health framework and Reopening Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board rescinds its temporary order restricting transient lodging pursuant to Order No. 20-001, as amended, including motels, hotels, short-term vacation rentals, hosted home shares, bed and breakfasts, RV parks and campgrounds and camping on private property, effective immediately.
2. Transient lodging operators are instructed to comply with all Oregon Health Authority regulations and Centers for Disease Control guidelines for traveler's accommodations.
3. The Board rescinds its closures of County parks, forests, trails and developed recreational facilities pursuant to Order No. 20-001, as amended, effective on or before June 8, 2020, to provide County staff sufficient time to prepare County facilities for reopening, including appropriate sanitation and signage.
4. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to coordinate implementation of this Order with the Departments of Forestry and Public Works to facilitate lifting the closures, parking and access restrictions directed by Order No. 20-003.
5. Hood River County's Emergency Declaration under Resolution No. 2323 remains in full force and effect.
6. This Order may be modified, or rescinded, by authority of the Board.

ADOPTED this 29th day of May 2020.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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