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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation of County Funds for Public Purposes-Oregonians for Floodplain Protection

ORDER NO. 45 -2024

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 96-8 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to allocate County funds to private non-profit corporations upon the Board finding that such funds will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, a public purpose is any activity encouraged by the County which has the objective of enhancing the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within the County; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians for Floodplain Protection is a 501(C)(4) Coalition formed and committed to making sure FEMA understands and fully addresses the concerns of all Oregonians affected by FEMA's 2021 Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration, outlining FEMA's plans to modify the implementation of the NIFP in Oregon based on a NMFS 2016 Biological Opinion; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to Oregonians for Floodplain Protection enhances the safety, general welfare, prosperity, and contentment of the residents of Columbia County by protecting economic development and access to federal flood insurance and disaster relief;

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS:

The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to Van Ness Feldman, LLP, on behalf of Oregonians for Floodplain Protection out of the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$10,000. No contract shall be required. Oregonians For Floodplain Protection shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purpose as described herein.

DATED this D8 day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Office of County Counsel

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