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Memorandum Date: April 21, 2008
Order Date: May 7, 2008

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Ollie Snowden

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH USDA FOREST SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WORKS WITH CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING CULVERT WITH FISH CULVERT AT ELK CREEK ON THOMPSON CREEK ROAD AT MILE POST 4.8

I. MOTION

Authorize the County Administrator to sign an agreement with USDA Forest Service in the amount of \$150,000 to provide Public Works with construction funding for the replacement of an existing culvert with a fish culvert at Elk Creek on Thompson Creek Road at Mile Post 4.8

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to authorize the County Administrator to sign an agreement with USDA Forest Service for construction funds in the amount of \$150,000.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Siuslaw Watershed Council has identified this culvert as very important for the restoration of fish habitat in the area. The project will result in enhanced fish passage and salmonid rearing opportunities along a reach of the upper Siuslaw River. It is expected 2.0 fish miles will be opened up following the installation of the fish friendly culvert at Elk Creek on Thompson Creek Road at Mile Post 4.8.

Public Works has successfully worked with BLM, USDA Forest Service, OWEB and local watershed councils to secure funding to assist in the replacement of existing culverts with fish friendly culverts. The Board has authorized the County Administrator to sign other such revenue agreements in the past.

B. Policy Issues

The Board has provided direction to County Departments to pursue additional sources of revenues with the adoption of the Strategic Plan.

C. Board Goals

Public Works supports Lane County's Strategic Plan to seek revenue development including intergovernmental revenue.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The uncertainty of future federal funds being directed to Lane County Public Works has necessitated pursuing other available funding sources. USDA Forest Service has approved construction funds for the culvert replacement project at Elk Creek on Thompson Creek Road at Mile Post 4.8. Revenue from USDA Forest Service funds will assist Public Works in replacing existing road culverts with fish friendly culverts.

E. Analysis

Securing USDA Forest Service construction funds will leverage current Public Works monies allowing additional maintenance needs to be addressed sooner rather than later or not at all.

F. Alternatives/Options

1. Authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement with US Forest Service for \$150,000 in construction funds.
2. Not authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement with USDA Forest Service for \$150,000 in construction funds.

IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Action today will allow the County Administrator to sign the agreement with USDA Forest Service for construction funds.

V. RECOMMENDATION

Public Works recommends that the Board authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement with USDA Forest Service.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Once USDA Forest Service has provided Lane County with the agreement, it will be processed for the County Administrator's signature. It is expected construction will be scheduled during the summer of 2008.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has provided direction to County Departments to pursue additional sources of revenue with the adoption of the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Siuslaw Watershed Council has identified the culvert at Elk Creek as very important for the restoration of fish habitat in the area; and

WHEREAS, the USDA Forest Service has reviewed and approved construction funds in the amount of \$150,000 to Lane County Public Works to replace the existing culvert at Elk Creek on Thompson Creek Road with a fish friendly culvert; now therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the County Administrator be authorized to sign an agreement with USDA Forest Service for construction funds to replace the existing culvert at Elk Creek on Thompson Creek Road at Mile Post 4.8.

DATED this _____ day of May, 2008.

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 4.23.08 lane county



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL