

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**In the Matter of declaring intent to Establish     )  
a County Wide Flood Control Zone for             )  
Columbia County in accordance with the Terms, )  
Conditions, and Requirements of Chapter 86.15 )  
of the Revised Code of Washington             )**     **Resolution 2019-05**

**WHEREAS**, Columbia County has been declared a federal disaster area because of flooding six times since 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dayton and Town of Starbuck are entirely protected by levees which require maintenance and repair; and

**WHEREAS**, a Flood Control Zone District can provide coordination and funding to ensure levees are maintained and repaired satisfactorily to ensure protection of the City and Town; and

**WHEREAS**, a Flood Control Zone District can consolidate interests in the County to provide single representation and better coordination with other organizations working within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, a Flood Control Zone District can own, develop, oversee, perform, and fund river and stream projects within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, a Flood Control Zone District can insulate and protect the general funds of Dayton, Starbuck, and Columbia County from the disastrous effects of a flood.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that they state their intent to form a Flood Control Zone District within Columbia County subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The boundaries of the proposed Flood Control Zone District shall be the same as the boundaries of Columbia County and shall incorporate all drainage basins in the County.
- The purpose of the Flood Control Zone District will include, but not be limited to, maintain and repair levees, represent a consolidated county-wide interest, own, develop, oversee, perform, and fund river and stream projects, provide matching grant funds, and protect the general funds from disaster recovery costs.
- RCW 84.09.030 requires taxing district boundaries to be established by the first day in August of the year in which the property tax levy is made. After establishing the district boundary by July 31, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners must adopt a budget by November 30, 2019 for fiscal year 2020.
- The decision to fund the Flood Control Zone District through a property tax assessment will go to a vote of the people in the November 2019 general election.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Columbia County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed establishment of the county-wide Flood Control Zone District to allow all interested parties to be heard with regard to the proposed creation of the district. The Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the public hearing to be published as required by law.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Columbia County Commissioners reserves the right to, after receiving public comment and considering other evidence, withdraw this resolution, modify the proposal, and/or make such other corrections or additions to this resolution as the Board of County Commissioners deems necessary to accomplish the terms and conditions of Chapter 86.15 Revised Code of Washington.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, State of Washington, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Michael A. Talbott, Chairman



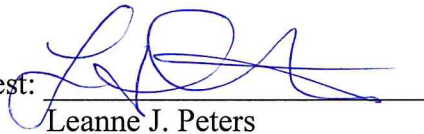
Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner

*Vacant*

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Commissioner

Attest:



Leanne J. Peters  
Clerk of the Board