BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #2022-04

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COLUMBIA COUNTY AND GARFIELD AND ASOTIN COUNTIES, THE CITIES OF DAYTON, CLARKSTON AND ASOTIN, AND THE TOWN OF STARBUCK FOR THE REGIONAL SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE PROCESS

- WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.34, local governmental units are permitted to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and,
- WHEREAS, the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) and its associated rules (WAC 173-26) require local governments to administer shoreline master programs that include policies and regulations that govern designated shorelines within their respective jurisdictions; and,
- WHEREAS, Columbia County is required to update its master program by June 30, 2023; and,
- WHEREAS, Asotin County, Columbia County, Garfield County and the City of Clarkston and Town of Starbuck previously formed the Southeast Washington Coalition to jointly update their shorelines master programs in 2016; and,
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Dayton and City of Asotin recognize the benefits of joining the Southeast Washington Coalition for the 2023 shorelines master program update; and,
- WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has provided funding through the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) for local governments to update their shoreline master programs; and,
- WHEREAS, because shorelines cross jurisdictional boundaries, regulation of shoreline areas, public access to the shoreline and development in and adjacent to the shorelines is best achieved through cooperative and collaborative planning; and,
- WHEREAS, funding and timing efficiencies and economies of scale in use of grant funds can be realized by cooperative and collaborative shoreline planning; and,
- WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology requires interlocal agreements between the lead agency and jurisdictions participating in a coalition prior to the completion of application materials; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia County served as the project lead for the 2016 update and has agreed to serve as project lead for the 2023 regional shorelines update program process; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds and determines that entering into said agreements are in the best interest of the residents of the Columbia County and will promote the general health, safety and welfare;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMMISSIONERS that:

The Chairman of the Board is authorized, on behalf of Columbia County, to execute Interlocal Agreements with Garfield and Asotin Counties, the Cities of Clarkston, Asotin and Dayton, and the Town of Starbuck for Columbia County to serve as lead agency in accepting and administering grant funds for the 2023 Regional Shoreline Master Program Update Process for the Southeast Washington Shoreline Master Program Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Planning Manager to administer the grant on behalf of Columbia County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, State of Washington, on this 18th day of January, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIOENRS COLUMBIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Approved as to Form:

Dale Slack, Prosecuting Attorney

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