

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #2020 - 43

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND COLUMBIA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STAR BRIDGE LEVEE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Star Bridge Levee Project (Star Project), a levee improvement project on the Right Bank of the N. Touchet River constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps'), was completed in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County (County) and the Corps' have shared construction costs for the Star Project, with the County serving as the project's local sponsor; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Corps' Local Cooperation Agreement for the project, the County, as local sponsor, is to assume all responsibility for maintenance of the completed project; and

WHEREAS, the Star Project is located within the boundaries of the Columbia County Flood Control Zone District (District); and

WHEREAS, the District was activated in 2019 to provide for funding for maintenance of flood control infrastructure within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution FC2020-01 of the District's Board of Supervisors, the Star Project can be added to the District's facility inventory for maintenance and operation by the District, provided that the facility is approved by Columbia County and facility access is adequate; and

WHEREAS, the Star Project meets Corps' design standards, is on the PL 84-99 system, is an eligible project for District Maintenance, and is recommended for addition to the District's facility inventory; and

WHEREAS, annual maintenance needs of this facility, upon addition to the District's facility inventory, will be subject to competing maintenance needs and to available funding during each budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, an Operations and Maintenance Manual for the project was provided by the Corps' for the Star Project; and

WHEREAS, the District and County agree that the Interlocal agreement, labeled "Attachment A" accurately and fairly divides maintenance responsibilities set forth in the Star Projects Operations and Maintenance Manual between the two parties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Interlocal agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto as "Attachment A"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Engineer to administer the agreement on behalf of Columbia County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, State of Washington, on this 5th day of October, 2020.

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



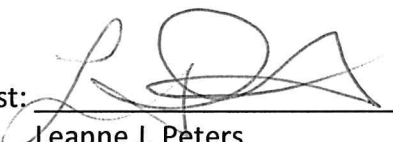
Charles L. Amerein, Chairman



Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner



Michael A. Talbott, Commissioner

Attest: 

Leanne J. Peters
Clerk of the Board