BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Designating the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council as a Watershed Council

ORDER #23-055

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on August 16, 2023. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised, finds as follows:

1. ORS 541.890(14) defines a watershed council as a voluntary local organization, designated by a local government group convened by a county governing body, to address the goal of sustaining natural resource and watershed protection, restoration, and enhancement within a watershed.

2. Tillamook Bay Watershed Council (TBWC) members should represent a balance of interested and affected people in the watershed.

3. The work of the TBWC is to foster partnerships and prepare and implement a watershed action plan that identifies issues and sets goals and priorities for actions to protect and enhance the watershed.

4. On June 23, 2021, the Board of Commissioners adopted Order #21-031 designating the TBWC as a watershed council, as defined in ORS 541.890(14), for two years.

5. On July 25, 2023, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board awarded a 2023-2025 Council Capacity Grant to the TBWC. The award demonstrates that the TBWC is making progress in meeting all the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board’s Council Capacity Eligibility and Merit Criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

6. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners continues its designation of the TBWC as a watershed council, as defined in ORS 541.890(14).

7. The TBWC shall demonstrate continual progress in meeting OWEB’s Council Capacity Eligibility and Merit Criteria. The Board of Commissioners’ designation is contingent upon this progress and OWEB’s evaluation of such progress.

8. The Board of Commissioners supports the TBWC’s commitment and effort to collaborate with watershed stakeholders to establish sound governance, bylaws, procedures, partnerships, and a strategic plan.
DATED THIS 16th day of August, 2023.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Erin D. Skaar, Chair

Absent

Mary Faith Bell, Vice-Chair

David Yamamoto, Commissioner

ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil,
County Clerk

By: Special Deputy

Aye Nay Abstain/Absent

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William K. Sargent,
County Counsel