

Columbia County Commission:

The County holds the burden of proof for the posting timeline of the applicant's most recent submissions into testimony. Failure to provide proof of posting timestamps with ample evidence is consent and acknowledgement of intentional postponement of submission of the applicant's testimony.

The renewal of the DSL permit shall be considered invalid given the applicant's alterations contain presentations heretofore unevaluated. The applicant's renewal permit proposal shall be considered an entirely new permit application requiring the rigors of original analysis by the DSL.

The County's failure to acknowledge ORS statues granting the BDIC authority of approval is a direct violation of Oregon law. Proceeding without this acknowledgement is consent and acknowledgement of failure to uphold the law. The County shall deem the applicant's recent rail yard proposal as insufficient and consult with the BDIC directly to address significant issues that remain unaddressed by the applicant, the state, and the County.

10,000 hours of experience constitutes expert experience. The skill and task in question is the management of the Beaver Drainage System. Maul Foster has failed to achieve expert status regarding the management of the BDS and should therefore be considered insufficient in providing guidance on this issue. On the contrary, the Beaver Drainage Improvement Company, whose Board of Directors engages with the BDS on a regular basis and has amassed the appropriate experience for expert consideration, shall be considered by the County as the ultimate authority regarding the management and proposed alteration of the BDS.

Failing to address pertinent issues such as the uncertified status of the levy system is implied consent and acknowledgment by the County that the Beaver Drainage District is unsuitable for further development. The County shall prioritize the recertification of the levy system before proceeding with the permitting of any further development. Failure to do so is implied acknowledgement of the County's failure to uphold Oregon law.

And as COLUMBIA COUNTY community members, why are you silencing your constituents, neighbors, and experienced professionals in prioritizing a foreign corporation whose hired expert opinions do not reflect the reality of issues on the ground? You are the employees of your constituents and are therefore failing in your duties if you proceed without the aforementioned acknowledgements.

Representatives of a broad community neighboring Port Westward and beyond,

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