

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural)
Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2))

ORDER NO. 34-2025

[2025 Distribution — Mist Gas Field Revenues]

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1994, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 338-94 which, among other things, authorized the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) to apply for reimbursement for a portion of their operational costs due to the impact on the District by natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields; and

WHEREAS, this reimbursement is made to the RFPD under Order No. 338-94 out of the proceeds received from the Mist gas field and pursuant to ORS 275.275(2); and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2025, the RFPD submitted a list of budgeted expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, along with the corresponding percentage which are a result of impact in the amount of \$344,893, certified to be for the costs described above; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and approved these costs, and the Columbia County Treasurer has verified said costs; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Reimbursement and Certification, the Board's approval and the Treasurer's verification referred to above are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively, and are incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds available for reimbursement for impact at this time is \$16,052.49 and, by prior agreement, Mist Birkenfeld RFPD is entitled to sixty-six percent (66%) of those funds; \$10,594.64; and

WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Board of County Commissioners for approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$10,594.64 which is the allowable amount of reimbursement for the above-mentioned costs approved pursuant to Order No. 338-94;

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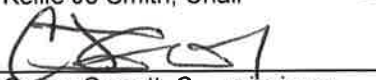
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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the RFPD shall be reimbursed in the amount of \$10,594.64 as a portion of their operational costs due to impaction on the district by natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields, as described in the attached Exhibit A.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: Not Present
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

EXHIBIT A



REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR COSTS DUE TO IMPACTION

Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District requests reimbursement of \$344,893.00 for impaction costs as detailed below.

The following is a listing of budgeted expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and the corresponding percentage which is a result of "IMPACTION":

2024-2025 Budgeted Amounts:	Total:	30% (Impaction)
Personnel Services:	\$ 689,800.00	\$ 206,940.00
Materials & Services:	\$ 232,700.00	\$ 69,810.00
Capital Outlay:	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 53,400.00
Contingencies:	\$ 49,144.00	\$ 14,743.00
Totals:	\$1,149,644.00	\$ 344,893.00

Amount Requested: \$ 344,893.00

NOTE: Unappropriated funds are not included in the amounts listed above. Reserve funds are not included in the amounts listed above.

If total requests for reimbursement exceed the total amount available for disbursement from the "impaction fund", we request that the formula approved and applied in November of 1994 be used to determine the disbursement amounts. Enclosed is a cost of operation statement and a certification of cost signed by our Board President.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Kaczinski".

Joe Kaczinski
Fire Chief



CERTIFICATE

On behalf of the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District, we certify that the following request represents accurately the costs incurred by this district in providing services deemed to reimbursable under ORS 275.275 (2) (b):

Dated this 30th day of April 2025

X 
Pamela Owen
Board President

X 
Joe Kasperik
Fire Chief

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FROM: Board of County Commissioners
TO: Columbia County Treasurer
DATE: June 11, 2025

RE: Review and Determination Regarding Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District's Request for Reimbursement, Certificate, and Cost Bill

The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the request for reimbursement, certificate, and cost bill submitted by the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District for a portion of their operational costs incurred due to the impact on the district of natural gas exploration, development, transportation, and storage in the Mist gas field. The Board has determined that the documentation is adequate and that the operational costs incurred meet the requirements for which the Board originally approved reimbursement under ORS 275.275(2) in Order No. 338-94.

The Board hereby requests that you verify the cost bill sought for reimbursement, as required by ORS 275.275(5), sign and return the attached verification document to the Board of Commissioners' Office.

Thank you,


Kellie Jo Smith
Chair

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2)(b), I have reviewed the June 11, 2025, request for reimbursement, certificate and cost bill submitted by the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District and verify that, to the best of my knowledge, they are for a portion of the operational costs incurred due to the impaction on the district of natural gas exploration, development, transportation, and storage in the Mist gas fields. The Board of County Commissioners has determined these costs to be reimbursable under ORS 275.275(2)(b) and Order No. 34-2025.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2025.

Pamela Smith
Columbia County Treasurer

By: 
Pamela Smith