

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE
APPLICATION FOR A COUNTY OPPORTUNITY
GRANT TO UPDATE A PLAYGROUND AT BIG
EDDY CAMPGROUND**

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2025

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the County Opportunity Grant Program ("COGP Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the General Services Department desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation acquisitions, improvements, and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, Big Eddy Campground is the County's most popular campground, thanks to its prime location along the Nehalem River. It is used year-round by families, cyclists, hunters, and other community members; and

WHEREAS, The existing playground at Big Eddy is limited, features outdated equipment, lacks a play structure, and lacks ADA-accessible ground surfacing. The General Services Department wishes to apply for a COGP Grant to help fund the update of this area with modern equipment, an ADA-accessible play structure, and inclusive surfacing; and

WHEREAS, the COGP Grant requires that the County match provide a 50% match for grant funds. General Services Department has sufficient funds in its budget to meet this requirement of this grant should the grant funds be awarded. They are also pursuing other grants that could be used to meet this match requirement; and

WHEREAS, the General Services Department has adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility should the grant funds be awarded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Commissioners for Columbia County supports and authorizes the submittal of an application to the Oregon Park and Recreation Department for a County Opportunity Grant for the creation of a playground at Big Eddy Campground; and

2. The Director of the Columbia County General Services Department is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the County all documents necessary to make application for the County Opportunity Grant.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 24 day of September 2025

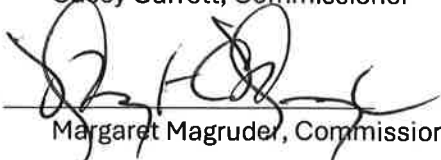
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