BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Temporary Closure of Scaponia and Hudson Parks)	ORDER No. 52-2014
WHEREAS, the Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation Ordinance (No. 94-9, effective December 21, 1994), as amended, provides for a Forest, Parks and Recreation Commission to serve in an advisory role to assist the Board of County Commissioners and the Parks Director in the planning, operation and maintenance of the Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation System; and		
WHEREAS, at their meeting on September 11, 2014, the Parks Commission evaluated the performance history of all revenue generating parks and determined that the off-season closure of certain parks that are not heavily used in the winter would result in a cost savings with minimal impact to park users and facilities;		
WHEREAS, on October 1, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners considered the recommendation from the Parks Commission, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by this reference, to temporary close Big Eddy Park, Scaponia Park and Hudson Park during the off season in order to reduce costs;		
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the temporary closure of Scaponia and Hudson Parks would result in a savings with minimal impact to park users and facilities, but that it was unnecessary to close Big Eddy Park, which historically operates at a profit during the off season.		
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as follows:		
1. Scaponia Park shall be closed to the public from December 15, 2014 through March 15, 2015; and		
2. Hudson Park shall be closed to the public from November 1, 2014 through March 15, 2015; and		
3. Big Eddy Park shall remain open.		
Dated this 5th day of Movember, 2014.		
Approved as to form By: Office of County Counsel	BO	RD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON: Anthony Hyde, Chair Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Earl Fisher, Commissioner



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MEMORANDUM

September 18, 2014

TO: Commission Chair, Tony Hyde

Commissioner, Earl Fisher Commissioner, Henry Heimuller

FROM: Glen Crinklaw, Asst. Public Works Director.

CC: David Hill, Public Works Director

Robin McIntyre, Asst. Legal Counsel

RE: Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee Recommendation (seasonal closure)

At the September 11th meeting of the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee the topic of seasonal park closure was discussed. The discussion focus was identification of expense reduction opportunities through off-season operational changes. All revenue generating parks were evaluated from a 2 ½ year historical performance perspective.

Three parks were identified as having potential for yielding budgetary savings through offseason closure:

- Big Eddy (December 15 to March 15)
- Scaponia (December 15 to March 15)
- Hudson (November 1 to March 15)

The basic financial benchmark employed by the Committee was expense vs revenue. The expectation that expense would exceed revenue during a several month period was the primary basis for the recommendation. Other considerations included park host placement issues, vandalism exposure plus illegal trash dumping.

Attached is a graphical display of monthly expense vs revenue for the 2 ½ year evaluation period.





