## FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Proposed Annexation	)	
of Certain Territory into the Clatskanie Rural	)	
Fire Protection District	)	
	Order N	o. 97 - 2002
[River Ranch Subdivision and Surrounding	) (Finalizing	g Annexation)
Territory, Clatsop County, Oregon]	)	
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WHEREAS, on September 23, 2002, Martha M. Gwin, on behalf of the River Ranch Homeowners Association, requested approval of the annexation of property owned by members of the River Ranch Homeowners Association and within the River Ranch subdivision located in Clatsop County, Oregon, into the Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District (R.F.P.D.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 198.705(16), Columbia County is the principal county for purposes of this annexation petition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners scheduled the time and place for the hearing on the annexation for November 6, 2002, at or after 10:30 a.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Courthouse, St. Helens; and

WHEREAS, notice of the annexation hearing was given by posting and publication as provided by ORS 198.730 and ORS 198.800(2); and

WHEREAS, prior to the date and time set for hearing, Chief Dick Long of the Clatskanie R.F.P.D. requested that additional territory consisting of four separately-owned parcels surrounding the River Ranch subdivision, also in Clatsop County, Oregon, be added to the request for approval of annexation; and

WHEREAS, the request for annexation meets the requirements of ORS 198.855(3) whereby the petition was signed by a majority of the electors registered in the territory proposed to be annexed and by the owners of more than half of the land in the territory proposed to be annexed and, therefore, no election in the affected territory and district is needed; and

WHEREAS, the tracts proposed for annexation into the Clatskanie R.F.P.D. are generally described as:

That property bordered on the east by the county line between Columbia and Clatsop Counties, on the north by the Columbia River, and on the west and south by the Westport Slough, all lying within Sections 25 and 26, Township 8 North, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, Clatsop County, Oregon;

and

WHEREAS, a map of the tracts proposed for annexation into the Clatskanie R.F.P.D. is attached hereto, labeled Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, after complying with the notice requirements set out in ORS 198.800(2), the Board first heard the matter at the November 6, 2002, hearing, when it determined that the proposed new area would benefit by annexation to the District; and

WHEREAS, in making that determination the Board applied the following criteria set out in ORS 199.462:

- » Local comprehensive planning for the area;
- » Economic, demographic and sociological trends and projections pertinent to the proposal;
- » Past and prospective physical development of land that would directly or indirectly be affected by the proposed boundary change; and
- » The goals adopted under ORS 197.225; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Board considered testimony that fire service would no longer be available pursuant to a service agreement to territory outside the District; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the new boundaries, as proposed, the Board considered the benefits the proposed annexation will have both within and outside of the proposed new territory, and determined that annexation would benefit the general safety and welfare of those areas;

## NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Oregon, hereby approves the annexation of the River Ranch subdivision and surrounding territory as described in the exhibits attached hereto into the Clatskanie R.F.P.D.
  - 2. The Principal Act of the District is ORS Chapter 478.
- 3. The name of the District will remain the "Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District." The purpose of the District is to provide fire protection to residents and properties within the District.
- 4. The boundaries of the District will be extended by the addition of the territory described above and depicted on Exhibit "A".

- 5. The territory described above and depicted on Exhibit "A" is hereby annexed to the District.
- 6. Within ten days after the date this order is executed, duplicate copies of this order shall be filed with the Department of Revenue, the Secretary of State, and with the Columbia County Clerk and the Columbia County Assessor.
- 7. The Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District is directed to prepare and submit to the Oregon Department of Revenue, the Columbia County Assessor and County Counsel a precise legal description of the property annexed into the District which meets the requirements of ORS 308.225.

DATED this //tl day of December, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:

By:

Commissione

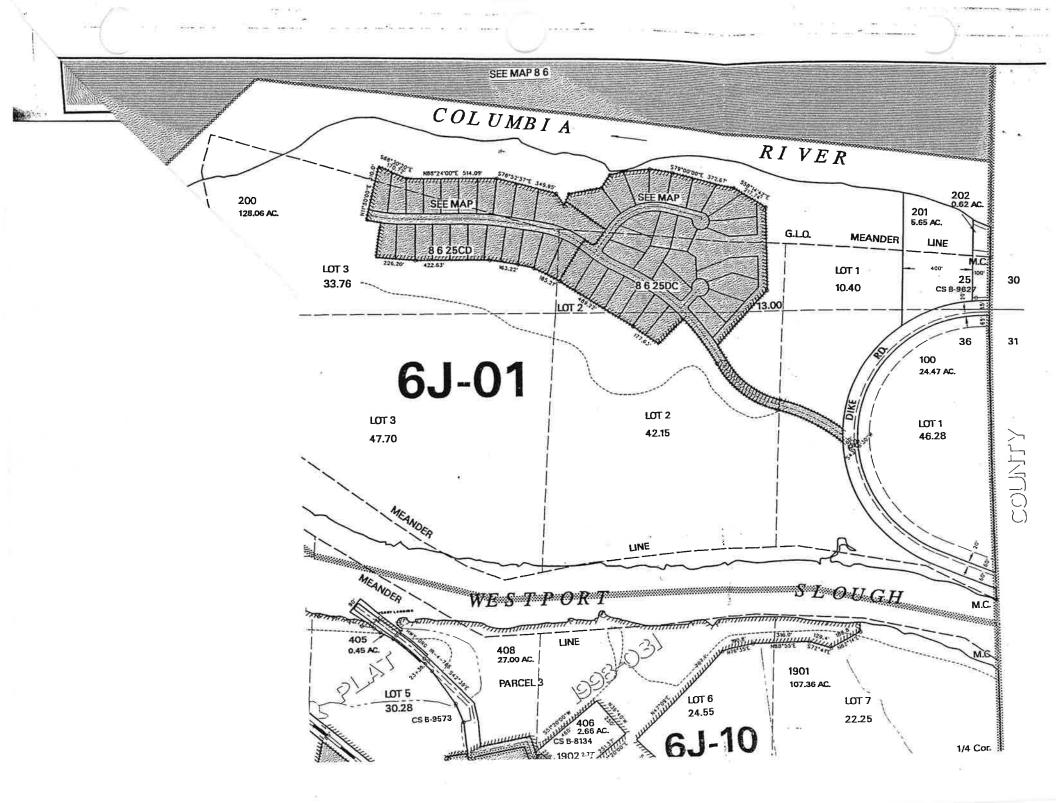
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