

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Applications by NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon, LLC for a Use Permitted Under Prescribed Conditions, Site Design Review and Variance for a Renewable Diesel Production Facility at Port Westward (DR 21-03; V 21-05) and a Conditional Use Permit for a Rail Branchline near Port Westward (CU 21-04)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
(PUBLICATION)

1. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at or after 10:00 a.m., at the Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon.
2. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the applications by NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon, LLC, for a renewable fuel facility at Port Westward. NEXT has submitted two applications, which the County has consolidated for review:

(1) Application DR 21-03 and V 21-05, for a Use Permitted Under Prescribed Conditions in the Resource Industrial – Planned Development (RIPD) Zone, Site Design Review and a Variance. The proposed development includes the construction of a renewable diesel production facility with multiple buildings (office, laboratory, warehouse, maintenance, process control etc.), parking, private roadways, storage tanks, processing equipment, gas flare, wastewater treatment facilities, outdoor laydown yards, electrical equipment, landscaping and security fencing. The variance is for fence height and screening requirements. The approximately 109-acre site is located at Port Westward, near Clatskanie, Oregon, identified as Tax Map ID Nos. 8422-00-00100, 8422-00-00200, 8422-00-00300. The site will be accessed from a driveway to Hermo Road with an emergency secondary access to Kallunki Road.

(2) Application CU 21-04 for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a “rail branchline” to connect the site to Portland & Western Railroad’s facilities, which would pass through land zoned Primary Agricultural Use (PA-80) adjacent to Port Westward near Clatskanie, Oregon, identified as Tax Map ID Nos. 8421-00-00600, 8422-00-00400, 8422-00-00500, 8422-00-00600, 8423-B0-00700 and 8423-B0-00800.

3. All interested parties may appear and be heard virtually by:

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4. If you are in need of any special accommodations to participate at this hearing, please call the Board of County Commissioners Office at (503) 397-4322 at least two days in advance.
5. The hearing will be held according to the procedures in the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: s/: Margaret Magruder
Margaret Magruder, Chair

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