

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER**  
**Resolution No. 2023-24-12**

**A RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY FUNDING OF THE HOOD RIVER WHITE SALMON BRIDGE  
AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Hood River (the “Port”) currently owns, operates, and tolls an interstate toll bridge spanning the Columbia River between Hood River, Oregon and White Salmon, Washington, originally constructed in 1924 (the “Existing Bridge”), which is nearing the end of its useful life; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to and in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes 381.700 to 381.755 (the “Oregon Act”) and Chapter 47.87 of the Revised Code of Washington (the “Washington Act”) authorizing the Commission Formation Agreement by and among the City of Bingen, Washington; the City of White Salmon, Oregon; the County of Klickitat, Washington; the County of Hood River, Oregon; and the Port of Hood River, Hood River, Oregon, dated as of April 30, 2023 (the “CFA”), the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority (the “Bridge Authority”) is charged with developing, constructing, owning, operating, maintaining, renewing, tolling, financing, and governing a new bridge intended to replace the Existing Bridge (the “Replacement Bridge”) as well as the decommissioning of the Existing Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Oregon Act, the Port may pledge or grant revenue or other assistance to support or guaranty, in whole or in part, the repayment of debt, costs of operations, or capitalization of reserves of the Bridge Authority, under such terms as the Bridge Authority and Port may agree, and the Bridge Authority may accept such assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the CFA, specifically, Exhibit C “Intergovernmental Transition Plan,” the parties to the CFA committed to act in good faith to agree to a plan, by January 1, 2024, to make additional local resources available for Bridge Authority costs and reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Sections 14 of the Oregon Act and the Washington Act, to the extent allowed by law, the Port and the Bridge Authority are currently negotiating an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to ORS Chapter 190 (the “Intergovernmental Agreement”) that is expected, among other things, to include the agreement of the Port to delegate to the Bridge Authority certain rights and responsibilities, and to utilize certain grant funds allocated to the Port and other revenues available to the Port, to pay expenses incurred or to be incurred by or on behalf of the Bridge Authority for the Replacement Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the CFA, Exhibit C Intergovernmental Transition Plan, Section 5, the Port has agreed to provide certain financial assistance to the Bridge Authority on a reimbursable basis, but which reimbursement obligation the Port may waive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port has expressed to the Bridge Authority that pending the execution and delivery of the Intergovernmental Agreement, the authority of the Port to utilize such grant funds and other revenues for such purpose should be documented in a manner satisfactory to the Port and the Bridge Authority; NOW THEREFORE

THE PORT OF HOOD RIVER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

To grant to the Executive Director of the Port the authority to expend funds legally available and budgeted for the Replacement Bridge, including grant funds, on the expenses legally procured by the Bridge Authority for the Replacement Bridge and in those instances where the Port is able to use grant funds, but only to the extent such funds are free of any repayment obligation and not subsequently disallowed by the grantor, waive any reimbursement obligation of the Bridge Authority. This authority shall expire no later than March 31, 2024, or upon the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement, whichever is earlier.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Hood River this 23rd day of January 2024.

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Kristi Chapman, President

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Michael Fox, Secretary