BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 22-11-29-08

In the Matter of Authorizing Use of County Road Funds to Construct a Wildfire Evacuation Route between Laughlin Road and Sarvis Berry Lane

WHEREAS, Laughlin Road and Sarvis Berry Lane are county roads serving 89 residences in the County, each of which has a single outlet to a through road for evacuation in the event of a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, there exists an undeveloped local access road right of way that can be used to construct a fire evacuation route to serve the need for resident evacuation and firefighter access; and

WHEREAS, ORS 368.016(2) provides that counties may expend county funds on local access roads only if the county's governing body determines that the work is an emergency or when (a) the county road official recommends the expenditure, (b) the public use of the road justifies the proposed expenditure, and (c) the governing body adopts an order or resolution authorizing the work; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has recommended the expenditure of up to \$70,000 for the purposes of wetland delineation and construction of a fire evacuation route between Laughlin Road and Sarvis Berry Lane; and

WHEREAS, fire officials having jurisdiction over the area served by Laughlin Road and Sarvis Berry Lane have assessed the fire risk and confirmed the need for the creation of a route between the two county roads for wildfire evacuation and firefighter access to the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

The Department of Public Works is authorized to spend up to \$70,000 of Road Funds to complete a wetland delineation and construct a wildfire evacuation route between Laughlin Road and Sarvis Berry Lane.

ADOPTED this 29th day of November, 2022.

Pat Farr, Chair

Lane County Board of Commissioners