BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-02-27-11

In the Matter of Authorizing The County Administrator To Enter Into A 50-Year Lease Agreement With The Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse

WHEREAS, the COUNTY owns and manages the HOWARD BUFORD RECREATION AREA, hereinafter referred to as "HBRA"; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY'S adopted Lane County Parks & Open Space Master Plan (2018) calls for expanded collaboration with community organizations to accomplish shared goals for the Lane County Parks system; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY'S adopted HBRA Master Plan (1994) and adopted HBRA Habitat Management Plan (2018) provide guidance on future facility and habitat improvements for the North Bottomlands; and

WHEREAS, The Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse has demonstrated the capacity and expertise to develop, operate, manage, and maintain the designated equestrian area of the North Bottom Lands in HBRA in partnership with the County, and to engage significant numbers of community volunteers to help develop, operate, manage, and maintain the designated equestrian area of the North Bottom Lands; and

WHEREAS, The Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse has for over thirty-five years maintained and improved the North Bottomlands equestrian center of the HBRA for the for the enjoyment and benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, the long term success of the Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse's activities in the North Bottomlands depends upon successful fundraising for capital improvements to the facilities, and that fundraising is dependent, in part, on the Posse's ability to demonstrate a long-term commitment for use and occupancy of the site.

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

- 1. that Lane County enter into the lease in substantially the form as presented in Exhibit "A"; and
- 2. that the County Administrator be delegated authority to sign the lease.

ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2024.

Laurie Trieger, Chair

Lane County Board of Commissioners

