



Board of Commissioners

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Lincoln County Commissioners would like to support the efforts for the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians as they pursue expansion projects in Oregon.

Lincoln County Government enjoys a cooperative and working relationship with CTSI. The County Commissioners meet jointly with the Siletz Tribal Council each year to discuss shared interests. CTSI leadership also participates in cooperative calls as a jurisdictional partner with County Emergency Management.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$19.7 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$6.5 million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events in the County.

Chinook Winds Casino becomes a safe haven for our community during power outages by providing a place for coffee, and warmth during our open hours. During the Echo Mountain Fire the casino became an evacuation site and utilized their shuttles to provide transportation for survivors needing transportation to the Newport Recreation Center evacuation site. Throughout COVID Chinook winds has been a community leader in COVID safety practices such as shutting down immediately when the pandemic first struck our nation and requiring safety measures such as masks, temperature checking and vaccination for their staff (currently 100% vaccinated).

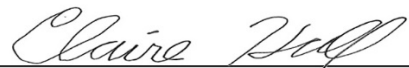
Additionally, Chinook Winds Casino property was offered to Echo Mountain Wildfire survivors and currently provides temporary housing to survivors with FEMA trailers.

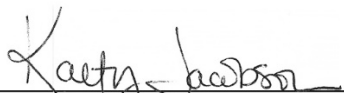
We are grateful for the support, resources and collaborative nature the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians provide to the regional community.

Sincerely,

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners


DOUG HUNT, Chair


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