

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-004**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BINGEN ADOPTING THE HOOD RIVER-WHITE SALMON BRIDGE AUTHORITY COMMISSION FORMATION AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS,** The Hood River-White Salmon Bridge constructed in 1924, and currently owned and operated by the Port of Hood River, is obsolete and needs to be replaced with a new interstate bridge connecting Hood River and White Salmon (the “Replacement Bridge”); and,

**WHEREAS,** In October 2020 the City of White Salmon, City of Bingen, and Klickitat County, Washington and City of Hood River, Hood River County, and Port of Hood River, Oregon (collectively the “Parties”) entered a memorandum of understanding establishing the Bi-State Working Group to cooperatively guide the development of the Replacement Bridge until a long-term governance structure for the Replacement Bridge was established; and,

**WHEREAS,** In 2021 the Bi-State Working Group concluded that the preferred long-term governance structure for the Replacement Bridge is an independent bi-state bridge authority, and in 2022 proposed legislation in Oregon and Washington authorizing the formation of such a bi-state authority; and,

**WHEREAS,** In June 2022 Chapter 7, Oregon 2022 Laws and Chapter 89, Washington Laws of 2022 become effective, allowing local governments to enter a Commission Formation Agreement to charter and form an independent, bi-state bridge authority to design, construct, finance, operate, maintain, toll, govern, and own an interstate bridge; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Parties now desire, by entering a Commission Formation Agreement under the authority granted by the 2022 Acts, to form and charter the Hood River – White Salmon Bridge Authority as an independent public body to govern the Replacement Bridge.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN,** do hereby resolve as follows:

**Section 1.** The Council/Commission approves the *Commission Formation Agreement to Form and Charter the Hood River – White Salmon Bridge Authority*, attached as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution, and directs the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City the agreement, substantially in the form, shown in Exhibit 1.

**Section 2.** The Council/Commission authorizes the Mayor, or its designee to undertake the activities necessary or convenient to fulfill the City's responsibilities under the Agreement.

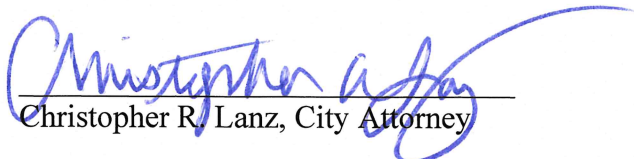
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bingen, Washington, and APPROVED by its Mayor, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
Catherine Kiewit, Mayor

Attest:

  
Krista Loney, City Administrator

Approved as to Form:

  
Christopher R. Lanz, City Attorney