

PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-34

RE: Declaration of Emergency
Miltner Slough Crossing of LeClerc Road South

WHEREAS, the Miltner Slough crosses Leclerc Road South at milepost 0.4;

WHEREAS, a the roadway is on a mechanically stabilized earth embankment;

WHEREAS, the east side of the embankment has a 300 foot long vertical modular precast concrete block facing;

WHEREAS, Miltner Slough passes through the earth embankment in a culvert;

WHEREAS, an unknown party removed a portion of the earthwork footing beneath the concrete block facing and installed a small earth dike that directed water flow against the footing area of the concrete block facing;

WHEREAS, the redirected wall flow has eroded the remaining earthwork footing and undermined the concrete block facing;

WHEREAS, the eroded footing is beneath the ordinary high water level at this location;

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has determined that there is high risk of a catastrophic failure in the event of a flood;

WHEREAS, this area is normally flooded during the annual spring period;

WHEREAS, localized flooding events occur during the winter in Pend Oreille County from rain over snow and frozen ground;

WHEREAS, a catastrophic failure of the Leclerc Road South embankment would cause significant disruption of the County's transportation system and emergency response system;

WHEREAS, a catastrophic failure of the embankment would cause significant environmental harm to riparian area of the Pend Oreille River;

WHEREAS, the county legislative authority may declare an emergency under RCW 77.55.021 for the purpose obtaining a written permit before commencing work on a hydraulic project;

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners may, under terms of RCW 39.04.280, may award contracts without competitive bidding for emergency public works contracts;

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners has visited the site on December 17, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners has declared an emergency exists and has authorized the Public Works Director to begin emergency procedures to repair the concrete block facing;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the matter at the next scheduled meeting of the Board;

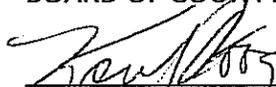
NOW, THEREFORE

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the an emergency is declared for the purpose of obtaining written hydraulic project permits at the Miltner Slough crossing of LeClerc Road South;

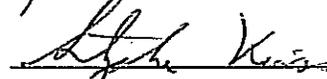
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Public Works Director to utilize emergency procedures to procure material, equipment, contractors and professional services necessary to repair the damage at the Miltner Slough crossing.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of December, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Karen Skoog, Chair



Steve Kiss, Vice-Chair



Mike Manus, Member

ATTEST: 

Clerk of the Board