



Board of Commissioners

Courthouse, Room 110
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Newport, Oregon 97365
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June 4, 2018

Mayor Barbara Leff
P.O. Box 8
Depoe Bay, OR 97341

Re: Land Application of Biosolids in Unincorporated Lincoln County

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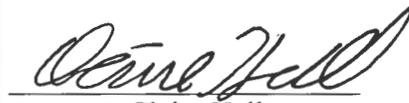
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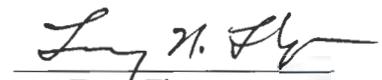
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cc: Jeff Wiseman, City Recorder



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Mayor Don Williams
801 SW Hwy 101
Lincoln City, OR 97367

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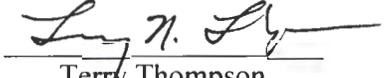
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cc: Ron Chandler, City Manager



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Mayor Sandra Roumagoux
Newport City Hall
169 SW Coast Hwy
Newport, OR 97365

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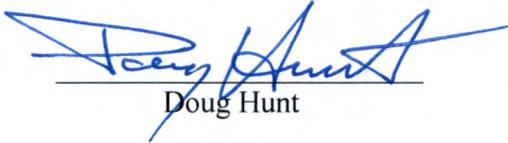
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cc: Spencer Nebel, City Manager



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Mayor Billie Jo Smith
Toledo City Hall
206 N. Main St
Toledo, OR 97391

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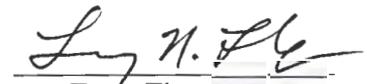
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cc: Craig Martin, City Manager



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Mayor Susan Woodruff
P.O. Box 1120
Waldport, OR 97394

Re: Land Application of Biosolids in Unincorporated Lincoln County

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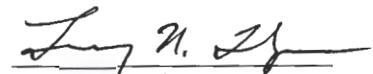
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cc: Kerry Kemp, City Manager



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Mayor Gerald Stanley
P.O. Box 345
Yachats, OR 97498

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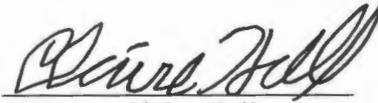
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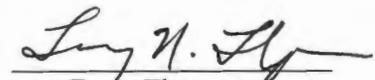
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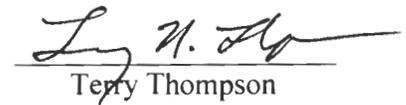
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