

Coos County Planning Department
c/o Jill Rolfe, Planning Director
250 North Baxter
Coquille, OR 97423

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Distinguished Commissioners of Coos County and Respected Staff,

On behalf of Perk Development, I would like to express my **SUPPORT** for the **APPROVAL** of Coos County Conditional Use Land Use Application HBCU-24-001, for a new regulation golf course dubbed “*New River Dunes Golf Course*”, just south of Bradley Lake, located off of Boak Lane within the county’s jurisdiction in Bandon, Oregon.

My team and I have spent considerable time reviewing the application and its findings and have concluded that the proposed project **MEETS THE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA SET FORTH BY COOS COUNTY’S LAND-USE CODE & ORDINANCES**. After additional further review, we have also concluded that the application **MEETS THE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA OF THE CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA SET FORTH BY OREGON STATUTE**.

Subsequently, this proposed project **FULFILLS OREGON STATEWIDE LAND USE PLANNING GOALS** and provides tremendous economic incentive for the residents of Bandon and Coos County.

As a fellow native of Coos County and vested partner and property owner in the City of Bandon and in Coos County, I am extremely proud of the success that the Keiser’s and the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort Family have brought to this area. It has been a badge of honor to tell friends and colleagues from across the country that I am from this specific area on the Oregon Coast.

Since the introduction of links-style golf in Coos County in the late 1990’s, the area has benefited greatly from tourism. Tourism has been the main economic driving force to the area, since 1990. It provides much needed indirect jobs in retail, hospitality, dining, property management and travel. Additionally, tourism has provided direct well-paying jobs in golf course management, hospitality management and caddy services.

BANDON GOLF HAS BEEN THE CORNERSTONE FOR ECONOMIC VITALITY to this area. Other sectors have flourished and benefited greatly due to the demand. It is no surprise that both commercial and residential real estate sales in Coos County have boomed over the last few years, and the demand for housing and additional hospitality offerings have lifted-up architectural, engineering, development and construction industries (to name a few).

The applicant has also spent considerable resources in addressing issues that are important to many in the county. The Bandon Dunes Charitable Foundation is and has been committed to fund projects on the South Coast of Oregon focused on the triple-bottom-line (conservation, community, and economy) with approaches that blend innovative ecological initiatives and economic opportunities as well as projects that encourage healthy and vibrant communities. Projects that promote healthy fish and species habitats, working landscapes and seascapes, sustainable tourism, community collaboration, sustainable businesses, community health and well-being, accessible childcare, education and student scholarships, workforce housing, and local golf programs.

To conclude, the applicant has met or exceeded all of the required standards and criteria set forth by the County and the State. Therefore, I urge you to **APPROVE** the application.

I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition and look forward to it benefiting the community, as the previously approved course have.

Regards,



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