

PASSED

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.	)	IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING
07-12-12-1	)	\$250,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE
	)	FIELD BURNING RESEARCH FUND
	)	TO IDENTIFY OPTIONS FOR ENERGY
	)	PRODUCTION FROM GRASS SEED
	)	STRAW.

WHEREAS, Oregon's Grass Seed industry produces more than \$450 million in annual sales and is known across America for its quality grass and seed; and

WHEREAS, the grass seed industry is very important to the State, Willamette Valley and Lane County, where we benefit from seed production revenue and an industry multiplier effect that creates jobs in other industries; and

WHEREAS, a grass seed by-product, known as grass straw, is used in a variety of value added products currently, and

WHEREAS, some of the grass straw from annual ryegrass is burned each year and controversy exists about the effect of the smoke; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Lane County have met with Katy Coba, Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Dave Nelson of the Oregon Seed Council to find a win-win solution to add value to the ryegrass straw, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Seed Council administer the Field Burning Research Fund, and

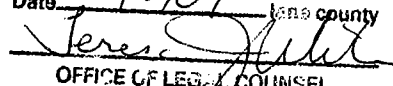
WHEREAS, Lane County has put together a biomass working group, including representatives of Lane Microbusiness; Resource Innovations, Institute for a Sustainable Environment, University of Oregon; Northwest Cooperative Development Center; Oregon Environmental Council; Trillium FiberFuels; Novus Group; Lane Council Of Governments; the Good Company, and Lane County Community and Economic Development to identify economic uses for local biomass, including grass straw as a value added product for renewable energy production, and said group will be working in collaboration with the Oregon Seed Council to identify and develop alternatives for use of grass straw, and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED, Lane County requests \$250,000 from the Field Burning Research Fund in order to help 1) identify short-term, mid-term and long-term options for adding value to grass straw through renewable energy and fuel production, with the goal that implementation of the options would build economic alternatives for grass straw that would supplant current practice and 2) initiate a pilot project in Lane County using grass straw as a bioenergy source, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Administrator is authorized to sign grant application.

DATED this 12th day of December, 2007.

  
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Faye Stewart Chair,  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 12/3/07 Lane County  
  
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL