**Resolution 2024-09**

**Assist Fund Established for**

**Waterfront Improvements, Public Pier, & Dock Rehabilitation Project**

**Whereas** the Washington State Revised Code of Washington (RCW xx.xx.xx) allows Junior Taxing districts such as the Port of Illahee, to accept gifts, and

**Whereas** the Washington State Revised Code of Washington (RCW 53.20.10) requires Port Commissions to adopt a “comprehensive scheme of harbor improvement” (Comprehensive Plan) prior to construction, which was approved (Resolution 2020-02), and provides the background to the process, and is available on the Port of Illahee’s website: illaheecommunity.com, and

**Whereas** over the past 6 years of planning, the project has been delayed for a variety of issues, primarily permitting, which have recently been resolved, such that the project is nearly ready for construction, which have also increased Port costs, and more recently the discovery of 20 failing pilings, with 17 supporting the Illahee Dock which has added an additional $510,000 to the project, and

**Whereas** while Resolution 2024-08 actions have resulted in a funding path forward for the construction phase, however the $700,000 bond plus the remaining $319,000 (after a RCO grant for $191,000) for the failing pilings results in the Port initially having an over $1M debit to be carried over the next 20 years, less the sale of Port assets such as the 5560 Ocean View property and the Illahee Road lot, and

**Therefore,** the Port of Illahee Commission, has determined that the additional funding needs are best met at this point by a fundraising campaign, and has decided to use the successful fundraising practice of the Illahee Forest Preserve, as follows:

1. **Funds will be solicited from the Illahee Community and beyond.**
2. **Contributions of $1,000 or more will have their names inscribed on a bronze plaque, to be affixed in a prominent location on the site (32 characters maximum). Names will be listed by donation size, then alphabetically (see the dedication rock at the Almira entrance to the Illahee Preserve for an example).**
3. **Contributions to government agencies, such as Ports are deductible, up to ……...**
4. **The Port of Illahee will issue weekly progress reports on the construction phase of the project, including donation information. The project is scheduled to be complete with 330 days of project award. For questions please contact the Port of Illahee administrator @..................**

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