



Board of Commissioners

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Klamath County Board of Commissioners would like to offer its full support of the Lost River Booster Club's plan to build the Lost River Community Center (LRCC). The LRCC's request for funds and the facility those funds will build are crucial to a rural area of our county that is in particular need of support.

The towns of Merrill and Malin are tightly-knit agricultural communities with outstanding schools and rich traditions. A great number of the residents struggle financially, but the spirit of these two extremely small towns is tremendous. Unfortunately, the greater Lost River Basin does not currently have the building space for the myriad of groups and organizations hoping to establish or grow in the area.

Small towns thrive when the resources available to the members of the community are accessible to all. Many people live thirty minutes to an hour away from Klamath Falls, which makes taking advantages of such opportunities as ELL classes, fitness clubs, art education, GED prep, and more virtually impossible. The Lost River Community Center would be the accessible, available location this community desperately needs to meet their mission of providing educational opportunities, promoting health and wellness, and allowing for the personal growth of all.

The Lost River Community Center recognizes the incredible potential in the students of Lost River and the residents of Merrill and Malin. The LRCC has already raised over one million dollars from local donors and additional money continues to come in. The enthusiasm, both from Merrill and Malin, for this project showcases how a community must recognize that it is truly a sum of its parts, and that success comes when everyone is included and supported.

As County Commissioners, we once again offer our full and enthusiastic support for the Lost River Community Center.

Sincerely,

Donnie Boyd
Commissioner

Kelley Minty Morris
Chair

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Vice-Chair