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By Email Only

Steven Cohoon, County Engineer Guy Minter, County Attorney

RE: Agreement Concerning Exchange of Parcels recorded in OR Book 8298, page 28

Dear Steven and Guy:

As you recall, we closed the above-referenced transaction early in order to accommodate a rezoning request by a proposed purchaser of the property. (As it turns out, the proposed purchaser ended up terminating its contract).

Specifically, we did so before resolution of a couple title issues to which we had objected.

- 1. An existing plat My client is in the process of applying to vacate the plat and we are confident that the County will eventually grant.
- 2. A release of mineral interests This letter concerns that.

We have attached a proposed resolution pursuant to which the County releases its mineral rights in the DRA it deeded to my client.

The statute requires that we provide you with a statement of reasons justifying the release. Those reasons are as follows:

- The County is not in the business of mining.
- To our knowledge, there are no minerals on the Property.
- The reserved Mineral Rights interfere with our development of the Property.

Please have the Resolution placed on the County Commission Agenda for approval and then have it recorded.

Letter to Steven Cohoon, County Engineer And Guy Minter, County Attorney April 28, 2025 Page 2

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GOODING & BATSEL, PLLC

/s/ Jimmy Gooding /s/

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Attachment: as stated

cc: Client Representatives

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