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Benjamin D. Williams, President
Friends of French Prairie
P.O. Box 403, Donald, OR 97020

Dear President Williams:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, thank you for your recent letter regarding the County's newly-adopted strategic plan. As you note, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously adopted the strategic plan, known as *Performance Clackamas*, on September 18, 2014. The plan now serves as a roadmap of what the County aspires to achieve over the next five years.

Adoption of *Performance Clackamas* demonstrates the County's intent to focus on the customer in everything it does. Most importantly, the plan focuses on five overarching strategic priorities that were unanimously selected by the BCC following more than a year of public input from surveys, town hall meetings, business meetings, and other forms of community comment. Each of the five priorities is supported by measurable and specific objectives that touch on numerous issues, including land use.

You may be pleased to know that Clackamas County's home ownership rates are very near our goal, and that the County added 2,000 jobs in 2013 alone.

In response to your concerns relating to land use issues in French Prairie, **Clackamas County has no current plans to seek a legislative change to rural reserves designation south of the Willamette River. We very much understand and recognize the importance of preserving the County's high quality agricultural lands.** To this end, you may be pleased to know that *Performance Clackamas* sets a goal of achieving a five percent annual increase in Gross Domestic Product from agricultural lands in Clackamas County by 2020.

We encourage you to continue to remain engaged in the activities of Clackamas County. Agendas for all County business meetings, planning meetings, and policy sessions are posted on the County website. In addition, there is an existing Community Planning Organization (CPO) in your area, known as the Aurora-Butteville-Barlow CPO, which serves as a forum for community engagement. We always welcome input from citizens and encourage your participation.

Thank you again for your interest in and attention to the efforts of Clackamas County. We look forward to working with you to ensure that Clackamas County remains a great place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

John Ludlow, Chair

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners