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### Yamhill County Board of Commissioners September 18, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners proudly supports the Nerd Herd, our county's FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team. As a community-based 4-H organization, Nerd Herd brings together students from all backgrounds to learn STEM, teamwork, and leadership skills in an inclusive, hands-on environment.

Nerd Herd exemplifies **community alignment** by fostering partnerships with local mentors, families, and businesses, ensuring students are connected to resources and support throughout Yamhill County. Their work reflects shared community values, preparing youth for meaningful futures while strengthening the social fabric of our region.

Through consistent **community engagement**, Nerd Herd students collaborate with other teams, local organizations, and the public. Their participation inspires peers, mentors, and the broader community, creating a culture of learning, service, and inclusion that extends beyond competitions.

The success of Nerd Herd reflects a broad **commitment from the community**. Parents, volunteers, sponsors, and county stakeholders rally to provide guidance, financial support, and mentorship, ensuring all students can participate regardless of background or experience. Their achievements, including advancing to the 2024 World Championships and ranking among the top 32 teams, highlight the power of collective dedication.

We fully endorse Nerd Herd and their mission. Their program strengthens Yamhill County, empowers our youth, and exemplifies the positive impact of aligned, engaged, and committed community partnerships.

Sincerely,

Kit Johnston  
Chair

Mary Starrett  
Vice-Chair

David "Bubba" King  
Commissioner

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Commissioners on 09/18/2025  
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