**Community Renewable Energy Association**

**Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**Date:** 6.11.21

**Time:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Video Conference via Zoom

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Executive Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand (Patu Wind), Don Coats, Commissioner Don Russell (Morrow Co.), Judge Joe Dabulskis (Sherman Co.), Mayor Steve Uffelman (City of Prineville),

**Unable to Attend:** Judge Elizabeth Farrar-Campbell (Gilliam Co.), Executive Committee Chair Les Perkins (Hood River Co./Farmers Irrigation Dist.), Judge Joe Dabulskis

**Executive Committee Alternate Members Present:** David Brown (Obsidian Renewables/alternate for Don Coats)**,** Doug Frazier (City of Prineville/alt for Mayor Steve Uffelman), Commissioner Patrick Shannon (Gilliam Co./alt for Judge Farrar-Campbell), Commissioner Jim Doherty (Morrow Co.)

**Staff Present:** Executive Director Mike McArthur, Mallorie Roberts (AOC), Rob Bovett (AOC/CREA Legal Counsel), Devon Guyer (Law Clerk Intern), Secretary Sonja Carey

**Others Present:** Amy Berg Pickett (Sunstone Energy), Jake Stephens (NewSun), Marie Barlow (NewSun Energy), Don Schwerin, Mitch Cutter, Georgia McNab (Sherman Co. Planning Director), Rober Wallace (Wy’East Resource Conservation & Development Area Council: RC&D), Kurt Miller ( Northwest River Partners), Bridget Callahan (Sustainable Northwest), Carol Loughlin (Sapere Consulting),

**Recording Minutes:** Sonja Carey

**Handouts/Materials**

CREA Agenda for Exec Committee Meeting, June 11, 2021

CREA Exec Committee Minutes for May 14, 2020

CREA Financials for month of May

CREA Director’s Report, June 2021

CREA List of Articles of interest to CREA members: June 11, 2021

CREA Draft Budget: July 2021 - July 2022

**Call to Order**

Executive Vice Committee Chair Ormand Hilderbrand called the meeting to order and presided over events of the meeting. Introductions were made.

**Agenda Additions**

Vice Chair Hilderbrand called for any additional items not on the agenda to be brought to the Committee’s attention. Two additional items were presented.

Land Use Decision of Crook County (Jake Stepehend, NewSun led discussion)

Executive Director McArthur asked that CREA’s future meeting dates be revisited and possibly changed due to a conflict with AOC meetings.

**Business Meeting**

Consent Agenda included:

Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2021

Acceptance of Financials

Friend and Regan (real name) approval

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda as presented

Made: Don Coats

Seconded: Mayor Steve Uffelman

**Moved:** Unanimously

**Agenda Add: Land Use Decision in Crook Co., involving NewSun Energy**

CREA member, Jake Stephens of NewSun Energy spoke on a recent LUBA ruling.

**Motion**

Proceed with investigating the issue of land use decision in Crook Co., involving NewSun Energy

Made: Don Coats

Seconded: Steve Uffelman

**Moved:** Unanimously

**Introducing Devon Guyer, Law CLerk Intern for CREA**

Executive Director McArthur introduced CREA’s new law intern, Devon Guyer, who will be attending Lewis and Clark Law School.

**Former Rep./former Director, USDA Rural Development for Oregon, John Huffman**

Former Representative Huffman spoke on the USDA Rural Development program.

**Snake River Dams**

Executive Director of Northwest River Partners, Kurt Miller gave a presentation on Snake River Dams & Representative Simpson’s proposal.

**Electric Tractors**

Senior Energy Program Manager, Bridget Callahan of Sustainable Northwest

**Legislative Update**

Executive Director McArthur offered an update on current legislative bills and issues of importance to CREA.

**OPUC Update**

Executive Director McArthur gave an update on current OPUC issues of importance to CREA.

**Budget Discussion/Approval**

Executive Director McArthur presented a draft budget for Executive Committee approval.

**Motion:**

Made:

Seconded

**Moved:** Unanimously

**Public Comment**

Executive Committee Vice Chair HIlderbrand called for any comments from the public to be heard.

No comments were presented.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm