**Community Renewable Energy Association**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**

**Date:** November 19, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:45 pm

**Location:** Eugene Graduate Hotel

 Thornton Wilder Room; Eugene, Oregon

**Executive Board Members Present:** Exec Board Chair Don Russell; Exec Board Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand; Les Perkins; Don Coats; Joe Dabulskis; Elizabeth Farrar; Steve Uffelman

**Staff Present:** Pat Bozanich, Executive Assistant; Rob Bovett, legal counsel

**Members Present:** David Brown (Obsidian Renewables), Brian Barney (Crook County), Patty Dorroh (Harney Co.), Jerry Brummer (Crook Co.), Pete Runnels (Harney Co.), Mike Daly, (citizen), Rick Shaffer (Wheeler County), Lynn Morley (Wheeler Co.), Rick Williams (Portland State University), Melissa Lindsay (Morrow Co.), Kathleen Sullivan (Clatsop Co.), Joe Dabulskis (Sherman Co.), Steve Kramer (Wasco Co.), Craig Pope (Polk Co.), Doug Frazier (City of Prineville);Jake Stephens (NewSun Energy)

**Others Present:** Eric Underwood (PGE), Darwin Johnson (Lake County Planning, Lakeview Councilor) , Bruce Nichols (Baker County), Scott W. Myers (Grant County), Xan Augerot (Benton County)

**Guest Speakers:** Les Perkins, Hood River County Commissioner, Jake Stephens, NewSun Energy

**Recording Secretary**: Pat Bozanich

**Handouts**

CREA Executive Committee Roster (1 page)

CREA Intergovernmental Agreement (4 pages) CREA Bylaws (6 pages)
CREA Minutes from October 2019 Meeting (2 pages)

CREA Financial Reports for September and October 2019 (11 pages)

**1. Call to Order -** Don Russell, Board Chair

Chair Russell called the meeting to order and welcomed participants. He explained agenda changes that were made because Executive Director, Brian Skeahan had recently had surgery and could not attend. Introductions were made around the room.

Chair Russell opened the floor for any additions to the agenda. Pat Bozanich, CREA Executive Assistant, stated that CREA would be starting a quarterly newsletter for members in 2020 and requested that members send story ideas and share information about renewable energy happenings in their jurisdictions.

**2. Business Meeting**

 **Approval of Minutes**

 **Motion:** Approve Executive Board Meeting minutes of October 11, 2019

 **Made by**: Ormand Hilderbrand

 **Seconded by**: Les Perkins

 **Status:** unanimously approved

 **Acceptance of Financials**

 **Motion:** Approve Financial Report for months of September 2019 and October 2019

 **Made by**: Joe Dabulskis

 **Seconded by**: Steve Uffelman

 **Status:** unanimously approved

**3. Election of Executive Committee Members – Rob Bovett, CREA Legal Counsel**

Bovett presented the proposed slate of Executive Committee nominees:

 Don Russell, Morrow County

 Les Perkins, Hood River County

 Steve Uffelman, City of Prineville

Bovett than asked for any additional nominations from members. As no additional nominations were made, Bovett asked if a member would move to close nominations.

 **Motion: Close nominations for 2019/2020 CREA Executive Committee**

 **Made by:** Steve Kramer

 **Seconded by:** Elizabeth Ferrar

 **Status:**  Unanimously approved

 **Motion: Elect slate of proposed candidates as presented.**

 **Made by:** Pete Runnels

 **Seconded by:** Steve Kramer

 **Status:**  Unanimously approved

**4. Energy Planning Matters: Why Local Governments Should Take an Active Role in their Energy Future** – Commissioner Les Perkins, Hood River County

**5.** **Why Solar Development is Increasing in Oregon; Why CREA is important for the Future of Renewables** – Jake Stephens, Principal, NewSun Energy

**6. Lunch and Q & A** – Don Russell, moderator

The floor was opened for questions of Executive Board members and guest speakers.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm