**Community Renewable Energy Association**

**Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**Date:** 9.10.21

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:52pm

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Executive Chair Les Perkins (Hood River Co./Farmers Irrigation Dist.) Executive Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand (Patu Wind), Judge Joe Dabulskis

**Executive Committee Alternate Members Present:** David Brown (Obsidian Renewables LLC/alternate for Don Coats), Doug Frazier (Horsepower Consulting/alternate for Mayor Uffelman)

**Staff Present:** Executive Director Mike McArthur, Rob Bovett (Association of Oregon Counties/AOC), Devon Guyer (CREA Law Clerk Intern), Sonja Carey (Admin Support)

**Others Present:** Rep. Greg Smith, Dawson Quintin (Legislative Director for Rep. Smith), Kristen Connelly, Debbie Pedro (CPA), Nick Smith (Lake County Resources Initiative), Diane Brandt (OR Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest: RNW), Max Greene (Renewable Northwest: RNW), Marla Harvey (Mid-Columbia Economic Development District: MCEDD), Jonathan Lewis (USI Insurance), Peter OIson, Jake Stephens (NewSun Energy), Don Schwerin (Washington Rural Democrats), Jed Jorgensen (Farmers Irrigation Dist.)

**Recording Minutes:** Sonja Carey

**Handouts/Materials**

CREA Agenda for Exec Committee Meeting: September 10, 2021

CREA Exec Committee Minutes for August 13, 2020

CREA Financials for month of August

CREA Director’s Report, September 2021

CREA Financial Review (fiscal year July 2020-July 2021)

**Call to Order**

Executive Committee Chair Les Perkins called the meeting to order and presided over events of the meeting. Introductions were made. Chair Perkins opened the floor for any additional items to be added to the agenda. No additional items were presented.

**Business Meeting: Consent Agenda**

Consent Agenda included:

Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2021

Acceptance of Financials: August, 2021

Accept Financial Review (fiscal year July 2020-July 2021)

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda as presented

Made: Don Coats

Seconded: Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand

**Moved:** Unanimously

**Old Business: Program for CREA Annual Conference**

Discussion took place re: creating the program for CREA Annual Meeting, to take place in November, coinciding with the Annual Conference of Association of Oregon Counties (AOC).

**Representative Smith: Depot Project**

Oregon Representative Greg Smith spoke on the Umatilla Army Depot Project.

**Solar Siting Discussion: AOC Support**

Request that AOC Staff assist with drafting language to amend ORS 215.446 regarding siting solar facilities by the county, clarifying county authority.

 **Nick Smith: Lake County Resources Initiative (LCRI)**

Nick Smith, Executive Director of Lake County Resources Initiative (LCRI) gave a presentation on current and upcoming goals and projects of LCRI.

**Appointments to ODOE Advisory Groups**

Executive Director McArthur led discussion re: appointment to ODOE Advisory Groups, to include: Small Scale Study, Development Fund.

**Public Comment**

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

The next CREA meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2021 and will likely be a virtual Zoom meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:52pm