**Community Renewable Energy Association**

**Minutes of the Executive Board**

**Date:** October 12, 2018

**Time:** 10:10 am - 2:20pm

**Location:** Columbia Gorge Community College

400 E Scenic Way, The Dalles, OR 97058

**Executive Board Members Present:** Executive Board Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand, Steve Uffelman, Judge Steve Shaffer, Judge Gary Thompson, Les Perkins

**Executive Board Members unable to attend:** Executive Board Chair Don Coats, Don Russell

**Staff Present:** Director Brian Skeahan, Doris Penwell, Rob Bovett, Sonja Carey

**Members Present:** Marc Thalacker (3 Sisters Irr.), Craig DeHart (Middle Fork Irr.), Jim Doherty (Morrow Co.)

**By Phone:** Alan Hickenbottom (Lat 45)

**Others Present:** Doug Frazier (HorsePower Consulting), Mike McArthur, Nate Stice (Regional Solutions)

**Recording Secretary:** Sonja Carey

**Handouts**

Executive Board Agenda for October 12, 2018

Executive Board Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2018

Financial Report for September 2018

Director’s Report for October 2018

Draft of revised Bylaws

CREA Oregon Wind and Solar Economic Impact Analysis

Draft Roll-Out Plan for Evergreen Economics Study (Jim Gardner)

**Call to Order**

Executive Board Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand called the meeting to order and presided over events of the meeting.

**Open Agenda**

Vice Chair Hilderbrand gave the opportunity for those present to add any items not on the agenda.

Director Skeahan added:

Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) Annual Meeting

Renewable Northwest (RNW) Annual Meeting

**Business Meeting**

Minutes of September 14, 2018 will be amended to show Mike McArthur as an independent attendee of the meeting, not in connection with Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) or in membership of CREA.

**Motion:**

Approve Minutes of September 14, 2018, as corrected

Made by: Judge Gary Thompson

Seconded: Judge Steve Shaffer

**Status:** Unanimously moved

**Motion:**

Accept financials for month of September 2018 as presented on circulated form

Made by: Steve Uffelman

Seconded: Judge Steve Shaffer

**Status:** Unanimously moved

**Annual Members Meeting**

Discussion: possibility of changing CREA’s status from Chapter 190 to 501(c)6

Decision: remain Chapter 190 organization

Discussion: possible changes to Bylaws, options include

 allowing “Alternates” on Executive Board

Decision: present “Alternates” option to Board of Directors at Annual Meeting for a vote re:

 amending Bylaws, giving Executive Committee power to appoint alternates at a future

 time.

Discussion: amend current Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

Outcome: legal counsel will continue working on amended IGA draft

Discussion: speakers at Annual Meeting:

Evergreen Study: representative

 Lewis and Clark Study: Lev Blumenstein

 CCA: Alan Hickenbottom

Discussion: booth at AOC

Outcome: booth secured for Wednesday, November 14 - Thursday, November 15

**Legislative Update**

Les Perkins and Marc Thalacker presented a bill crafted by Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC): The Oregon Small-Scale Renewable Energy Act of 2019. Irrigation districts, local government, NGOs.

OTHER BILLS:

Director Skeahan led discussion on CREA supported bills for State of Oregon’s 2019 Legislative Session, to include:

The Community Choice Aggregation Act of 2019.

**OPUC Update**

Director Skeahan gave a brief report on happenings at the OPUC, to include:

PURPA rulemaking.

**Evergreen Study**

Director Skeahan presented the finalized Evergreen Study which compares costs and benefits of in-state vs. out-of-state renewable energy development for State of Oregon. The report will be presented at upcoming Annual Members Meeting in November. A Draft Roll-Out Plan for Evergreen Economics study, prepared by legal counsel Jim Gardner, was also presented.

**Lewis and Clark Intern Study**

Director Skeahan gave an update on the Lewis & Clark Study.

**Goldendale Energy Storage Project (formerly JD Pool Project) Update**

Director Skeahan gave a brief update on progress of Goldendale Energy Storage Project.

**Agenda Addition:**

Director Skeahan spoke of his recent attendance at annual meetings of NIIPPC and RNW

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.