**Community Renewable Energy Association**

**Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**Date:** 5.14.21

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

**Location:** Video Conference via Zoom

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Executive Committee Chair Les Perkins (Hood River County/Farmers Irrigation Dist.), 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 Alternate Members Present:** David Brown (Obsidian Renewables/alternate for Don Coats)**,** Melissa Lindsay (Morrow Co. Commissioner/alt for Commissioner Russell), Doug Frazier (City of Prineville/alt for Mayor Steve Uffelman), Pat Shannon (Gilliam Co. Commissioner/alt for Judge Farrar-Campbell

**Staff Present:** Executive Director Mike McArthur, Mallorie Roberts (AOC), Lauren Smith (AOC), Amanda Dalton (AOC), Rob Bovett (AOC/CREA Legal Counsel), Secretary Sonja Carey

**Others Present:** Commissioner Sherrie Wilkins (Gilliam Co.) Peter Mitchell (Port of Arlington) Jeff Dane (Port of Arlington) Nate Stice (Regional Solutions Program: Governor Brown),

Brianna Connolly (Legislative Assistant for Congressman Bentz), Congressman Cliff Bentz, Shannon Souza (OCEAN), Jordan Soloman (Ecostrat), Ashleigh Ooi (Ecostrat), Jed Jorgensen (Farmers Conservation Alliance), Peter Olson (USI Insurance Services), Amy Berg Pickett (Sunstone Energy), Michelle Detwiler (Renewable Hydrogen Alliance: RHA) Martina Steinkauz (RHA), Doris Penwell

**Recording Minutes:** Sonja Carey

**Handouts/Materials**

CREA Agenda for Exec Committee Meeting, May 14, 2021

CREA Exec Committee Minutes for April 9, 2020

CREA Financials for month of April

CREA Director’s Report, May 2021

CREA Membership Spreadsheet (dues payments)

BDO Zone Initiative (presentation)

HB 3375: Planning for Floating Offshore Wind (O.C.E.A.N.)

Clean Energy for America Act

**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 called for any additional items not on the agenda to be brought to the Committee’s attention. No additional agenda items were called.

**Business Meeting**

Consent Agenda included:

Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2021

Acceptance of Financials

Intern Proposal

Letter of Recommendation for Nate Stice to USDA Rural Development Director of Oregon

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda as presented

Made: Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand

Seconded: Don Coats

**Moved:** Unanimously

**Motion:** Approve engagement of intern at price to be negotiated.

Made: Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand

Seconded: Don Coats

**Moved:** Unanimously

**Director’s Report**

Director McArthur presented the monthly Director’s Report.

**Congressman Cliff Bentz**

Congressman Cliff Bentzgave a presentation.

**Offshore Wind Developments**

Shannon Sauza (Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network) gave a presentation on HB 3375: Planning for Floating Offshore Wind

**Bioeconomy Development Zone**

Jordan Soloman (Ecostrat) gave a presentation.

**HB 3221A**

Jed Jorgenson (Farmers Conservation Alliance) offered a presentation.

**Legislative Update**

Executive Director McArthur, Mallorie Roberts (AOC) and Rob Bovett (AOC/CREA legal counsel) offered an update on current legislative bills and issues of importance to CREA.

**Public Comment**

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

No comments were presented.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm