**Community Renewable Energy Association**

**Minutes of the Executive Board**

**Date:** September 14, 2018

**Time:** 10:10 am - 1:30 pm

**Location:** Columbia Gorge Community College

400 E Scenic Way, The Dalles, OR 97058

**Executive Board Members Present:** Executive Board Chair Don Coats, Steve Uffelman, Judge Steve Shaffer, Judge Gary Thompson

**Exec Board Members on Phone:** Ormand Hilderbrand

**Executive Board Members unable to attend:** Les Perkins, Don Russell

**Staff Present:** Director Brian Skeahan, Sonja Carey

**Members Present:** Joe Dabulskis (Sherman Co.), Tom McCoy (Sherman Co.), Michael McArthur (AOC)

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

**Others Present:** Doug Frazier (HorsePower Consulting)

**Recording Minutes:** Sonja Carey

**Handouts**

Executive Board Agenda for September 14, 2018

Executive Board Meeting Minutes of August, 2018

Financial Report for August 2018

Executive Board Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2018

Financial Report for July 2018

Director’s Report for August 2018

Copy of Draft: Legal Services Agreement between CREA and AOC

Copy of Scope of Work: Friend & Regan P.C. re: Financial Audit for CREA

**Call to Order**

Executive Board Chair Don Coats called the meeting to order and presided over events of the meeting.

**Open Agenda**

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

**Business Meeting**

**Motion:**

Approve Minutes of August 10, 2018

Made by: Judge Gary Thompson

Seconded: Steve Uffelman

**Status:** Unanimously moved

**Motion:**

Accept financials for month of August as presented

Made by: Steve Uffelman

Seconded: Judge Gary Thompson

**Status:** Unanimously moved

**Motion:**

Approve Minutes of July 13, 2018

Made by: Steve Uffelman

Seconded: Ormand Hilderbrand

**Status:** Unanimously moved

**Motion:**

Accept the amended Mission Statement for CREA as presented

Made by: Judge Gary Thompson

Seconded: Steve Uffelman

**Status:** Unanimously moved

Mission Statement:

“CREA supports creating business and economic opportunities through renewable energy development in a competitive environment. We support use of free enterprise principles to create economically and environmentally responsible electric generation within the State of Oregon.”

**OPUC Update**

Director Skeahan gave a brief report on happenings at the OPUC.

**NIPPC Joint Meeting**

Discussion took place re: joint CREA and Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) meeting held on September 5, 2018.

**Legislative Report**

Director Skeahan led a discussion re: upcoming legislative concepts.

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Solar Land Use: LCDC/EFSC

8% Mandate

Carbon Bill

**Legal Counsel**

Search Committee, the subcommittee tasked with locating general legal counsel for CREA has reached a recommendation for attorney Robert Bovett, currently staffed with Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Director Skeahan presented a draft agreement, asking for Exec Board authorization allowing Director Skeahan to enter into the agreement with AOC to contract Robert Bovett for legal services.

**Motion:**

Authorize the legal services agreement between CREA and Association of Oregon Counties in substantially the form in which it has been presented

Made by: Judge Steve Shaffer

Seconded: Judge Gary Thompson

**Status:** Unanimously approved.

**Financial Audit**

Director Skeahan presented his choice of accounting firm to perform financial audit for CREA, having selected from firms responding to RFQ released by CREA several months prior.

**Motion:**

Approve the firm of Friend and Reagan to perform the 2017/2018 fiscal year audit

Made by: Judge Steve Shaffer

Seconded: Judge Gary Thompson

**Status:** Unanimously approved.

**Evergreen Study**

Director Skeahan gave an update on the Evergreen Study which compares costs and benefits of in-state vs. out-of-state renewable energy development for State of Oregon. The report is being finalized.

**Lewis and Clark Intern Study**

Director Skeahan gave an update on the Lewis & Clark intern study of articulating the value of Renewable Energy projects of large scale and small scale. Study is in progress.

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

Director Skeahan gave an update on the Goldendale Energy Storage Project.

**Annual Meeting**

Discussion took place re: upcoming Annual Members Meeting to be held November 13, 2018.

Ballot and nominees for Executive Board

Possible changes to bylaws

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.