Community Renewable Energy Association

Minutes of the Executive Board

Date: January 8, 2016

Time: 10:00am-1:50pm

Location: Mid-Columbia Council of Governments: The Dalles, Oregon

Executive Board Members Present: Chair Don Coats, Vice Chair Ormand Hilderbrand, Judge Mike McCabe, Judge Steve Shaffer, Judge Terry Tallman, Judge Gary Thompson

Staff Present: Will Carey, Doris Penwell, Brian Skeahan, Sonja Carey

Members Present: Dan Spatz (Spatz Strategic Solutions), Tom McCoy (Sherman Co.), Les Perkins (Hood River Co./Farmers Irrigation Dist.)

Others Present: Douglas Krause (Rute Foundations)

Attend by Phone: Greg Adams, Peter Richardson, Randy Joseph (Lime Wind/Joseph Millworks)

Recording Secretary: Sonja Carey

Handouts

Agenda for Exec Board meeting of January 8, 2016

Executive Board Minutes of December 11, 2015

Executive Board Phone Conference Minutes of December 23, 2015

Financials for December, 2015

Financials for December with Budget for 2015/2016 factored in (Sarah)

Director’s Report for December, 2015

Copy of CREA contract with MCCOG for services

Draft QF/Private Developer Recruitment Letter

Copies of PacifiCorp, PGE, Idaho Power (QF and private developer lists)

Idaho Power UM1610 private developer request

Oregon Clean Electricity Plan (provided by Doris Penwell)

Gorge Training Facility Org Chart (provided by Douglas Krause of Rute Foundations)

Call to Order

Executive Board Chair Don Coats called the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) meeting to order and presided over events of the meeting. Introductions were made around the room.

Open Agenda

Chair Coats opened the floor for a listing of items not on the agenda. No agenda additions were made.

Business Meeting

**Motion** to approve Executive Board meeting minutes of December 11, 2015

**Made** by: Ormand Hilderbrand

**Seconded** by: Judge Steve Shaffer

The motion was unanimously **moved.**

**Motion** to approve Executive Board meeting (phone conference) minutes of December 23, 2015

**Made** by: Ormand Hilderbrand

**Seconded** by: Judge Steve Shaffer

The motion was unanimously **moved.**

**Motion** to accept the financial statements for CREA for month of December 2015

**Made** by: Judge Steve Shaffer

**Seconded** by: Ormand Hilderbrand

The motion was unanimously **moved**.

OPUC Update

Greg Adams phoned in an update on CREA's recent involvement with Oregon Public Utilities Commission. Topics included:

Docket UM 1610: contract terms, sufficiency period pricing

PGE out of cycle OPUC filing (addressed by CREA)

Obsidian Renewable rulemaking decision: desire for OPUC to discard quasi-judicial contested case policy and adopt a rulemaking procedure in its place

(proposed rules more consistent with CREA desires re: PURPA implementation)

Comments have been filed.

Legislative Update, RPS Settlement

Doris Penwell gave an update on legislative issues.

Discussion re: CREA’s stance towards RPS settlement (ban on coal and raising RPS to 50% by 2040) and the absence of specific benefit for small scale and community owned renewable energy projects.

MCEDD Membership for CREA

Director Skeahan spoke about the possibility of developing a reciprocal affiliate membership relationship between MCEDD and CREA. He is in contact with MCEDD staff regarding this. An MOU approach was discussed as MCEDD does not have an associate membership mechanism in place..

MCCOG Contract with CREA

Director Skeahan brought to the Board’s attention, the original contract between MCCOG and CREA in which MCCOG provides staff, treasury and administrative support for CREA. Skeahan will schedule an appointment with MCCOG’s new executive director, Bob Francis, to update/modify/secure an agreement between CREA and MCCOG.

Contribution to Participate in Funding for Exploration of Opening CA Market

**Motion** to approve $1000 to Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone (CGBEZ) to contribute towards financing further California energy market research.

**Made** by: Chair Don Coats

**Seconded** by: Judge Steve Shaffer

The motion was unanimously **moved**.

Gilliam County 2 MW Wind Project Update

Douglas Krause spoke on the proposed 2 MW wind project for Gilliam County.

Recruitment Effort

Director Skeahan spoke on progress of the private developer recruitment effort. A draft letter was submitted via handouts at the meeting.

John Day Pool

FERC denied PUD’s extension application, as well as a third permit request on procedural grounds. The draft license may still be completed and submitted for application. HydroChina may still be interested in the project.

Schedule for Executive Board meetings in 2016

The following is a tentative location schedule for Executive Board meetings in 2016:

February 12, 2016 Salem, OR (AOC bldg)

March 11, 2016 The Dalles, OR (MCCOG)

April 8, 2016 Prineveville, OR (Crook Co Courthouse)

May 13, 2016 The Dalles, Oregon (MCCOG/MHCC)

June 10, 2016 Lincoln County, Oregon (town & location TBA)

July -- NO MEETING

August 12, 2016 Boardman, OR (SAGE Center)

September 9, 2016 Madras/Prineville (town & location TBA)

October 10, 2016 The Dalles, OR (MCCOG/MHCC)

November 14, 2016 Eugene, in conjunction with AOC Annual Conference (Eugene Hilton)

All meetings will take place from 10am-1pm.

Adjournment

Chair Coats adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm