

BE IT REMEMBERED, that at a regular term of the Board of Commissioners of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union, sitting for the transaction of County business, begun and held at the Joseph Building Annex in the City of La Grande, in said County and State, on Wednesday of said month and the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said Commission, when were present:

The Honorable R. Matthew Scarfo Chair
Donna Beverage Commissioner
Paul Anderes Commissioner

WHEN, on Wednesday the 9th day of June, 2021, among others the following proceedings were had to wit:

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL)
STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN UNION COUNTY DUE)
TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND REQUESTING THE) RESOLUTION
STATE OF OREGON DECLARE A DISASTER AND STATE) 2021-08
OF EMERGENCY IN UNION COUNTY)

WHEREAS, Union County currently has significantly less snowpack remaining than an average water year; and

WHEREAS, if current conditions persist, the County's agricultural industry has the potential to suffer additional widespread and severe economic damage, potential injuries, and loss of property resulting from extreme weather conditions within the county, evidenced by current and forecasted drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, water flows in the Grande Ronde and Powder Basins have receded quickly to low levels and are projected to continue to recede; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and livestock, to protect or mitigate economic loss, and to be responsive to the threat of wildfires.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Commissioners, under the emergency powers granted by ORS 401.309, declare a local STATE OF EMERGENCY within Union County due to **drought conditions**.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that since the STATE OF EMERGENCY exists, the Union County Board of Commissioners does hereby request and entreat the Governor of the State of Oregon to declare an Agricultural Disaster and ask that assistance be provided to Union County agricultural producers, thereby making State and Federal grants, loans and other financial assistance available to the affected residents of Union County.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2021.


R. Matthew Scarfo, CHAIR


Donna Beverage, COMMISSIONER


Paul Anderes, COMMISSIONER