

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 Donna Beverage Chair
Paul Anderes Commissioner
R. Matthew Scarfo Commissioner

WHEN, on Wednesday the 11th day of May, 2022, 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) 2022-10
OF EMERGENCY IN UNION COUNTY)

WHEREAS, 100% of Union County currently is experiencing drought conditions, with 72% of the County in Severe or Extreme drought status per the U.S. Drought Monitor;

WHEREAS, seasonal outlook forecasts prepared by the National Climate Prediction Center call for drier and warmer than average conditions in coming months;

WHEREAS, if current conditions persist as presently forecasted, 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;

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners has 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 Oregon provide assistance to Union County agriculture producers, thereby making State and Federal grants, loans and other financial assistance available to the affected residents of Union County.

DATED this 11th day of May, 2022.


Donna Beverage, CHAIR


Paul Anderes, COMMISSIONER


R. Matthew Scarfo, COMMISSIONER