RESOLUTION NO. 1586 CITY OF PRINEVILLE, OREGON

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE POLICY REGARDING THE PRINEVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Whereas, the City of Prineville ("City") has pursued plans to build and operate a 35-megawatt biomass power plant facility known as the Prineville Renewable Energy Project ("PREP").

Whereas, City supports PREP for the purpose of making a meaningful and measurable positive impact on improving forest health, reducing wildfire risk, and reviving the forest products industry in Central Oregon.

Whereas, City supports PREP for the benefits of providing additional jobs, and increasing tax and franchise fee revenue to the City.

Whereas, on or about June 28, 2022, the City Council, serving in its role as the Local Contract Review Board for the City, approved the City entering into a personal services contract with TRM Energy Solutions, LLC for the launch and permitting phases of the PREP.

Whereas, after the launch and permitting phases are complete, the PREP will require the construction and operations phases.

Whereas, the City recognizes the benefits of private ownership of PREP for the construction and operation phases and recognizes the obstacles associated with the construction and operation of a biomass power plant.

Whereas, the City believes it is critical that the operations of PREP shall be done by an entity that has experience with the project, familiarity with working with the City, and knowledge of the City's needs and desires related to PREP.

Now, Therefore, the City resolves that it shall be the policy of the City regarding PREP that if the City's goals are obtainable without further involvement or ownership of the Project, then the City shall endeavor to provide any work product to a partner that is able to effectively construct and operate PREP consistent with this Resolution.

Approved by the City Council this 12th day of December, 2023.

Rodney J. Beebe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Morgan, City Recorder