

**WASCO COUNTY 4-H & EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT
AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

**LOCATION: Wasco County Courthouse, Room #302
511 Washington Street, The Dalles, Oregon**

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9:45 a.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

9:45 a.m. **[Public Hearing to Adopt 2015-2016 Budget](#)**

9:55 a.m. **[12.17.2015 Minutes Approval](#)**

**NEW / OLD BUSINESS
ADJOURN**



WASCO COUNTY EXTENSION & 4-H SERVICE DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE 2015-2016 BUDGET
JUNE 3, 2015

PRESENT: Scott Hege, County Commissioner
Rod Runyon, County Commissioner
Steve Kramer, County Commissioner
STAFF: Lynn Long, District Budget Officer
Kathy White, Executive Assistant

At 9:58 a.m. Chair Hege opened the hearing.

Budget Adoption

Mr. Long said that he had nothing to add regarding the budget but wanted to respond to some questions the Board had posed during the Budget Committee meeting. He said he had sent an email (attached) detailing the answers. He said that the Extension is educational and when partnering with other groups that is the role the Extension plays. He explained that a lot of the groups they work with use the Extension to get the word out and do the education piece.


{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to approve Resolution #15-004 in the Matter of the Wasco County 4H & Extension Service District Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget, tax levy and appropriations. Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}}

Minutes

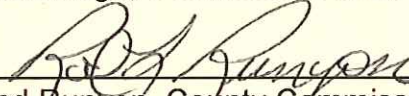
{{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the 12.17.2014 4-H & Extension Service District minutes. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}}

Chair Hege closed the public hearing at 10:01 a.m.

WASCO COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
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4-H & Extension Service District*



Scott Hege, Commission Chair



Rod Runyon, County Commissioner



Steve Kramer, County Commissioner

Agenda Item

Budget Hearing

- [Budget Message](#)
- [Resolution 15-004 Adopting the 2015-2016 Budget](#)

Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District

400 E. Scenic Drive, The Dalles, OR 97058

May, 2015

2015-2016 Budget Message

The 2015-2016 proposed Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District Budget has been prepared in accordance with Oregon Law and Procedures as per requirements of the Department of Revenue. The budget document reflects estimated expenses and revenue requirements for the service district. As Budget Officer, I am presenting you with estimates of revenues and expenditures based on the best available information.

The focus of the FY 2014-15 Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District Budget reflects the further strengthening of existing programming and improved responsiveness to clientele.

The most significant aspects of the proposed budget are as follows:

1. Hired Lu Seapy as a full-time 4-H Educational Program Assistant (replaced Holly Morris). County Funded.
2. Hired part-time 4-H Educational Program Assistant for Maupin. Grant Funded. Science and mentoring focused.
3. Hiring part-time 4-H Educational Program Assistant for Computer Science. Grant Funded. Will work with the schools to offer coding/computer science focused educational opportunities.
4. Included funds for a 0.5 FTE Master Gardener Educational Program Assistant.
5. The FTE for our Office Specialist 2 was increased from 0.8 to 1.0 FTE to allow time for her to increase her 4-H work and conduct our marketing effort for Extension.
6. Part time clerical FTE increased from 0.49 to 0.6 in order to provide more support for front office, faculty, and educational program assistants.
7. We hired a new small farms program assistant who helps with small farm issues in the Mid-Columbia while providing additional support for our FCH program.
8. Through grants and other outside resources our programs in Horticulture are continuing to expand although direct support from the service district has been level.

Area Extension Administration, Director MCAREC, Crops – Brian Tuck

- County support for alternative cover crop research has provided the critical research base for collaborative work with NRCS, SWCD and local growers in Wasco County to promote the use of cover crops in the county
- County support has provided the opportunity for alternative crop research with a focus on intercropping legumes with small grains particularly with No-Till. Results have indicated an increase of 12-33% increase in small grains yields using this system. Future research will focus on suitability of different legumes particularly and with corn for use in intercropping systems with small grains.

- 90% of Brian's position is Administrative with Extension Offices in Wasco and Hood River Counties. His focus is on program support and enhancement. Brian is also working with OSU to create two faculty positions; a 5 FTE Small Farms position and a 1.0 FTE Business Development position. He is also focusing on working with OSU to have more of a presence in the Mid-Columbia, particularly with Graduate Students and Interns. With respect to MCAREC, the focus is on long-term sustainability, particularly in the development of stakeholder support through endowments and funding for operations support and creation of additional research infrastructure for enhancement of research with cherries, pears and apples.
- Continue to serve as the Co-PI for the Oregon Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension (SARE) Program which focuses on sustainable agricultural practices educational programming in Oregon.

Wasco County 4-H in Numbers: total of Wasco County youth reached (no duplications): 2,009

- Traditional Club Program
Club members: 271
Club leaders: 68 Club Leaders and 101 other volunteers
County Fair: 186 Exhibitors/1852 Exhibits
Clinics: Horse Classic, HEARTH Events, Livestock Judging/ Showmanship, Small Animal Clinic
- Teen Leadership Focus
Teen Leadership Club: 18 (meetings, community service, leadership training)
Camp Staff and Counselors: 24 (application, interview, 36 hours of training)
Jr. Superintendents: 13 (application, interview, 4 hour training, 12-18 hours of service)
- Camp Program – Residential and Day Camps
Residential: 95 (Teen and 4-6th grade)
Day Camps: 103 (12; 6 hour camps)
Special Interest/Short term programs: 1241 (Exploring 4-H Clinic, Babysitting Trainings, National 4-H Science, Ag in the Classroom, Science in the classroom, etc.)
- School Based Programs:
Afterschool/In-school special interest: 89/434 (minimum of 6 hours of contact; The Dalles & Dufur; science/tech focused)
In-school enrichment programs: 1, 167 (average of 1 hour of contact time)

What's New?

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Cereal Crops- Sandy Macnab

- Established third year of direct seed trials strips in Wasco County. Published data from 2014 trials which did influence grower selection choices.
- Continued promotion of hazardous household and agricultural wastes practices. Tri County program has removed a million pounds of hazardous wastes from our landfill and watersheds.
- Active with start-up of North Central Livestock Association, combining livestock producers from Wasco and Sherman Counties into one active group. Now have established "wolf compensation committee" which will provide assistance for reducing the draw of wolves to livestock and can reimburse ranchers for confirmed wolf kill losses.
- One column written as part of my contribution to Extension Cords has received over 250 positive reviews.
- Served on selection committee and made presentation to Agricultural Achievement Award from The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Team member on weed research project and soil health project, both ideas which were conceived on local area spring Crop Hops.
- Conducted 7 classes for advanced ag students at Dufur High.
- Successfully re-established the Bull Tour, first time since 2005. Drew 133 ranchers to 5 stops.
- Cooperated with ag economist on a case study conducted in the Dufur area. Hopefully will help the landowner decide mode of action, but definitely a learning aid for the students.
- Assisted in offering 9 classes for farmers to help them better understand options in the new Farm Bill.
- Cooperated as speaker in 23rd annual Neighborhood Meetings. Has been a good relationship building tool.

Family and Community Health (FCH) – Lauren Kraemer, Patty Ortega-Flores

- The Wasco County Family and Community Health Program continues to focus efforts on Healthy Eating and Active Living as we strive to prevent and reduce chronic diseases like arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and over-weight and obesity. Our food preservation programs seek to prevent food borne illness and empower students with skills to preserve their own food, thereby increasing their food security and growing their awareness of our regional food system.

Healthy Eating

- The Master Food Preserver (MFP) program will continue to contribute several hundred hours of service to the community this year through classes, booths at the Farmer's Market, and responding to questions from community members. 11 Food Preservation classes were taught in The Dalles last year and 10 will be offered this year. These classes reach roughly 150 people each year and hundreds more are engaged through our booths at markets and over the phone.

- The SNAP-Ed Program continues to reach local elementary students. Education Program Assistant Patty Ortega-Flores conducts nutrition education and outreach at Colonel Wright, Dry Hollow, and Chenoweth Elementary Schools in The Dalles. Children and youth are learning about the "MyPlate" tool and can easily name and recognize the food groups after a few years with Patty. They are learning to make better food choices through balancing food and fun. Patty reinforces these messages through storybooks, hands-on activities, food tastings, and recipes that the students love to take home and share with their families.
- SNAP-Ed will continue to reach adult audiences through outreach at food banks and low income housing sites. This is a new initiative and has been well received at St. Vincent De Paul and the Salvation Army Food Pantries. We anticipate hiring a part time EPA to conduct additional outreach with adult audiences in SNAP-Ed given the need to address childhood obesity.
- Lauren is also very engaged with the Gorge Grown Food Network and serves on their Board of Directors to connect OSU Extension with work on food systems, farm to school, and healthy eating education.
- Lauren has served on the Oregon Solution Wasco County Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition and will continue that work in the coming months and years.

Active Living

- Lauren has led multiple Strong Women Leader Trainings in The Dalles and the program continues to expand around the region. 2015 and 2016 will bring two more leader trainings and on-going programs at the Columbia Gorge Community College, Mid-Columbia Senior Center, and North Central Public Health District as well as around the state.
- OSU is partnering with the National Arthritis Foundation and the Area Agency on Aging to offer the highly-successful and evidence-based Walk With Ease curriculum. Lauren is recruiting local volunteers to become trained leaders and recruit participants to engage in a 6-week walking program this year. We have had one program this spring and anticipate several more throughout the summer and fall.
- The Family and Community Education group in Mosier is still very active and is seeking new membership and continuing education opportunities. Their attendance at educational events has been high and the interest in the programs is growing. These groups not only impact the social health of participants but their emotional, cognitive and physical health as well.

OSU Open Campus- Wasco County

OOC Focus #1 – Increasing College and Career Readiness

- Implemented Juntos Program at The Dalles Middle School and Mosier Middle School
 - 12 TDMS families and 10 Mosier MS families attended initial 6 week training and continue to participate in ongoing continuing education programs.
 - TDMS Families formed a club and have engaged in fundraisers to raise funds to purchase T shirts for upcoming Juntos Family Day. Families will attend this event on May 2, to be held at OSU-Corvallis
- Started Juntos Club at The Dalles High school

- Club members meet weekly. Advisors assist with scholarship and college applications. Members participate in fundraisers with TDMS club

OOC Focus #2 – Increasing Degree Completions

- Strengthened connection between OSU and Columbia Gorge Community College to better assist CC students wishing to transfer to OSU online or on-campus programs
 - Established regular weekly office hours on both CGCC campuses to provide enrollment coaching to students. Have access to office space within the academic advising area on both campuses.
 - Implemented an online referral system for CGCC advisors to use and better connect students to OOC enrollment coach and to allow prospective students to self-refer
 - Joint marketing campaign with CGCC in progress to increase prospective student awareness of options for beginning at CGCC and transferring to OSU.

OOC Focus #3 – Increase Professional Development opportunities and Support Community Economic

Development

- Formed the Columbia Gorge Internship Network
Partnered with CGCC, WSU, Gorge Technology Alliance, Clark College, Saturday Academy and the Small Business Development Center to start up this network with the goal of creating more internship opportunities in the Gorge and help connect interns to them.
 - Offered workshop for businesses to help them understand what is needed to successfully implement internships at their business

Horticulture – Lynn Long, David Crawford, Colin Palmer

- Working with scientists from WSU and MSU we published a new training system manual for growers that includes 7 different training systems. We are now nearly ready to release an e-book version for tablets.
- US AID published a cherry production manual of 262 pages in Romanian for the growers of Moldova in which I was lead author. Because of this effort, I plan to publish a similar publication in English for growers in Wasco County and the United States.
- Continued evaluating several anti-rain cracking agents in Wasco County. One of the products has been commercialized and shows the ability to reduce rain cracking on cherries by about 50%. We also evaluated new formulations comprised of nanocellulose that shows promise. Helped to set up similar trials in Chile on these compounds so that we could obtain two seasons of testing in one year.
- Worked with a local consultant in Chile to obtain a grant from the Chilean government to establish a training system trial with three systems in Chile. The trial was planted last fall (their spring) and will allow us to obtain data from two locations in one season.
- Our newest training system trial is now in its third leaf with three high density systems including a super high density system from Italy.

- Another Variety, Rootstock and Training System Trial with Tim Dahle is now in its sixth leaf. This trial includes the evaluation of three varieties on five rootstocks and two training systems.
- Continuation of the variety evaluation effort with nearly 70 varieties and selections from around the world.
- Working with our horticulturalist in Hood River to develop methods to improve fruit size and increase harvest quality.
- In an award winning program Master Gardeners continue to work side by side with incarcerated youth at NORCOR as they grow greenhouse plants. Master Gardeners not only teach the youth about raising plants but interact in a way that potentially provides hope and direction for their future.
- Forty-five Master Gardeners were trained by OSU faculty in Wasco County. These Master Gardeners provided nearly 3,000 hours of volunteer work for the people of Wasco County with youth and adult education programs such as the youth educational garden at The DIG, in collaboration with Google. Nearly 3,000 Wasco County residents interacted directly with the Master Gardeners in 2014.

Small Farms – Rachel Suits

- Focusing on technical support to small farms and supporting farmers participating in local Farmer's Markets.
- Outreaching to small farms about general and in-depth farming topics.
- Conducted a seminar this spring with WSU Extension about newly invasive insect species, spotted wing Drosophila and brown marmorated stink bug. The seminar provided pest management strategies for these pests on small, diversified farms.
- Sourcing local produce from farms for monthly SNAP-Ed Tasting Tables in school cafeterias which exposes students to fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables.

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
IN AND FOR THE
WASCO COUNTY 4-H & EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR)
2015-2016 BUDGET, TAX LEVY AND) RESOLUTION
APPROPRIATIONS) #15-004

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasco County Board of Commissioners,
Governing Body of the Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District, hereby
adopts the Budget approved for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the total of \$1,167,915
now on file in the Office of the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the amounts for the Fiscal Year
beginning July 1, 2015 and for the purposes shown below are hereby appropriated:

GENERAL FUND:

Personnel & Materials & Services	\$ 467,050
Contingency	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 507,050
Total Unappropriated & Reserve Amounts	\$ 660,865
TOTAL ADOPTED BUDGET	<u>\$ 1,167,915</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Commissioners, Governing Body of the Wasco County Extension and 4-H Service District, imposes the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations; and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for tax year 2015-2016 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the District as follows:

	Subject to the General Government <u>Limitation</u>	Excluded From <u>Limitation</u>
General Fund	\$0.25/\$1,000	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the Board of Commissioners certify to the Assessor of Wasco County, Oregon, the tax levy made by this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the Wasco County Board of County Commissioners on June 3, 2015.

ATTEST:

Kathy White
Executive Assistant

WASCO COUNTY BOARD
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kristen Campbell
Wasco County Counsel

Scott C. Hege, Chair

Rod L. Runyon, County Commissioner

Steven D. Kramer, County Commissioner

Agenda Item Minutes

- [12.17.2014 4-H & Extension Service District
Minutes](#)



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
WASCO COUNTY 4-H & EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 17, 2014

PRESENT: Scott Hege, Commission Chair
Rod Runyon, County Commissioner
Steve Kramer, County Commissioner
STAFF: Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer
Kathy White, Executive Assistant

At 2:07 p.m. Chair Hege opened Regular Session of the Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District. There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

Agenda Item – Budget Officer

{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to approve Order 14-??? reappointing Lynn Long as Budget Officer for the Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District. Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}}

Agenda Item – Budget Committee

{{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve Order 14-127 appointing Ken Polehn to the Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District Budget Committee. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}}

WASCO COUNTY 4-H & EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION
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Agenda Item – Minutes

**{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to approve the 6.11.2014 Minutes.
Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}}**

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