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January 2020



ASOTIN COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

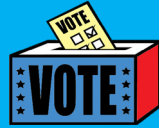


Assisting, protecting, and restoring Asotin County's natural resources.

NEW Resource Technician!



Hi Asotin County! I'm Zach Van Orsdel, ACCD's newest Resource Tech. My fiancé and I recently moved to Moscow so she could attend UI (for conservation ecology) and we both quickly agreed that this area would be our adoptive home. I'm originally from a farming community in Minnesota where I got my B.S. in geology and I completed my M.S. in geology in 2019 at ISU in Pocatello. I've worked in and around natural resources for several years including time at Minnesota's Geological Survey, an environmental consulting company, Idaho's Beneficial Use Reconnaissance Program where I surveyed remote stream habitats to assess their health for salmon and trout, and at UI working with soil health on dryland farms. I have been looking for a way to use my education practically at a local level and couldn't be more excited to do exactly that at the ACCD.



Election Notice



WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Asotin County Conservation District operates under the laws of the State of Washington applicable to conservation districts.

WHEREAS the District is governed by a five-member board, as set out in RCW Chapter 89 .08 and WAC Section 135-110.

It is resolved that a poll site election for an open position on the District Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 10a.m. until 2p.m. at the Asotin County Conservation District's Office.

The elected position whose term is expiring in May 2020 is currently held by Kelsey Crawford. The new term will commence May 2020 and expire May 2023.

Interested candidates must be registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District. Candidates may be required to be landowners or operators of a farm, depending on the current composition of the District board of Supervisors. The filing deadline for candidates to file their candidate information is February 13, 2020 no later than 4:30pm. Interested candidates must file their candidate information at the Districts office at 720 Sixth Street, Suite B, Clarkston, WA 99403.

Eligible voters are registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District. The last day and time that voter can request absentee ballots from the District is February 20, 2020 at 4:30pm. Absentee ballots can be requested from Asotin County Conservation District staff located at 720 Sixth Street, Suite B, Clarkston, WA 99403 - Tel: (509)552-8117.

The election supervisor will be Colleen Ozard.

A conservation district supervisor is a public official who serves without compensation and who sets policy and direction for the conservation district. The published election procedures can be viewed at the District office and are available from the Washington State Conservation Commission at <http://scc.wa.gov/>.

Asotin Co. Direct Seed & Cover Crop Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th

10 a.m. at the ACCD Office

The roundtable format provides a time for producers to share experiences and information about direct seeding and cover crops in Asotin County. ACCD and NRCS employees will provide updates on supporting programs and technical information.



Columbia County
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2020 Annual Meeting

Columbia County
Fairgrounds, Pavilion

January 23, 2020

8:00 AM - 2:10 PM



8:00-8:30 a.m. – Registration
8:30-8:40 a.m. – Welcome
8:40-8:50 a.m. – Columbia County
Weed Board Update
8:50-9:40 a.m. – WA Noxious
Weed Board Legislative Update
9:40-10:30 a.m. – Identification and
Mgmt of Major Pea Diseases in the
Columbia Basin
10:30-10:40 a.m. – Break
10:40-11:30 a.m. – All Eyes on Me:
Paraquat Update
11:30-12:20 p.m. – Lunch
12:20-1:10 p.m. – Biology & Mgmt
of Smooth Scouringrush & Rush
Skeletonweed
1:10-1:40 p.m. – Sprayer
Technology and Calibration
1:40-2:10 p.m. – Weed Quiz, Test
Your Pest ID Skills

Attendance of this full day class
will provide 5 recertification
credits through WSDA.



Please RSVP to
columbiacountyweedboard@hotmail.com
or call 509-382-9760

2020 Garfield County Farmers Day
Monday, February 3, 2020 at the Pataha Flour Mill

2 WSDA Pesticide Recertification Credits have been applied for
Please RSVP to heitstuman@wsu.edu or call (509) 843-3701

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts
- 8:30 a.m. Polls open for Pomeroy CD supervisor
- 9:00 a.m. “Garfield County Voluntary Stewardship Program”
Brad Johnson and Pomeroy Conservation District
- 9:25 a.m. “Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)”
Pomeroy Conservation District
- 9:50 a.m. “Garfield County Farm Service Agency Update”
Emily Ruchert, Garfield/Asotin County Acting CED
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. “Beaver Dam Restoration Update”
Rep. from Eco Logical Research Inc., Newton, UT
- 11:00 a.m. “Biological Control of Weeds Basics; and How It Works with Other
Tools Available in an IPM Strategy”
Paul Brusven, Nez Perce Bio - Control Center Coordinator
- 11:50 a.m. “Washington Wheat Ambassador Program”
Gunnar Aune, Washington Wheat Ambassador from Colfax
- 12:00 p.m. Catered free lunch provided by the Pomeroy Conservation District
and local sponsors
- 12:30 p.m. “Is Strata Solar’s LSR project going to be Walking on Sunshine or
Throwing Shade?”
Pomeroy FFA Agricultural Issues Presentation
- 1:00 p.m. “Agronomy Update - AgWeatherNet, Soil pH and Hessian Fly”
Paul Carter, WSU Columbia County Extension
- 1:30 p.m. “NRCS Cover Crop On - Farm Trials”
Jim Schroeder, Asotin County NRCS
- 2:00 p.m. “Winter Pea Production in the Pacific Northwest”
Dr. Steve Van Vleet, WSU Whitman County Extension
- 2:50 p.m. “Pomeroy Conservation District Update”
Duane Bartels, Pomeroy Conservation District Manager
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment



Important Dates for ACCD, NRCS & FSA

- FSA COC meeting on February 5th at 9 a.m.
- ACCD Board meeting on February 6th at 12:00 p.m. at the District’s office
- Save the Date! - ACCD Annual Meeting – Evening of March 12th (More details next month)



Our offices will be closed

MONDAY,
JANUARY 20TH
IN HONOR OF
MLK JR DAY