

OSU Extension Service District Board Meeting Notes

March 17, 2021

Commissioner's Board Room | Polk County Courthouse | Dallas, OR

In attendance: Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner Craig Pope, Richard Riggs, Alisha Atha, Darrell Ward, Emily Lampe, Jim Clawson, Hayley White, Jeff Sherman, Karin Stutzman.

Chairman Pope called meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Comments for items not on this agenda – None

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mordhorst moved, Commissioner Pope second – Approved

Approval of Consent Calendar

- a. Extension Service District Meeting Notes – September 18, 2019
- b. Extension Service District Meeting Notes – January 29, 2020
- c. Extension Service District Audit

Commissioner Mordhorst moved, Commissioner Pope second – Approved

OSU Extension Admin Update – Richard Riggs

- Next week is statewide day at capital, held via Zoom.
 - o OSU ask is current service level. No new positions requested, and leaving some vacancies open. As positions open around the state we'll prioritize needs from around the state at that time.
- Ext Vice Provost/Extension Director search is ongoing. Proposed July 1 filled.
- Received proposal from Derek about weather station. We will be engaging in that conversation with PECAN before coming back to the board. The ask is \$10,000
- Javier Fernandez-Salvador has retired to take charge of olive research at UC Davis. Research that Javier was doing will continue to be done and will continue to benefit Polk County, without us having to contribute towards other positions. Will be looking to replace Javier's position, however will be a partnership between Marion Co Ext and Chemeketa. That position will also have a research component.

Open Campus – Jeff Sherman

- There is a \$7,000 contribution per cohort from the school for supplies and other misc. costs.
- Total cost for the county would be up to \$25,000 from Polk and Marion each. This would extend position through 2022 and give more time to find more funding to extend longer.
- Jeff has reached out to school districts for their interest/support
 - o Salem Keizer is partially interested
 - o Woodburn is very supportive

- Central SD is supportive
- Have not had conversation with Perrydale
- Additional information included in summary attached to notes.

4-H Outreach – Emily Lampe

- Emily is responsible for 4-H outreach in Polk County, school programs and camps. Reaches out to communities that may not be as involved. Also responsible for 4-H Ambassadors Program, which is the older youth leadership club.
- Programs during COVID-19
 - Wanted to make sure that they were accessible and inclusive.
 - Reduced 4-H program fee.
 - Provided supplies needed for all workshops, so it wasn't a burden on families to get supplies.
 - Seeing more kids participating from all areas of Polk County. Introducing 4-H to children who had not had experience before.
- Partnerships
 - Monmouth library, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Falls City School
- Programs
 - Outdoor Explorers Camp
 - Food & Nutrition baking programs
 - Focused on healthy alternatives. Challenged youth to think of ways to alter recipes in a healthier manner
 - Hope to increase their confidence of cooking in their own kitchen and home.
 - Embryology
 - Booked throughout the rest of the year.
 - 4-H Youth Ambassadors
 - Civic engagement, community service, public speaking.
 - Seamlessly transitioned to virtual
 - They developed STEAM education program
 - Currently working on developing a podcast
- Looking forward
 - Increasing physical activity programs.
 - Accessible science programs
 - Summer camps
 - Increase impact in the schools.
 - More community outreach – who are we not currently reaching?

* Craig would like to bring in Ambassadors, in front of the commissioners. Any Tuesday or Wednesday. Would like the commissioners to recognize them. Alisha and Emily will work to get this arranged.

Agriculture Outreach Coordinator – Hayley White

- From Oregon, Malheur County.
- Working with Heather Stoven and Javier Fernandez-Salvador on upcoming Oregon Olive School. Putting on one big event before Javier leaves. This will be one of the first in person event OSU is doing and held at NWREC. Will be an outdoor series of farm tours.

- Has been filming hands on videos to have more online content for live demonstrations. Berries, olive up potting, etc.
- Approached by Marion Polk Food Share to create more video content featuring farms here in Polk County to use in several class formats, etc.
 - o Suggest contact - Kirk Hutchison from Perrydale. Food for All, Pork for People.
- Helped coordinate local working group meeting NRCS and other Soil and Water activities.
- Passion is connecting people to land, hands on education, get people engaged. Background is in livestock – would love Polk county sheep school to get new people interested in raising sheep.
- Has been fielding a lot of the small farms questions
- On a rodent working group. Has a bio control workshop in the works.

Wrap up 2:55pm

OSU Open Campus & Juntos Coordinator
Polk County Executive Summary
March 9, 2021

What is being proposed?

In partnership with The Ford Family Foundation, local stakeholders, and based on community needs, OSU Open Campus and Juntos program is proposing the hire of a Program Coordinator to serve Marion and Polk counties. This Coordinator will be a team member of the Division of University Engagement and Extension OSU Open Campus and Juntos team and will have regional responsibilities. This full-time, fixed-term, position will be located in Marion County with service for Polk County. Through the partnership with The Ford Family Foundation, we have resources for one year. However, any additional funding significantly extends the position beyond a single year commitment.

What is Open Campus and Juntos?

OSU Open Campus is a partnership among Oregon State University, many of Oregon's Community Colleges, the K-12 education systems, the business communities and local government. The goal of OSU Open Campus is to provide local access to learning that meets the needs of individuals, families, businesses, and communities. Juntos is designed to empower Latino youth and families with knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent students from dropping out of high school and build the path to college. Juntos offers culturally-relevant programming such as family sessions, college visits, student clubs, and leadership opportunities.

Why is this position needed?

The partnership between Chemeketa Community College, Oregon State University, and school districts in Yamhill County has served as the proof of concept for serving families through culturally-relevant programs and partnerships. As shown in the table below, community partners and funders stepped up to support the expansion of these programs for families in Marion and Polk counties. As OSU Extension continues to serve more people, we would hope families would also discover other Extension programs and participate across all Extension programming.

While there are many factors to why students drop out, the Open Campus and Juntos program believe that by engaging the entire family around the nuts and bolts of the complex educational system in the United States, families will be more empowered to help their students navigate the system. In Polk County, 25% of students are Latino with an 82% high school graduation rate compared to the average at 85%. A high school diploma is the foundation for economic prosperity and access to college. However, the negative consequences of not completing a diploma span far beyond a monetary value including increased negative health outcomes.

What are the budget implications?

We are estimating the position will start between \$56,000-\$60,000, and after benefits estimates for total cost will be between \$89,000 and \$96,000. With two partners averaging \$22,000-24,000, the coordinator position could be extended for an additional year. \$90,000 is committed from OSU Open

Campus starting June 15, 2021 and guaranteed for a year. An investment from Polk and Marion counties would extend the position (at least) through December 2022.

Who is supportive of the position?

Partner Organization	Name, Title
Chemeketa Community College	Holly Nelson, Executive Dean
Central School District	Dr. Jennifer Kubista, Superintendent
Willamette Education Service District	Jesus Sandoval, Migrant Education Program
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	Oswaldo Avila, Talent, Innovation, & Equity Grant Administrator
CAPACES Leadership Institute	Jaime Arredondo, Executive Director

Where are other resources to learn about Open Campus and Juntos?

[Juntos Evaluation Report](#)

[OSU Juntos Program](#)