



Columbia Rural Electric Association

NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:


Columbia REA's District #2 Board Director Vacancy Filled by Eric Johnson

Columbia REA (Dayton, Washington) announces their Board of Directors appointed Eric Johnson to fill the vacancy due to the departure of DJ Frame for District 2. This district encompasses the Touchet River Valley from Waitsburg to just south of Dayton and the foothills of the Blue Mountains east of Dayton including the Tucannon River Valley south of Marengo.

Eric was born and raised on a dry land wheat and cattle ranch in Eastern Washington. He is a graduate from Washington State University in Agricultural Economics. Eric has previously worked in banking and community finance for more than thirty years. Eric has had involvement and held an office in many of community associations, such as Kiwanis, JC's, Moose, Eagles, Chamber of Commerce, Columbia County Community Network and Dayton Historical Preservation Society. Eric and his wife Cheri live on a small farm in Dayton where he is currently self-employed. He is the treasurer of Dayton Historical Depot Society and a member of Waitsburg Lions Club.

Eric feels that due to his previous financial experiences and community involvement he is an asset to the CREA board. He is looking forward to the challenges ahead, learning about the cooperative difference and serving as a director on the CREA board.

DJ Frame resigned from the position in July, 2011 for professional reasons. Eric will fill the remainder of the term that ends at the annual meeting to be held in April, 2013.

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