

Eric Johnson
District 3 Director
Current Vice President
Term Expires: 2017

Eric Johnson, of 1008 N Touchet Rd., Dayton, was born and raised on a dry-land wheat and cattle ranch in Eastern Washington. He is a graduate of Washington State University in Agricultural Economics. Eric has worked in banking and community finance for more than thirty years. Eric is involved in many community organizations, such as Kiwanis, Jaycee's, Moose, Eagles, Chamber of Commerce, Columbia County Community Network and Dayton Historical Preservation Society. He is the treasurer of Dayton Historical Depot Society and a member of Waitsburg Lions Club. Eric has earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate through National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Eric and his wife Cheri live on and operate a small farm in Dayton.

Kathleen Wooldridge
District 3 Director
Current President
Term Expires: 2018

Katie Wooldridge, of 808 Hwy 261, Starbuck, is a teacher and small business owner. She was raised on a cattle ranch/farm. She is a graduate of Whitman College, with a degree in Political Science and a graduate of Washington State University with a degree in Elementary Education and a Masters in Educational Technology. Katie is very active in her community; she serves as a volunteer firefighter with Fire District #1, volunteers as a volleyball coach at Dayton High School and helps with activities in 4-H. Katie is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and knows how important Columbia REA is to this community. Katie and her husband, Tony, have two children at home.

Jay DeWitt
District 3 Director
Term Expires: 2019

Jay DeWitt, of 5517 Middle Waitsburg Rd., Walla Walla, graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1975 and from Washington State University in 1980 with a BS in Agronomy. He worked for Monsanto from 1980-1990. From 1988-2006 he was a partner in DeWitt Ag Associates, a diversified farming company. In 2003 Jay co-founded Dumas Station Wines and presently grows the grapes and is the winemaker. Jay served on the Northwest Grain Growers (formerly Walla Walla Grain Growers) board of directors from 1994-2003. Jay is an independent business owner for more 25 years which provides him knowledge of the issues that are routine to running any business. Jay is a skilled communicator and a team player. Jay is married to Debbie, since 1979, they have two grown children.