

# Seed money for bio-diesel project given by county

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During an administrative meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13, the Josephine County Board of Commissioners voted 2-1 to approve an \$85,000 grant request from a Eugene-based company, N.W. Seed Crushers Inc.

Vice Chairman Sandi Cassanelli cast the lone dissenting vote on the matter. Chairman Dwight Ellis and Commissioner Dave Toler voted in favor of the grant.

The request was the product of a cooperative effort between the county's Renewable Energy Task Force, the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District, Oregon State University (OSU) and others.

N.W. Seed Crushers owner Chuck Bergfeld and co-founder Tim Parker had given a presentation to the board on Friday, Dec. 12 to formally request the grant, which comes from the county's economic development fund. That fund consists of pass-through state dollars from the state lottery.

Daryl Ehrensing, an agronomist with OSU's crop and soil science department,

told the board that "oil seeds have gotten a lot of interest these last few years" due to the rising cost of petroleum.

The N.W. Seed Crusher proposal involves contracting

oil and a lot of meal, so you have to have a market for that meal before you start, or you'll go out of business pretty quickly, so the meal is really important," he said.

and "seems to do better on marginal land." Canola has the potential for high seed yield and adapts well to climates similar to those of Southern Oregon.

It is estimated that there are approximately 26,000 farmable acres in Josephine County, and that 110 of those are producing camelina or canola for the company.

Toler said he supported the company's proposal, stating, "This is a very promising opportunity for Josephine County."

The company's representatives stated that they were only looking for a one-time funding investment from the county. The money will fund farming and harvesting 300 acres of the seed crops.

"I would rather see it go towards something like the airports," said Cassanelli.

Toler moved to approve the request, and Ellis seconded. "I think this is a good start of something economically for this county and it's a good use of our money," said Ellis.

The grant will be awarded to the Josephine County Soil and Water Conservation District, which will administer it.

**'This is a very promising opportunity for Josephine County' - Dave Toler**

with Josephine County farmers to grow canola and camelina for biodiesel and as livestock feed.

"Really, what we're talking about is trying to offer land owners here an opportunity to diversify their production and to give them some incentives for managing land that may not be well managed right now," Ehrensing said.

He added that growing those crops can help stop the spread of invasive species. The seeds are 40 percent oil by weight, he said, and can be extracted using "pretty simple technology."

Aside from biodiesel, seed oil extract also can have industrial applications, such as hydraulic fluid and motor oil, Ehrensing said. He added that canola and camelina's value as feed is a crucial part of the economic equation.

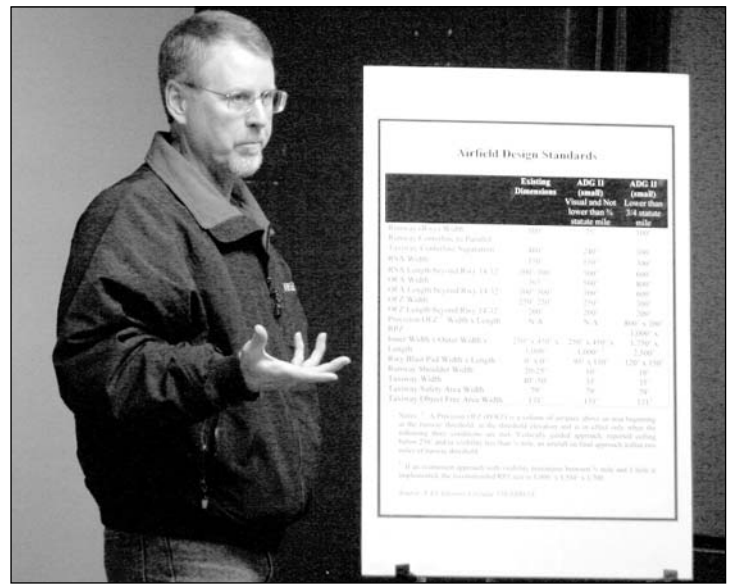
"You make a little bit of

Those crops "lend themselves really well to local, small-scale production," Ehrensing said, adding that a large processing plant would have required a \$20 million investment and the commitment of farmers to grow half a million acres of the crop. But the plants are getting smaller and can crush around 50 tons per day "relatively inexpensively," he said.

The growing of canola is heavily restricted in Oregon's Willamette Valley, because that region specializes in exporting high-value vegetable seeds such as broccoli and cabbage, and farmers don't want to risk cross-pollination.

"You don't have that problem in Southern Oregon," Ehrensing said. "You can grow whatever you want."

Camelina has been grown in Eastern Europe for thousands of years, he said,



Rainse Anderson discussed the project. (Photo by I.V. News)

## I.V. Airport 'wish list' voiced

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Ardent aviation enthusiasts and other interested parties made known their airport wish list before a meeting of the newly convened citizen committee empanelled to provide input to the Illinois Valley Airport master plan update process.

Among airport users, access to fuel topped the list of "must haves."

The meeting, held Tuesday night, Jan. 13, at the airport in the former smokejumper's mess hall, marked the first of four workshops the

committee will hold during the estimated 15-month update process. The meetings are intended to be working discussions between committee members, the county and WHPacific Inc., the consultant heading the project. The public is welcome to attend.

Rainse Anderson, project manager and director of aviation with WHPacific, explained that the purpose is to update the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). It is more than 7 years old and needs revision to reflect conditions including  
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## Tales from the Police Blotter

**(Editor's Note: Factual information for "Blotter" is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)**  
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### Friday, Jan. 9

\*A Naue Way resident complained that drivers frequently use the school bus turn-around at the end of the road as a place to "spin 360s."

\*A Cave Junction restaurant owner reported that a woman with a clipboard stated that she was a "Secret Shopper" and was asking questions about his inventory.

\*After a man reported that his tenant stole a blank check from his residence, wrote it for \$5,000 and signed it herself, Robin Lynn Wilson, 49, was cited on charges of first-degree theft, and first-

degree forgery. She was lodged in Josephine County Jail. Wilson faces additional charges of DUII and second-degree criminal mischief.

\*On Waldo Road at 9:21 p.m., Perry Lynn Merideth, 51, was cited on a charge of driving with a suspended license (DWS).

\*Contacted near Rough & Ready Creek, Patrick John Keever, 43, was cited on warrants charging failure to report and attempted eluding. He was lodged in county jail.

\*A Cave Junction man said that several members of one family were threatening to kill him and his family. The complainant stated that one man ran at him with a chainsaw, and had to be repelled at gunpoint.

\*It was reported in Cave Junction at 11:41 p.m. that young people in a Ford pickup truck were shooting paintballs at businesses and people along Redwood Hwy. Two officers stated that they were "unable to locate any paintball splatters."

\*An informational report for unlawful use of a weapon and seven counts of reckless endangerment was pending following a 3:05 a.m. incident involving drive-by shooting of an automatic weapon and harassment at a Hanby Lane residence.

### Saturday, Jan. 10

\*A persistent problem with a man making unwanted contact with a rural Cave Junction family was reported.

\*Joseph C. Nicols, 27, was cited on Illinois River Road for failure to display a firewood permit at 4:32 p.m.

\*After Patrick L. Hamer, 47, was contacted on Illinois River Road, a charge of DWS was referred to the county district attorney. His passenger, Travis Deke Michael Young, 34, was cited on a charge of having invalidated firewood tags.

\*At Tartar Gulch, Wil-

liam A. Sampley, 61, was cited on charges of DWS and a federal charge of possession of a controlled substance/marijuana.

\*Paul Cecil Miller, 34, was cited on a charge of speeding on Redwood Hwy. at Lone Mountain Road at 8:30 p.m.

\*Theft of a bedroom set from a residence on Dick George Road was reported.

\*At 8:40 p.m. an intoxicated woman was making herself unwelcome at a Caves Hwy. residence.

\*On Redwood Hwy. at Schuler Lane at 9:28 p.m., Michael Reece Turci, 52, was cited on a charge of DWS.

\*Jamie Mae Virden, 22, was cited on a charge of no vehicle insurance around 10 p.m. in the 31000 block of Redwood Hwy.

\*Stanley Earl Vaughn, 37, was cited on a charge of speeding (91 mph in a 55 mph zone) at milepost 25 on Redwood Hwy. at 10 p.m. He was warned concerning careless driving and failure to carry and present current proof of insurance.

### Sunday, Jan. 11

\*Around 6 p.m. it was reported that a man and a boy on E. River Street were involved in a "considerably violent" altercation. When contacted, the juvenile had no indication of physical injury, and there was no evidence of a crime.

\*Described as a prowler, someone was seen running into the woods from a Hanby Lane residence at 6:35 p.m.

\*A Deer Creek Road resident stated that a neighbor was shooting at her dogs.

\*A report of gunshots occurring for more than two hours was received from a Deer Creek Road resident.

### Monday, Jan. 12

\*It appeared that a cat triggered a burglar alarm at 3:13 a.m. at a warehouse on Holland Loop.

\*Theft from the mail and subsequent use of three Wal-Mart gift cards was reported.

\*A cow was reported running loose on Reeves Creek Road.

\*After making threats of suicide, a 23-year-old woman was transported to Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH) on a peace officer's mental hold.

\*Someone was seen lying on the ground in a pullout area adjacent to McMullen Creek Road. The caller was concerned they might be hit by a car. No one was around when a deputy checked.

\*A Selma resident said that his neighbor shot his dog.

\*In the 17000 block of Redwood Hwy. a woman reported theft of some \$200 by two youths she'd hired to do yard work.

### Tuesday, Jan. 13

\*A vehicle reported stolen from Corning, Calif. was recovered by the owner from a Downtown Cave Junction parking lot.

\*On Dick George Road a man said that his ex-wife was at his residence threatening to take things not hers.

\*A boy, 13, was reported as a runaway by his uncle.

\*After a report of a deliberate overdose, a woman, 23, was taken to TRCH on a peace officer's mental hold.

\*It was reported that a man was harassing a Hanby Lane resident and refusing to leave. Three people were contacted in front of the residence and sent on their way.

\*On W. River Street, a man was reporting an instance of menacing which occurred several days earlier when the call was interrupted by the arrival of three people, and a disturbance ensued.

### Wednesday, Jan. 14

\*Theft of a "large amount of money" from the office of the Junction Inn was reported at 9:05 a.m.

\*A burglary was reported

at a Deer Creek Road residence in the 1800 block.

\*A Deer Creek Road resident reported that her neighbor deliberately ran over her mailbox with a tractor.

\*Jeffrey Tyler Barnes, 17, was cited on a charge of DWS in the 200 block of N. Redwood Hwy. at 1:32 p.m. He also was warned for no driver-side fender and no mud flaps. His vehicle was impounded.

\*Theft of a rake from atop a pile of leaves in a yard in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. was reported.

\*A Cave Junction resident said that a man and woman held guns on his son and warned him to stay away from their daughter.

\*After a disturbance and foot chase at a McMullen Creek Road residence, Brian Paul Shaw, 34, was arrested on a peace officer's mental hold and taken to TRCH.

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### FRIDAY, JAN. 23

Nacho supreme, wiener wrap, corn dog, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, cheese, supreme or taco pizza; ham & cheese sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.

### MONDAY, JAN. 26

Beef soft tacos, chicken nuggets, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, cheese, vegetarian, or sausage pizza; ham & cheese sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 27

Chicken fajitas, rib-B-que sandwich, chicken burger, cheeseburger; pepperoni, cheese, or Hawaiian pizza; Italian sandwich, spicy chicken wrap; chef, antipasto, fruit & veggie, or garden salad.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

Taco salad, teriyaki beef rice bowl, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, sausage, cheese or Italian griller pizza; veggie sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.

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