

MINUTES
LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL
Thursday, July 28, 2022

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 12:07 P.M. in conference room 3A/3B at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center, 935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

PRESENT: August Stolba, Prairiewood Franciscan Spirituality Center
Amy Hockett, LCPH
Stephanie Schrader, City of CR Community Services Coordinator
Sarah Blais, NewBo City Market
Sandy Rosenberger, ISU Extension
Kim Guardado, HACAP
Emmaly Renshaw, Feed Iowa First

ABSENT: Melissa Wahl, Horizons
Emily Qual, Restaurant Manager
Laura Seyfer, Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
Tamara Marcus, LC BOS Sustainability Manager
Laura Krouse, Abbe Hills Farm

OTHERS

PRESENT: Ilsa Dewald, City of Iowa City
Jacquie Montoya, LCPH

STAFF: Mike Tertinger, Senior Planner
Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hockett to and all members present voting yes, to approve the June 23, 2022 LCFSC minutes as submitted.

Monthly Budget Report

Tertinger said the remaining account balance as of now is \$4,000.

Tertinger asked if the Council wanted to request the \$3000 that was left from last fiscal year back to the Council for use.

The Council said they would discuss that in the August meeting.

FARE Grant Discussion

Application: there is general discussion on formats of the application regarding video submission, phone call or in-person submission and removal of bias

Renshaw asked about including word limits in the written submission and time limits for audio submissions.

There was then general discussion on the information that will go on the app to include names (individual and/or organization), address' etc. Also putting a statement of instructions and whether a translator is being used or needs to be used for the applicant.

Reporting: Stolba reviewed the sheet on reporting, and everyone agreed it looked good

Program Manager RFP: Hockett reviewed the Program Manager RFP & job description for the potential Program Manager.

FSC Recruitment

Stolba reviewed that last meeting people were going to reach out to the local colleges. There were no updates this month and hopefully will have some next month.

Stolba reiterated the need to reach out the local colleges to get representation on the Council and possible grocers: Fareway, New Pi, Aldi, Ethnic Markets etc and also Blais brought up having Bankers, Lawyers, Loan officers as well.

Open Discussion

Oswood mentioned that today he is signing a 20-year lease for land for a partnership between Feed Iowa First and Linn County Conservation.

Guardado spoke on the Celebration of Ag event that will be on March 23rd @ the DoubleTree and reviewed what the event is and covers.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

Approved,



August Stolba, Chair