

MINUTES
LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL
Thursday, February 24th, 2022

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 12:20 P.M. in conference room 3A/3B at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center, 935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

PRESENT: Laura Seyfer, At-Large
Vildana Tinjic, LCPH
Stephanie Schrader, City of CR Community Services Coordinator
Carter Oswood, Feed Iowa First
Sandy Rosenberger, ISU Extension
Kim Guardado, HACAP
Mary Griffin, Horizons

ABSENT: August Stolba, Prairiewood Franciscan Spirituality Center
Laura Krouse, Abbe Hills Farm

OTHERS

PRESENT: Tamara Marcus, LC BOS Sustainability Manager
Ilsa Dewald, City of Iowa City

STAFF: Charlie Nichols, Director Linn County Planning and Development
Mike Tertinger, Senior Planner
Desire Irakoze, Planner I
Stephanie Lientz, Zoning Division Manager

Election of Officers

Guardado nominates Oswood as Chair for 2022. All voted in favor

Oswood nominates Stolba as Vice-Chair for 2022. All voted in favor

Oswood nominates Guardado as Secretary for 2022. All voted in favor

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Oswood to and all members present voting yes, to approve the January 27, 2022 LCFSC minutes as submitted.

Monthly Budget Report

Tertinger said the remaining account balance as of now is \$3,247.

Tertinger mentioned that 3 members of the Council signed up for the Food Systems Community Event and that \$80 registration fee came out of the budget. Seyfer, Griffin, Schrader and Irakoze from Planning & Development are attending.

Oswood would like to have a discussion on how the Council can use the budget more efficiently regarding the FSC meetings themselves. Examples are: reimbursing members for their time away from work, getting food for lunches etc.

ARPA Update

As of today, there is no update to the ARPA funding request. Nichols mentioned that he expects the 2nd week of March could be when the Council would hear something. He assumes that the review of the applications is behind because the Board is asking other departments to help with the reviews. He is thinking the end of March to the beginning of April is a reasonable estimate for the funding announcement.

Iowa Food Systems Coalition Focus Group

Dewald presented question on Strengths of the current Food System and all present (members and staff) gave their input

Dewald presented question on constraints and challenges of the current Food System and all present (members and staff) gave their input

Dewald asked "if you had a magic wand what would you change about the current Food System to address the constraints & challenges and also strengthen the current strengths" and all present (members and staff) gave their input.

(Focus Group notes from Ilsa DeWald added to FSC minutes archive)

2022 Workplan

Oswood mentioned that next session the Council will jump right into the work plan for 2022

FSC Recruitment

Oswood said that recruitment is ongoing and Guardado asked how many seats do we need to fill. Both Tertinger and Oswood said 5 seats as of now.

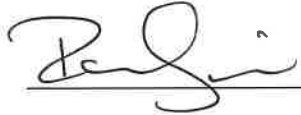
Open Discussion

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.

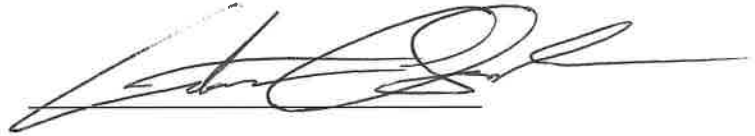
Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Carter Oswood, Chair