

**MINUTES**  
**LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, March 24th, 2022**

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 12:03 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  
Vildana Tinjich, LCPH  
Stephanie Schrader, City of CR Community Services Coordinator  
Carter Oswood, Feed Iowa First  
Sandy Rosenberger, ISU Extension  
Kim Guardado, HACAP  
Laura Krouse, Abbe Hills Farm

**ABSENT:** Mary Griffin, Horizons  
Laura Seyfer, At-Large  
Charlie Nichols, P&D Director

**OTHERS** Tamara Marcus, LC BOS Sustainability Manager

**PRESENT:** Ilsa Dewald, City of Iowa City  
Emmaly Renshaw, Feed Iowa First

**STAFF:** Mike Tertinger, Senior Planner  
Desire Irakoze, Planner I  
Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

**Approval of Minutes**

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

Oswood updated the Council that as of May 2022 he is leaving Feed Iowa First and at the end of June 2022 he is leaving the Council.

Oswood introduced Emmaly Renshaw as his replacement.

Renshaw introduces herself and gives a little background on herself.

**Monthly Budget Report**

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

Oswood brought up moving the time that the Council meets to sometime outside normal business hours to give the public a chance to come to meetings and/or potential new Council members.

### ARPA Update

For the benefit of the new members Guardado reviews what the ARPA app was for.

Tertinger stated that the Food Systems Coordinator position was denied as a budget ask.

Schrader asked if the Council should apply for a LFPP Award Grant to fund the position. There was general discussion regarding that.

Tertinger updated the Council that their ARPA ask was marked as "High Priority" by the Board but is on the high end of the funding requests.

A general discussion of ARPA funds, applications and the process in general.

Ilsa DeWald spoke about how Johnson County set up their ARPA distribution, funding and requirements for reporting.

### Workplan Discussion

Tertinger did a review of the Workplan Discussion from the Jan 2022 meeting.

There was general discussion on Land Access & options to bring that availability to people.

Krouse mentioned using matching services but that it is a permanent situation and not temporary like renting out as it matches old farmers who are getting out of farmer and new farmers who are just starting out and that this idea of having the Council set up a program where new farmers can be taken care of when it comes to renting is a good idea.

Oswood said that this should be a whole council focus and have sub-committees for each component: Lease, Infrastructure, Farmer/Land owner outreach and market/procurement.

The Council decided who the heads of each component will be:

Leasing: Oswood

Infrastructure: Renshaw

Farmer/Land Owner outreach: Rosenberger & Krouse

Market/procurement: Guardado

Oswood then went through the Partners that should be a part of this project

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

Approved,



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August Stolba, Vice-Chair