

**MINUTES**  
**LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, July 27, 2023**

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was started at 12:03 pm in conference room 303 at the Harris Linn County Public Health Building, 1020 6<sup>th</sup> St SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**PRESENT:** Emmaly Renshaw, Feed Iowa First  
Drew Erickson- Rodale Institute  
Jacqueline Montoya, LCPH  
Stephanie Schrader, City of Cedar Rapids Community Services Coordinator  
Emily Qual- Cobble Hill  
Matthew McGrane- NewBo City Market

**ABSENT:** Laura Seyfer, Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance  
Kim Guardado, HACAP  
Hailee Sandberg, ISU Extension  
Melissa Wahl, Horizons  
Laura Krouse, Abbe Farm

**OTHERS** Joshua Pate

**PRESENT:**

**STAFF:** Mike Tertinger, Senior Planner  
Amy Speed, Recording Secretary  
Jill Hansen, Planning & Development Staff

**Introductions & Welcome to new members:**

Matthew McGrane, Drew Erickson (council members) and Joshua (public member)

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Schrader & Montoya, seconded by Erickson & Schrader to approve the April 27 & June 1, 2023, LCFSC minutes., respectively. All members present voting yes.

**Budget:**

Starting budget is \$4000 due to the reset with new fiscal year- last year's remaining funding can still be requested in the fall.

**Review grant coordinator hours/invoice:**

Discussion on Blais's invoice. Qual voted to approve and Montoya seconded to pay submitted invoice. All members present voting yes.

**Marketing- Who has been contacted and who do we need to contact:**

Round 2 of the FARE grant opened on July14- there are currently 3 applications submitted. Kudos to Britt Nielsen for getting it going on website. Qual emailed restaurant communities and grocery stores-follow up is to take print out and get face to face time. Not getting a lot of feedback through email. Will add emails to spreadsheet. Wants to run 25 flyers to pass out. Schrader discussed capitalizing on Blais to encourage more traffic. Pate offered a solution to find more federal funding if that could help. McGrane reached out to NewBo. Renshaw blasted to non-profits. Blais doing workshop on 8-4 that will be recorded. Blast on fb event page. Schrader suggested to add to economic calendar for more reach. In person workshop to apply with Blais's help. Discussed passing out flyers at farmers markets, posting at Public Library.

**Rubric building:**

Discussion on matrix.

Committee formed to associate the matrix back to the application (Qual & Renshaw)

**Symposium:**


Workshop format and no lecture, looking for some additional speakers but also getting some lined up.

**Open Discussion:**

Held a vote to promote Renshaw to Chair and Guardado to 2<sup>nd</sup> chair. Motion made by McGrane and seconded by Montoya. All members present voting yes.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amy Speed, Recording Secretary

Approved,



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Emmaly Renshaw, Chair