

MINUTES
LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL
Thursday, September 23rd, 2021

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 12 pm in the conference room at Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center at 120 E Boyson Rd, Hiawatha, Iowa.

PRESENT: Sandy Rosenberger
Carter Oswood (via Zoom)
Chris Thoms, At-Large
Stephanie Schrader, City of CR Community Services Coordinator
Scott Koepke, Indian Creek Nature Center, Farm Manager
Kim Guardado, HACAP
August Stolba, Prairiewood Franciscan Spirituality Center
Jason Snell

ABSENT: Mary Griffin
Laura Seyfer, At-Large
Lynne Abbott, LCPH

OTHERS Tamara Marcus, Linn County Sustainability Program Manager
PRESENT: Ilsa Dewald, City of Iowa City

STAFF Mike Tertinger, Linn County Planning and Development, Staff
PRESENT: Desire Irakoze, Linn County Planning and Development, Staff
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Thoms, seconded by Snell and carried, all members present voting yes, to approve the August 26, 2021 LCFSC minutes as submitted.

Monthly Budget Report

Tertinger said the remaining account balance as of the calendar year-end is \$3,604.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discussion

Discussion was held on the best way to apply for 2 grants, one for the local food coordinator position, and one for a micro-grant program of \$200,000 a year for 4 years.

The survey, offered by Linn County Public Health, only received 247 responses, and, as such, cannot be used to ascertain trends or patterns for the County at large.

Oswood updated the group on the City's progress regarding the ARPA grant. They are a bit further ahead of where we are. He indicated the city will spend half the grant money on housing, and the other half on social services.

At the time of the meeting, the ARPA application had not been released, nor have any deadlines been set.


The group did some line editing of the Linn County Food Systems Coordinator application, also discussing the FSC's role in the Educational Branch, and how we can best explain the need for a Food Systems Council. Koepke asked that we address mental health, as that factors highly into food security.

Regarding the Micro-Grant, it was noted that the federal funds will have specific guidelines, and FSC will need to read those guidelines carefully to make sure that this project meets the proposal guidelines. The guidelines are out.

It was agreed that the FSC should have a conversation with the city regarding ARPA funding and application.

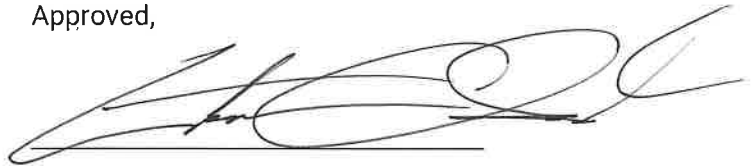
Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Approved,

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Carter Oswood, Chair