

MINUTES
LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL
Thursday, October 28, 2021

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. in conference room 3A/3B at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center, 935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

PRESENT: Laura Seyfer, At-Large
Carter Oswood, Feed Iowa First
Chris Thoms, At-Large
Lynne Abbott, LCPH
Scott Koepke, Indian Creek Nature Center, Farm Manager
August Stolba, Prairiewood Franciscan Spirituality Center
Mary Griffin, Horizons
Kim Guardado, HACAP

ABSENT: Stephanie Schrader, City of CR Community Services Coordinator
Mary Griffin
Jason Snell

OTHERS Viktoria Heires, HACAP
PRESENT: Tamara Marcus, LC BOS Sustainability Manager
Ilsa Dewald, City of Iowa City

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

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stolba, seconded by Guardado and carried, all members present voting yes, to approve the September 23, 2021 LCFSC minutes as submitted.

Monthly Budget Report

Tertinger said the remaining account balance as of the calendar year-end is \$3,487.00 until 6/30/22.

Continue American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discussion

- Local Food Coordinator
- Micro Grant
- Additional Ideas
- FSC Information Dissemination & Endorsements

Oswood stated that the application for the grant released October 27, 2021. Cedar Rapids and Linn County are pooling together. The application process is open until January 7, 2022.

Tertinger stated that the Food Policy Coordinator position is not going to be a request from the Food Systems Council to ARPA, but rather from Planning & Development, along with Sustainability staff either to ARPA or as a budget request.

Stolba stated he will share documents related to the position with Mike Tertinger and Charlie Nichols. Oswood asked that P & D keep FSC in the loop with regard to the position.

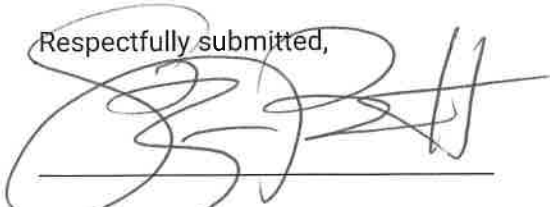
Oswood proposed to the group that they apply to ARPA for no less than one grant, and no more than three grants.

The amount the FSC should request for the microgrant proposal was discussed. Originally, the group planned to ask for \$200,000 over a 4 year period. The suggestion was introduced that we ask for money to use for both grants or as micro-loans. The group discussed the possibility.

The Council split into 2 subcommittees. The first group will work on the budget proposal, and includes Laura Seyfer, Sandy Rosenberger, Kim Guardado, Carter Oswood & Jason Snell. The second group will work on the grant narrative. That group includes August Stolba, Chris Thomas, Stephanie Schrader & Scott Koepke. Unassigned members includes Mary Griffin and Lynne Abbott. Both sub-committees made plans to meet at a future date.

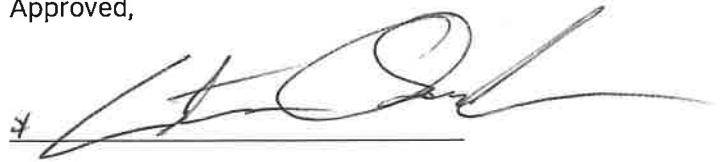
Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Bennett, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Carter Oswood, Chair