

MINUTES
LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL
Thursday, February 25, 2021

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. via GoToMeeting.

Special Statement: As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held electronically. All county buildings are closed to the public until further notice.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Carter Oswood, Feed Iowa First, Chair
Laura Seyfer, At-Large
RaeAnn Gordon, ISU Extension
Theresa Lewis, At-Large
Ellie Evans, At-Large
Chris Thoms, At-Large
Lynne Abbott, LCPH
Stephanie Schrader, City of CR Community Services Coordinator
Scott Koepke, Indian Creek Nature Center, Farm Manager

ABSENT: Kim Guardado, HACAP
Sofia DeMartino, Horizons
August Stolba, Prairiewood Franciscan Spirituality Center
Tiffani Green, At-Large
Jake Kundert , IVRCD
Charlie Nichols, Director Linn County Planning and Development

OTHERS

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

STAFF: Mike Tertinger, Linn County Planning and Development, Staff
Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

Re-Election of Officers

Oswood spoke about him becoming the chair, DeMartino becoming the Vice-Chair and Gordon becoming the Secretary.

Oswood Motions for Gordon to become Secretary

Thoms seconds motion

Oswood motions for DeMartino to become the Vice-Chair

Thoms seconds motion

Thoms motions for Oswood to become the Chair

Oswood seconds motion

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Thoms, seconded by Oswood and carried, all members present voting yes, to approve the January 28, 2021 LCFSC minutes as submitted.

Monthly Budget Report

Tertinger said the remaining account balance as of the calendar year-end is \$3,980.00. The \$20 reduction was for Stolba to go to a virtual conference for Iowa State.

Tertinger mentioned that with the remaining funds if they aren't used by June 30, 2021 the money will go back to the County and then on July 1st the normal yearly budget will be re-allocated back to the Council. Tertinger talked about there being a CSA program put in place this year for the Linn County employees and part of that program is a matching award for food to be sent to HACAP. He asked if the Council would be open to using the remaining funds in the budget to help with those matching contributions.

Schrader asked what if 100% of the funds aren't used?

Tertinger said it's go back to the Council and then if those funds are used by June 30, 2021 then they will go back to the County.

Gordon asked for clarification to make sure that the funds from the Council wouldn't go to Linn County Employees to help them buy their CSA share but would instead be used 100% for the donation to HACAP.

Tertinger said that is correct, this money is only for the donation.

Seyfer asked what is/was the original intent of the budget for the Council.

Tertinger said it was originally intended to help host public forums, seminars, events.

Thomas motions to accept Tertinger's proposal for the funds to be used as a match donation to send food to HACAP.

Koepke seconds motion.

All attending members voted Aye.

Get to know your FSC members

Oswood had everyone speak for a couple of minutes to introduce themselves, what their job function is and what their passion is regarding this Council.

Discuss Sustainable Agriculture definition

Tertinger explains that the definition that was sent out to everyone was not made or generated by them but was used from someone else and this discussion will put into motion this group figuring out a definition for this Council. He also speaks that when the definition is settled on it will be put on a resolution for the Board of Supervisors to vote on.

Koepke speaks to the fact that he thinks that Biodiversity should be added to the draft of the resolution.

Lewis mentioned that she would like Equity, Socioeconomic status or ability to pay to be included.

Oswood would like everyone to come up with some comments & definition for this in the next couple of weeks so we can present a draft resolution at the March meeting.

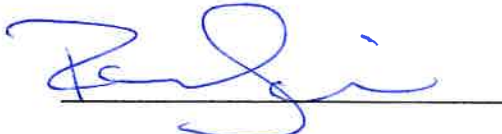
Council spoke of some of the possible barriers to getting the Resolution passed and how to overcome those barriers.

2021 Project Plan

Tertinger asked that everyone send out their project updates to the Council.

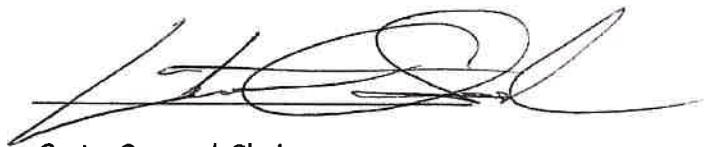
Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Carter Oswood, Chair