

**MINUTES**  
**LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, June 24, 2021**

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.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  
Sandy Rosenberger, ISU Extension  
Chris Thoms, At-Large  
Lynne Abbott, LCPH  
Kim Guardado, HACAP  
Stephanie Schrader, City of CR Community Services Coordinator  
Scott Koepke, Indian Creek Nature Center, Farm Manager  
Carter Oswood, Feed Iowa First, Chair  
Jason Snell, Sunrise Movement Community Action Fund

**ABSENT:** Theresa Lewis, At-Large  
Ellie Evans, At-Large  
Laura Seyfer, At-Large  
Sofia DeMartino, Horizons  
Tamara Marcus, LC BOS Sustainability Manager  
Charlie Nichols, Director Linn County Planning and Development

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Ilsa Dewald, City of Iowa City

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

**Roll Call**

Oswood called for roll call of members and Sampica went through the membership list

**Approval of Minutes**

Oswood asked if any alterations or additions needed to be added to the minutes from the May 2021 meeting. None was given.

**Monthly Budget Report**

Tertinger said the remaining account balance as of the fiscal year end is now \$0 but as of July 1<sup>st</sup> the balance will be reset to \$4000. Tertinger also mentioned that the money that was given

to HACAP wasn't a donation but it was an "agreement for services" for the CSA. There was general discussion about if there is a way that we can track where the food is going and Guardado said that yes they can and will do that for us and will give us an update by the end of the summer.

### **Presentation from United We March Forward**

Oswood informed the Council that this has been pushed again and he doesn't think that this presentation will actually happen now.

### **Website & Meeting time**

Oswood shifted to talking about the Council's website and meeting time that he would like changed.

Oswood then mentioned that he would like to visit the idea of changing the meeting time from 9-10:30 to 12-1:30. Tertinger stated and Staff would be ok with this and the general discussion was that we should keep it on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month and change it to that 12-1:30.

Oswood motioned to approve changing the meeting from 9-10:30 to 12-1:30 still on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. All Ayes.

Britt Nielsen, Communications Specialist, spoke to the plan to build up the website and some of the options that are available.

Koepke asked if an FSC podcast would be good and/or beneficial.

Nielsen said that the County doesn't have the resources to manage a podcast but that the County has the capability to share as long as someone else does manage it.

Schrader asked Oswood what is it that he is looking for and Oswood said he's looking for all members to share what they're doing and what is going regarding the Food Systems Council.

Koepke speaks to the Land Development Ordinance about actionable policy goals for FSC. Koepke reviews the part of the ordinance, that the Board of Supervisors is beholden to and where the Food Systems Council can easily work and make good solid Policy.

Oswood spoke to meeting with Supervisor Zumbach and overall the meeting was productive. The purpose of this meeting was strictly to introduce the Chair and the Council itself.

Snell asked what is the benefit of focusing on Zumbach?

Oswood reiterated it was just an introductory meeting but he is the liaison to the Council for the Board of Supervisors.

DeWald spoke briefly about ARPA & how funds can be used and it's a good time to start figuring out how to utilize those funds.

### **Community Corn Harvest**

Oswood mentioned that there is a Community Corn Harvest where anyone and everyone can come out and pick as much corn as they can at Dows Farm. The timeframe for this will be the last two weeks of July. There is a sign up genius and you do need to sign up for a specific time.

Rosenberger asked for a brief overview of the Dows Project.

Tertinger gave the overview of the Dows Project and what it is.

### **Vote to approve – Update to FSC Organizational Guidelines**

Oswood gives a brief overview of the updates and what has been added and taken off of the guidelines

Schrader motioned to approve the updated organizational guidelines pending the addition of Comp Plan language.

Koepke seconded and all Ayes from Council present

### **Sustainable Agriculture Resolution update**

Oswood states that he's drafting the document with Marcus and hopefully will have it to share by the July meeting.

### **2021 Project Plan**

Oswood spoke about the CR Farmers Market and was wondering if there is a way we can update the name because it's really isn't showing as a Farmers Market. Oswood is going to figure out why there isn't more actual Farmers at the Farmers market as Evans may be moving on.

Oswood reviews all current project briefly.

Finally, Oswood speaks to the importance and need for a Food Policy Coordinator and he would like that to be moved to the top of the list if possible.

### **Open Discussion**

Abbot spoke to "Food Environment Alliance" and trying to get a meeting together because she found literally no resource sheet through the Public Health Department for Food. She is trying to put something together and share with the public

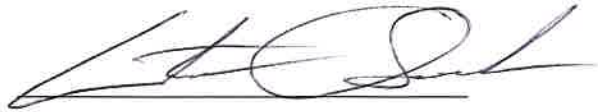
**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Sampica, Recording Secretary

Approved,



Carter Oswood, Chair