

<p>Purpose: Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p>Date: July 19, 2020</p>	<p>Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Zoom/Johnson County Admin Building 913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240</p>	<p>Note taker: Will Kapp</p> <p>Members In Attendance: Bill Weedman Jr, Giselle Bruskewitz, Hannah Schultz, Joe Klingelhutz, Keshia Fields, Liz Maas, Mike Roelf, Molly Schintler, Will Kapp</p> <p>Ex Officio: Ilsa DeWald, Cassidy Beamer</p> <p>Guests: Carter Oswood (Linn County Food Systems Council), Alex Schmidt (Johnson County Soil & Water), Claire Zabel (IVRC&D), Chris Sutton</p> <p>Absent: Ayman Sharif, Debbie Klein, Jill Irvin, Kristy Walker</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
Meeting Called to Order by Giselle at 6:04		
Minutes Approval	Moved by Joe Seconded by Molly	
1. Presentation by Clare Zabel (IVRC&D): Equipment Share Program	Clare Zabel from Iowa Valley RC&D presented their draft of a proposal to the Board of Supervisors (to be presented in August) for a large equipment sharing program that will be operated by Iowa Valley RC&D at located at the JC Historic Poor Farm. They are proposing the creation of an LLC, to be managed by IVRC&D, that will store, maintain and organize distribution. There will be different levels of membership to accommodate different scales of growers (owner members, annual users) and a management structure that will include a committee that represents both membership groups. IVRC&D will be asking BoS to be initial owner members.	
2. Approval of Recommendation for Equipment Sharing Program	Council discussed whether or not we would want to support this proposal. Ilsa & Cassidy shared a draft of a letter of support which includes history of program creation and testimonials from organizations at the JCHPF. There was general consensus to support with some questions from council members relating to infrastructure and positive and negative effects of reliance on a program like this for beginning farmers. Equipment Share working group will continue to work on draft of letter of support.	
3. Updates from Ilsa DeWald,	An economic development committee is being formed at the county level. There was a public input session on the county's economic development work that will focus on	

<p>Local Foods Coordinator</p>	<p>unincorporated areas, which has many implications for local food. Topics brought up included land access, processing, locker space, red tape around starting a business, how do we market Johnson County (i.e. agritourism, etc).</p> <p>Two new members to the FPC were approved by the board on Tuesday and will join at next meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Discuss Food Policy Council Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Council looked over strategic plan with a specific focus on working groups assigning deadlines to items they are assigned to. Do we want to change our definition of sustainable agriculture? Alex Schmidt remarked that there is overlap between the FPC strategic plan and that of the Soil and Water Conservation District. This strategic plan is ultimately to be approved by the FPC, not the BoS, but it is a good to have something to present or propose to them. Updating BoS should happen ASAP and attendance by FPC members at that meeting is encouraged.</p>	
<p>5. Discuss Meeting Format and Event Calendar for 2021</p>	<p>Meeting date for September is changed from Sept. 20 to Sep. 27. Motion - Joe. Second - Giselle.</p> <p>FPC National Conference ("Power of Food") is Sept. 20. Board voted to approve up to \$700 for two members to attend. Motion - Will. Second - Mike.</p>	
<p>6. Discuss Upcoming Johnson County Fair Booth</p>	<p>Brochure redesign by Cassidy was presented to council and feedback was provided. Joe volunteered to provide a quote for the brochure from a council member.</p> <p>Council discussed what to ask the general public at the booth. Settled on some iteration of "What can we do to get the most local food to the most people in the county?". Answers can be written on poster board and displayed.</p>	
<p>7. Food Policy Council Working Groups Report Out</p>	<p>No working group report this month.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>		
<p>Meeting adjourned by Joe at 8:00, seconded by Will</p>		