



## **Douglas County Food Policy Council**

**Monday, November 17, 2025 6:30PM**

Virtual and In-Person at Douglas County  
Sustainability Office, 1006 New Hampshire St  
Lawrence, KS 66044

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Members in Attendance:** Shelby Ostrom, Emily Lysen, Natalya Lowther, Tyler Lindquist, Quinlan Carttar, Ben Sikes, Mackie Moore, Aundrea Walker, Christina Haswood, Dietrich Earnhart

**Absent:** Suzy Mooney

**Guests:** Sarah Hill

**Staff:** Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick, Angelina Rojas

#### **A. APPROVE AGENDA**

- Consider agenda approval.
  - *Motion to approve the agenda by Ben Sikes. Second by Quinlan Carttar. All in favor. Motion passed.*

#### **B. APPROVE MINUTES**

- Consider approval of previous meeting minutes.
  - *Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes by Ben Sikes. Second by Dietrich Earnhart. All in favor. Motion passed.*

#### **C. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS.**

##### **1. Food System Updates:**

- a. **The DCFPC update to the Board of County Commissioners has been moved to Q1 of 2026**
- b. **Kansas Food Action Network Annual Convening**
  - i. DCFPC members Emily Lysen and Tyler Lindquist attended the KFAN Annual Convening on November 12–13 in Manhattan, Kansas. They represented the DCFPC by presenting during the Lightning Talks, alongside councils from across the state.
- c. **The Indigenous Food System Study and Action Plan launch will take place on Saturday, November 22 1-4 p.m at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 4-H building.**
  - i. The event convened Native American and Indigenous community members for activities such as corn shucking, art activities reflecting on culturally significant foods, and dialogues about preserving traditional practices. DCFPC members Mackie Moore and Christina Haswood led this work alongside hired experts Brett Ramey, Alex Kimball Williams, Star Her Many Horses, Robert Hicks, and Angelina Rojas.
- d. **SNAP and Food Security Update**

- i. All Kansas SNAP and WIC benefits have been restored. Partners at Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health are monitoring and following this development.
- e. Lawrence Farmers Market Permanent location study update.**
  - i. After extensive community input, South Park has been added as a potential site in the Lawrence Farmers Market permanent location study.
- f. **No action needed.**

**2. DCFPC Membership Vacancies**

- a. Two Douglas County–appointed seats on the DCFPC are currently open.
- b. The Council is seeking a Co-Chair to serve alongside current Co-Chair Quinlan Carttar. Interested members are encouraged to put their name forward for consideration.
  - i. *Ben Sikes expressed interest in serving as Co-Chair by submitting his name for consideration.*
  - ii. *Motion by Dietrich Earnhart to select Ben Sikes as Co-Chair of the Food Policy Council; seconded by Natalya Lowther. All in favor. Motion passed.*

**3. Incubator and Commercial Kitchens: Overview**

- a. Presenter: Quinlan Carttar
- b. The presentation will include an overview of Incubators and Commercial Kitchens.
- c. **No action needed.**

**4. World Cup Update**

- a. Presenter: Tyler Lindquist
- b. As part of the DCFPC Economic Development working group.
  - i. Finalizing dates for the Online Restaurant Academy virtual training, which will focus on safety in collaboration with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Fire Prevention.
- c. **No action needed.**

**D. Next Meeting**

- There will not be a meeting in December of 2025.
- Council Leadership will convene in January to plan the full Council annual planning retreat agenda.
- The DCFPC annual retreat to take place on Monday, February 23

**Meeting Adjourned.**