



## **Douglas County Food Policy Council**

**Monday, September 15, 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, Dietrich Earnhart, Mackie Moore, Aundrea Walker, Christina Haswood

**Absent:** Suzy Mooney

**Staff:** Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick

#### A. Approval of Agenda

- Consider agenda approval
  - *Motion approved by Dietrich Earnhart. Second by Emily Lysen. All in favor. Motion passed.*

#### B. Approval of Minutes

- Consider Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - *Motion approved by Dietrich Earnhart. Second by Quinlan Carttar with noted corrections. All in favor. Motion passed.*

#### C. Regular Agenda Items

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

- **Welcome Christina Haswood, City of Lawrence appointed DCFPC Member**
- **Kansas Food Action Network Annual Convening**
  - i. November 12-13 in Manhattan, KS
- **Kaw Valley Farm Tour**
  - i. October 4-5
- **No action required.**

##### **2. Healthy Food For All: Mobilizing Stronger Food Systems, Request for Partnership**

- **Purpose:** Raise awareness on local, state, and national policies efforts and educate on what efforts individuals and organizations can take to support creating more equitable conditions to reduce food insecurity.
- **Potential date:** October 23, 2025

- ***ACTION:*** Consider partnering with the Healthy Food For All working to host the Mobilizing Stronger Food Systems event.
  - i. Motion by Dietrich Earnhart to formalize partnership with Healthy Food For All working group to host the Mobilizing Stronger Food Systems event. Second by Aundrea Walker. All in favor. Motion passed.

### 3. Douglas County Legislative Priorities, DCFPC Discussion

- 2026 Douglas County Legislative Statement Recommendations Draft:
  - i. Consider moving “Sustainable Agriculture” from the “Climate and Environmental Sustainability” section to the “Economic Security” section of the legislative statement.
  - ii. Consider including language that emphasizes the preservation of all food security programs.
- 2025 Douglas County Legislative Statement, Food Systems:
  - i. **Healthy School Meals for All.** We support developing and expanding programs and policies that strengthen local food systems and address food insecurity for vulnerable populations.
  - ii. **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), SNAP & FMNP.** We support expanding access to the WIC, SNAP, & FMNP programs, including increasing the Fruit and Vegetable Cash Value Benefit.
  - iii. **Kansas Food Action Network (KFAN) Policy Platform.** Douglas County is a member of KFAN, a statewide network of food and farm councils advocating for equitable access to healthy, affordable food. We support KFAN’s State Policy Platform.
- **No action required.**

### 4. Lawrence Farmers Market Permanent Location Feasibility Study and Community Engagement, Update

- Presenter: Emily Lysen
- LFM Director of Development and DCFPC member Emily Lysen will provide an update on the Lawrence Farmers Market Permanent Location Feasibility Study and Community Engagement.
  - i. The LFM website now includes information about the study and opportunities for community involvement: <https://www.lawrencefarmersmarket.org/>
- **No action needed.**

### D. Next Meeting

- Date: Monday, October 20, 2025
- Time: 6:30–8:30 PM
- Location: Virtual and In-Person 1006 New Hampshire St.

Meeting Adjourned.