



Douglas County Food Policy Council

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 20, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

505 Eisenhower Memorial Drive

Lecompton, Kansas 66050

(MEETING IN PERSON ONLY)

Attendance: Emily Lysen, Cody Haynes, Tyler Lindquist, Dietrich Earnhart, Natalya Lowther, Lee Meisel, Mackie Moore, Suzy Mooney, Ashley Hornberger

Absent: Ben Sikes, Quinlan Carttar, Margit Kaltenecker

Staff: Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick, Kim Criner Ritchie

Guests: Mr. Mooney, Renate Rea

Welcome & Introduction: 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Consider agenda approval

i. Motion to approve agenda by Emily Lysen. Second by Ashley Hornberger. All in favor. Motion passed.

Consider approval of the April and May Special Meeting 2024 meeting minutes

i. Motion by Emily Lysen to approve the April 15th full council meeting minutes. Second by Tyler Lindquist. All in favor. Motion passed.

ii. Motion by Emily Lysen to approve the May 6th special meeting minutes with the suggested grammatical and spelling corrections. Second by Ashley Hornberger. All in favor. Motion passed.

Staff Updates:

A. Save the date: Douglas County KS Commission Board Meeting. Wednesday May 22nd. Adapt Douglas County: A Climate Action & Adaptation Plan is on the agenda to be considered for adoption.

B. City of Lawrence Water Treatment Facility tour for DCFPC membership

C. Net Operating Loss Subtraction Modification

a. “CCR on SB 410 includes a subtraction modification to allow taxpayers who carried back federal net operating losses in tax years 2018 through

2020, pursuant to the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to subtract such amounts from their income for purposes of determining Kansas adjusted gross income. Taxpayers would be permitted to carry forward such losses for up to 20 years if the amount exceeds the taxpayer's Kansas adjusted gross income. The bill would extend the deadline for eligible taxpayers to file amended returns for tax years 2018 through 2020 until April 15, 2025. Status: The legislature passed the bill and Governor Kelly signed it into law.”--Kansas Grain and Feed Association (consult with your tax experts for details)

D. 2024 Douglas County Food Policy Council meeting locations:

- **Mon, June 17th** Baldwin City Library (800 7th St, Baldwin City, KS 66006)
- **Mon, July 15th** The Land Institute (984 N 1800 Rd.)
- **Mon, Aug 19th** Leeway Franks (935 Iowa St Lawrence, KS 66044) In person only!
- **Mon, Sep 16th** Pines Garden & Market (1320 N 3rd St, Lawrence, KS 66044) **In person only!**
- **Mon, Oct 21st** Community Building (333 Elmore in Lecompton, KS)
- **Mon, Nov 18th** Pendleton's Country Market (1446 E 1850 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046)
- **In person only!**
- **Mon, Dec 16th** Douglas County Sustainability (1006 New Hampshire St. Lawrence, KS 66044)

□ **Member Updates**

- A. Mobile Food Vendor policy recommendations by DCFPC Economic Development working group is on the City of Lawrence Commission consent agenda, Tuesday May 22nd, 2024.
- B. KFB Family Night to take place July 13, 2025
- C. Lawrence Farmers Market obtained matching funds from the City of Lawrence and Douglas County to apply for the Regional Food Systems Partnership USDA grant with KC Healthy Kids.
- D. HINU USDA rescheduled the bison harvest and cookout to September 2024.
- E. Four open seats:
 - a. Douglas County Health Department Liaison
 - b. Enrique Ortiz stepped down to pursue a new position at the Health Department. The Health Department is working on sending a liaison to serve on the DCFPC.
 - c. Kansas Farm Bureau Liaison, Douglas County KFB will have new members in July. They plan to recruit in July.
 - d. Farmer, Douglas County

- e. City of Lawrence, Casey Cordts was removed from appointment due to lack of attendance and lack of communication.

□ **Hillcreek Market: 7:00 - 7:15 pm**

- Presentation by site host, Renate Rea.
- **Tents Farmers Market Conference: 7:15 - 7:30 pm**
 - i. Presentation by DCFPC Co-Chair, Emily Lysen.
- **Letter of Support Request, Douglas County Conservation District : 7:30 - 7:45 pm**
 - i. Suzy Mooney, Douglas County Conservation district staff will provide information regarding the request and answer questions.
 - ii. Below are policies on the Douglas County Food System Plan that align with the proposal:
 - Policy 2.2.1
 - a. Maintain and increase financial support for soil and water conservation organizations.
 - Policy 2.3.1
 - a. Provide financial and in-kind support for implementation of practices that improve soil health and water quality
 - Policy 2.3.5
 - a. Strengthen communication between specialty crop growers and agricultural chemical applicators. This effort could include a working group with specialty crop growers and applicators to identify local solutions.
 - iv. Policy 2.4.3
 - a. Expand the availability of business finance and technical assistance to support new food producers.
 - Policy 2.5.3
 - a. Support programming to help agricultural producers and landowners adopt practices and technologies to enhance resilience. Efforts could include building soil health, water retention/ holding, implementing and enhancing food safety practices, and promoting carbon sequestration on landscapes.
 - iii. *Motion by Tyler Lindquist to approve the letter of support for the Douglas County Conservation District to expand their Urban and Youth program position. Second by Ashley Hornberger. All in favor. Motion passed.*
- **Memo to Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: 7:45- 8:00 pm**
 - i. The second Community Open House is scheduled for Thursday, May 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sports Pavilion Lawrence, 100 Rock Chalk Lane in the Legacy Room.
 - ii. Media Release. DCFPC members are encouraged to attend.
 - iii. Recommendation: DCFPC leadership to write a memo on behalf of DCFPC addressed to the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Comprehensive Plan

Steering Committee to consider alignment with including policies on the Douglas County Food System Plan to be included on the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Comprehensive Plan. Memo due June 1, 2024.

- iv. *Motion by Ashley Hornberger to approve the memo on behalf of DCFPC addressed to the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to consider alignment with including policies on the Douglas County Food System Plan to be included on the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Comprehensive Plan. Second by Dietrich. All in Favor. Motion passed.*

➤ **FORWARD Food Waste Panel: 8:00 - 8:15 pm**

- i. Update by the FORWARD working group.

➤ **DCFPC Co-Chair Transition: 8:15 - 8:30pm**

- i. DCFPC to vote on new Co-Chairs to replace Emily Lysen and Cody Haynes to serve for six months from July to December 2024 as part of the Rotational Leadership adopted by the council during the 2024 DCFPC yearly full council retreat.

➤ **Meeting Adjourned**

- **Next Meeting:** June 17, 2024 at the Baldwin City Library 800 7th St, Baldwin City, KS 66006 at at 6:30pm