



Douglas County Food Policy Council Annual Retreat

Monday, February 23, 2025 5:30PM

Douglas County Fairground 4-H Building

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Ben Sikes, Natalya Lowther, Shelby Ostrom, Mackie Moore, Aundrea Walker, Robert Hickerson, Quinlan Carttar, Tyler Lindquist, Christina Haswood, Hazlett Henderson

Members Absent: Suzy Mooney

Staff: Connie Fitzpatrick

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
 - The agenda was reviewed.
 - *A motion was made by Christina Haswood and seconded by Ben Sikes to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
 - *A motion was made by Quinlan Carttar and seconded by Ben Sikes to approve the November 17, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*
3. 2026 Council Membership:
 - a. Douglas County County Appointees: Ben Sikes, Suzy Mooney, Natalya Lowther, Shelby Ostrom, Mackie Moore, Aundrea Walker, and Robert Hickerson.
 - b. City of Lawrence Appointees: Quinlan Carttar, Tyler Lindquist, Christina Haswood, Hazlett Henderson

C. Regular Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Dinner
 - Dinner potluck provided by council members and staff.
2. Team-Building Activity
 - Which County Commission district do you live in, and who is your district's County Commissioner?

- i. District 1 – Commissioner Patrick Kelly (Chair)
 - ii. District 2 – Commissioner Shannon Reid (Vice Chair)
 - iii. District 3 – Commissioner Karen Willey
 - iv. District 4 – Commissioner Gene Dorsey
 - v. District 5 – Commissioner Erica Anderson
- Which Kansas tribal nation’s land do you live closest to?
 - i. Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (Mayetta, KS)
 - ii. Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas (Horton, KS)
 - iii. Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska (Reserve, KS)
 - iv. Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska (White Cloud, KS)
- General Information: These Tribes inhabited or held territory in what is now Douglas County prior land grabbing:
 - i. Kaw (Kansa)
 - ii. Osage (Wazhazhe)
 - iii. Shawnee (Shawano)
 - iv. Lenape (Delaware)
 - v. Wyandot (Wandat)
 - vi. Kickapoo (Kiwigapawa/Kickapoo)
- 3. 2025 Highlights and Reflection
 - Review key accomplishments from 2025, acknowledge leadership contributions, and revisit the updated agenda format and working group expectations.
 - Staff will provide an updated draft at the next council meeting.
- 4. Food System Plan Review Activity
 - Assess the current food system plan to identify relevant areas, successes, and opportunities for updates.
 - i. The Council proposed forming a focused working group to support the Food System Plan update and provide input to Sustainability Office staff.
 - 1. Consider forming a Food Systems Plan working group at the March full council meeting.
- 5. Mapping out 2026
 - Establish priorities, major activities, and meeting cadence for 2026 using a visual timeline planning exercise.
 - Items for 2026 agenda planning:
 - i. Move presenters to the top of the agenda so they may leave after presenting.
 - ii. Place agenda approval, minutes, and routine items in a Consent Agenda section.
 - iii. Assign time limits for each agenda section.
- 6. Adjournment