



Douglas County Food Policy Council

Monday, April 20, 2026 6:30PM

Hillcreek Market

505 Eisenhower Memorial Drive,

Lecompton, KS, USA 66050

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Natalya Lowther, Robert Hickerson, Quinlan Carttar, Christina Haswood, Hazlett Henderson, Margit Kaltenekker, Muriah Carlsen

Members Absent: Suzy Mooney, Ben Sikes, Shelby Ostrom, Mackie Moore, Aundrea Walker, Tyler Lindquist

Staff: Connie Fitzpatrick

A. Agenda and Minutes

1. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was reviewed. Agenda item number four was added to include an update on the Solid Waste Master Plan workshop.
- b. **ACTION:** Consider agenda approval.
 - i. *A motion was made by Natalya Lowther and seconded by Margit Kaltenekker to approve the agenda with suggested modifications. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Approval of Minutes.

- a. **ACTION:** Consider approval of previous meeting minutes.
 - i. *A motion was made by Hazlett Henderson and seconded by Margit Kaltenekker to approve the February and March 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. New Membership:

- a. City Appointment: Margit Kaltenekker
- b. County Appointment: Muriah Carlsen

B. Regular Agenda Items

1. Food Systems Plan Working Group Formation.
 - a. The group will review the Douglas County Food System Plan, identify needed updates and gaps, and incorporate the Indigenous Food Systems Study and Action Plan into the next plan iteration.
 - b. Members interested in serving: Christina Haswood, Natalya Lowther, Quinlan Carttar, Margit Kaltenekker.
 - c. **ACTION:** Consider approving the formation of a Food Systems Plan working group.
 - i. *A motion to form the working group, co-chaired by Natalya Lowther and Quinlan Carttar, was made by Quinlan Carttar and seconded by Robert Hickerson. The motion passed unanimously.*
2. Indigenous Foodways Working Group:
 - a. The Indigenous Foodways Working Group will be working with the Haskell Indian Nations University USDA Extension Office to support event and activity costs for developing the Indigenous Food Systems Study and Action Plan.
 - b. Work is currently paused while Douglas County staff finalize agreements with hired experts who will lead the next phase of the plan.
 - c. **ACTION:** No action required.
3. Economic Development Working Group Updates: Building an equitable entrepreneurial ecosystem.
 - a. Mobile Food Vendors of Douglas County
 - i. A locally rooted directory created by the Douglas County Food Policy Council to connect local food vendors with World Cup–related events throughout summer 2026. The directory will be available temporarily on the Council webpage and on Lawrence2026.com during the World Cup season.
 - ii. Local food trucks, ice cream trucks, and street vendors may register to be included in the directory by contacting staff through the Council’s website.
 - b. Mobile Food Vendor Food and Fire Safety Training
 - i. World Cup Readiness for Food Trucks, Ice Cream Vendors, and Street Vendors. The event will take place in-person on Monday, May 11 from 5 to 6 p.m. at 1006 New Hampshire St. in Lawrence.
 - ii. RSVP is required to attend additional information on the Council's website.
 - c. Central Station Collaboration with the Economic Development Working Group
 - i. During the World Cup season, the City of Lawrence’s Central Station will offer temporary on-site food truck availability during regular operating

hours. This will run from June 11 to July 13, aligning with the Lawrence–KC World Cup (ConnectKC26) transportation schedule, which will operate every 30 minutes.

- d. **ACTION:** No action required.
- 4. Solid Waste Master Plan Workshop Update.
 - a. Food Council members Ben Sikes and Robert Hickerson participated in the Solid Waste Master Plan workshop on behalf of the Council.
 - b. Council members discussed interest in exploring advocacy for food composting within the Solid Waste Plan and noted the importance of public education to ensure low contamination. Members also acknowledged that a citywide composting program would require significant equipment and operational capacity.
 - c. **ACTION:** No action required.

C. Adjournment:

- d. Meeting adjourned.