

**DUBUQUE COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 9, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

**HYBRID Meeting:**

In-Person: 1225 Seippel Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 (Dubuque County's West Campus)

Video link to come

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Council members present:** Rich Henderson, Paul Schultz, Whitney Sanger, Kathy Hutton, Paul Uzel, Laurana Snyder, Catherine Caitlin

**Council members not present:** Cindy Hilken, Lynn Sutton, Octavius Evan, Sunil Malapati, Andy Spaniol, Michaela Freiburger

**Non-council members present:** Candace Eudaley, Danielle Stowell, Ray Kruse (ISU Extension), Ann McDonough (county supervisor), Samantha Kloft (board of health)

**Call to order: 4:03pm**

**Approval of minutes:**

**Paul U. motions to approve**  
**Kathy H. 2nd**  
**Minutes approved**

**Approval of agenda:**

**Rich H. motions to approve**  
**Laurana S. 2nd**  
**Agenda approved**

**Public comments:** none

**Council Member Orientation Document:**

**General feedback:** Any changes or other information that a new council member may need to know?  
Thanks for Samantha for putting together.

Catherine: bottom of first page when talking about meeting expectations – also include subcommittee information and expectation

Paul U: Make mention of the strategic plan, and how to find it/link to it on the county's council website

**Subcommittee sign up:**

Refer to spreadsheet or reach out to Danielle directly for assistance with using Google Drive if unfamiliar

Expectation going forward will be for the Subcommittee leader to present updates to the entire council using the provided document template in the Google Drive

Subcommittee leaders will convene the first meetings, and the group will decide how/when to achieve the action items under the Strategic Plan Priorities

At this time, Paul S. cannot commit to meeting on a subcommittee every month, as he assesses his future with the council

### **Local Food Planner update:**

Report back on school garden event:

Master gardener student led activities – kids watched videos on tomatoes & planting and then kids got to have hands-on experience planting them on Saturday

Really well attended with great engagement – kids have been showing parents during dropoff/pick up, really taking ownership

Goal is for kids to take produce home in the fall

Candace working on a guide for school garden best-practices and lessons learned so other schools can replicate the project

Rich noted that summer when helpers are not around is often the biggest obstacle school gardens face. For this project specifically, the master gardener is the main summer contact who is working on volunteer coordination

County conservation board approved dinner location + next steps

Twin Springs trailhead has been approved, conservation will help provide a ranger for safety and traffic control

Tickets for the public will be priced \$100-\$125 for a multicourse meal from Chef Kevin at Brazen Farmers/producers, institutional buyers, and council volunteers will be invited to attend free of charge and come to a mixer to meet each other beforehand

Excess funds will be donated to a food related organizations

Danielle will be sending around a shift detail & sign-up for any council members who can attend and participate

Grantee reports

Q3 reports submitted – final reports for the 6 funded projects are expected July 1

This is the last year for these smaller grants, County BoS is focusing on the Purchase of Service funding going forward

### **Community updates:**

Board of Health presentation 5/18 at 4:30 pm to present strategic plan – 30 minutes max time limit with time for questions. Council members can attend via zoom or in person at the county west campus building

Report back on Party for the Planet - total attendance for the event was around 900

Sunil led a healthy food/beverage activity, was a good opportunity to connect with lots of families

Film Festival was the same weekend, so lots of out-of-town people attended which is great

Paul U - Interfaith Green Coalition is having a similar event to PftP with breakout sessions & speakers

Rich H - June 10th at 8 AM canning session with ISU Extension at Westminster. Possibly another canning date + fermentation class also in the works. Catherine suggests classes on freezing as food preservation too. In the past it has been an administrative challenge to get many classes out to the public, Paul U. suggests flyers to the pantries and social media to share info out to people who would benefit most

Samantha requests photos for the council's landing page on the county website – send to Danielle or Samantha Kloft. Catherine reminded everyone that we need sign off/permission to use photos, especially of children

Board of Health maybe having a mixer/picnic this summer, and would be a good opportunity for council members to meet everyone

**Motion to adjourn: 5:08pm**

**Rich motions to adjourn**

**Kathy 2nd**

**Next meeting:**

June 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm