

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2013

BROOKENS ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

JENNIFER PUTMAN ROOM

PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Cathe Capel; Maya Bauer; Zach Kennedy; Mel Farrell; Brad Uken

GUESTS: Patti Petrie

1. Call to Order—5:45pm
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda—Food Summit meeting in November will be at Heartland CC
3. Approval of Minutes—Minutes of last meeting [9/25] were approved
4. Public Participation—None
5. Old Business
 - a. CGFC Website Report (www.champaigncountylocalfood.org) and next steps. Additions, edits, etc. are easily accomplished.
 - b. Guest Commentary progress—If in by a Wednesday, can be in the next Sunday. We will time it with official roll-out of website. Late October target.
 - c. Rantoul Food Hub report—Focusing on 5 areas: Education [opportunity to partner with schools/programs and collaboration with existing programs]; R&D [small seed businesses could be involved—new varieties and techniques]; Farmer’s Market [a must!!! Put it in the contract]; small incubator farm [getting the farmer connected to the land. Investigate possible toxin contamination]; food hub/aggregation/distribution [outlets must be in place or the effort won’t go anywhere. Lots of equipment left on the base for a small aggregation facility. It won’t be easy—it takes money]. About 50 people there. Lots of questions and discussion, centering on connecting farmers to the land or aggregation/food hub issues. Brad will continue to work with the farmer connection area issues. Also legal/contractual issues need to be addressed; parcel maintenance; soil testing; funding. Meeting next Tuesday. Good that things are still moving forward.
 - d. Dining Services/local food report—No report

- e. Advisory Board Progress—Becky drafted an invitation letter. Put our names in the signature. 7/24 minutes contain the list of names. Zach will grab our creation/resolution document [#8069] from County Clerk’s website. Tod will send out letters.
 - i. Potential Board meeting date?—December or January would be the best. We could shift our meeting date in December to the first Wednesday, since there’ll be only one
 - ii. Invitations to prospective members—Tod

6. New Business

7. Legislative Update—Farm Bureau supports inclusion of SNAP in Farm Bill. Letter about nutrition and the Farm Bill by Chris Hausman brought by Cathe.

8. Announcements—Bloomington meeting, Nov. 12. Food Summit at Hearthland CC. “Acres” Conference is Dec. 12-14 in Springfield at Prairie Capital Conference Center. Pre-conference Dec. 10-11. \$195 for 3 days. Preconference rates \$375 per. Official roll-out of website at FB/press release.

9. Adjourn—6:40