

# Minutes of the Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council

September 25, 2013, 5:45 P.M.

Brookens Administrative Center

Jennifer Putman Room

Members present: Maya Bauer, Tod Satterthwaite, Becky Roach, Zach Kennedy, Cathe Capel

Members absent: Mel Farrell, Steve Herriott, Brad Uken, Chris Henning

Guests: Patti

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by chair Satterthwaite

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda

Capel moved and Kennedy seconded that the Minutes of the last meeting be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was no public participation

## Old Business

CGFC Website Report ([www.champaigncountyllocalfood.org](http://www.champaigncountyllocalfood.org)) and next steps

Zach: sent descriptions for orgs to Tod, but Zero % is missing from the Org page. Maya will be doing updates, and asked that we please turn in our descriptions. Becky asked about the format for links in the "about" page. Will resend to Maya. Rollout is scheduled for October 20. Deadline for descriptions is October 9. A reminder will be sent out with the minutes

## Guest Commentary progress

The first and last paragraphs should be deleted. Touch up the rest. The purpose is to introduce the committee and our website. Due October 9. Cathe and Becky will work on it.

Rob Cantor is interested in featuring the CCLFPC in his column. Perhaps closer to Thanksgiving. Becky will stay in touch with Rob.

## Rantoul Food Hub report

A meeting will be held on October 3 at 7 at the Rantoul Business Center. The Food Hub is asking for leadership. Patti commented that she sees it moving toward research and education. Mike Royce and Todd Rusk have been hired as consultants. A coop model has been suggested. Rantoul spends \$1.4 million per year annually to mow this property. Could they set up a loan for infrastructure? One drawback: a large acreage is reserved for Farm Progress Show 1 week every other year. Tod will check in with Bruce at the Village of Rantoul. All will attend who can.

## Dining Services/local food report

Chris is not here to report.

Hendrick House is another institutional buyer. Tod sold cherry tomatoes to them.

## Advisory Board Progress

So far there is no potential board meeting date, and no invitations have been sent. Becky will compose a letter of invitation before our next meeting.

## New Business

A local food summit on will be held in Bloomington on Tuesday, November 12. Becky has funding from her department for travel, and she invited members to carpool to the meeting with her.

## Legislative Update

The farm bill. Farm bureau has not taken a stand on the SNAP program. Brad was not on hand to comment.

There were no announcements

The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cathe Capel