



COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 13th, 10:30am-12:30pm
Colorado Department of Agriculture,
305 Interlocken Parkway,
Broomfield, CO 80021

Present: Wendy Peters Moschetti (member), Meigan Lovelace (member), Joyce Kelly (member), Tom Lipetzky (member), Brehan Riley (member), Jon Clinthorne (member), Jody Beck, Tracy Miller, Tom Parks, Dave Carter (member), Kelleen Zubick (member), Becca Jablonski (staff)

Call to order: 10:30pm

1. Welcome new members and introductions
2. Approve minutes – Jody moved, Tom Parks seconded, All in favor (unanimous)
3. Discussion regarding COFSAC's 'endorsement' of the CO Blueprint to End Hunger
 - a. Request that the document be sent to the entire group so that the group can consider its endorsement.
 - b. Any state rep will not vote on this action.
 - c. Wendy/Meighen will send out to the group
4. Motion to approve the annual report for COFSAC that was previously sent out to all members. Wendy moved to approve, Tom Parks seconded, all in favor, unanimous.
5. 2018 legislative efforts – Wendy
 - a. Two ongoing consecutive processes (draft amendment language passed out to committee):
 - i. Sunset renewal of COFSAC
 1. DORA recommended the renewal – and it has already gone through House Ag committee (1 dissenting vote)
 - ii. Line item/fiscal note that would include a staff person for COFSAC
 1. Bill number 1192
 2. So far process looks good with
 - b. Summary of draft language (amendment):
 - i. Still includes a merger of the farm to school task force and COFSAC
 1. Expands membership, increases total number of members – building efficiency into state advisory body
 2. So some of the language increases the number of seats that support/serve schools

- ii. Activities on which COFSAC will focus:
 1. Working with agencies that administer federal food assistance programs to directly support CO agriculture
 2. Farm to institution (broader than Farm to school)
 3. Implementing action items of the CO Blueprint of Food and Agriculture – esp. where state agencies are involved
 4. Plus other things...
 - c. Sunset bill is going to committee: COFSAC Bill (HB1236) has been scheduled for a hearing on February 26th in the afternoon. Hearing starts at 1:30pm.
 - i. Meighen, Jody, and Dave Carter offered to testify
 - ii. Wendy and either Becca or Dawn will testify
- 6. Discussion about website sponsorship and acknowledgements
 - a. Checks payable to the web master (MM Website Consulting)
 - RMFU has already contributed
 - Kelleen will provide support but needs an invoice
 - Natural Grocers may also be willing
 - b. Can we acknowledge contributions on the website?
 - Tom will check with CDA but in the interim we will not
 - c. Anything posted (beyond date for meetings, agenda, minutes, membership)
- 7. CO Blueprint of Food and Ag
 - a. Discussion/review of 4 pager with action items for COFSAC
 - i. CSU has been preparing these 4-5 pagers for industry groups and communities and traveling around the state making presentations on findings.
 - ii. CSU is taking the lead to move forward on a project working to support 5 metro counties around Denver to ensure that their food policies can positively support farmers and ranchers, as well as rural communities and economies. Funding has been received for the project – bo
 - b. Cross-cutting policy briefs:
 - i. Understand how we can change the retail environment so that more stores are accepting SNAP and WIC and incorporating Colorado Proud promotion and incentives for fruit and vegetables and whole grains.
 1. Need to look at the quality of the nutrition for each of the retailers that is accepting SNAP. We aren't doing service
 2. Tom made a motion Jody and Joyce seconded to allow Wendy and other members of COFSAC move ahead on drafting an issue brief "Potential COFSAC Healthy, Vibrant Community Issue Brief". All in favor, unanimous.
 - a. Tracy noted that experts in the relevant CO Departments need to be heavily involved in this issue brief.
 - b. Wendy requested feedback on the issue brief outline before moving forward – she will send to Becca who will send out
 - ii. Exploring models for economically viable small scale meat processing.

1. This would be led by Becca/Dawn on behalf of COFSAC and CSU team (led by Dan Mooney, and including Martha Sullins and colleagues in Animal Science). Dan and team (including Becca/Dawn) were just awarded some funding to explore this – working closely with the CO Association of Meat Processors.
 2. This issue was brought up in almost all of the community listening session – the bottleneck associated with small scale meat processing (USDA inspected). Meighen mentioned that this is a challenge for many West Slope producers, Jon also mentioned this is a big challenge/impediment to Natural Grocers purchasing local meat.
 3. Joyce made motion to move forward with this policy brief on behalf of COFSAC, Wendy seconded, all in favor – unanimous.
 - iii. Urban land use policy and urban farming (led by Jody Beck)
 1. This issue brief would focus on best practice examples from around the state/nationally on how urban and is being used to support farmers and ranchers.
 - a. Request that Tom come back with an outline.
8. Member updates:
 - a. Meighen mentioned “How we grow” will be premiering February 23, 2018 at the Colorado Film Festival. Features all producers in the Roaring Fork Valley.
 9. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 10:30-12:30pm @ the CO Department of Agriculture
 - a. Tom Lipetzky will reserve room