



COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Agenda

Present: Wendy Peters Moschetti (member), Meigan Lovelace (member), Tom Lipetzky (member), Sandy Stenmark (member), Jody Beck (member), Tracy Miller (member), Tom Parks (member), Dawn Thilmany (member), Barry Pardus (member), Sandy Stenmark (member), Becca Jablonski (staff), Julie Moore (CO Beef Council; Chair of the Farm to School Task Force), Jon Padia (CDE), Reuben Gregory (Denver SFPC), Dan Waldvogel (Guidstone/Land Link), Jenae Curley (CSU Dietetic Intern with CDE)

Call to order: 10:30pm

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Minutes

1. Approve Minutes
 - Moved by Meighen, Dawn Seconded (unanimous)
2. COFSAC annual report
 - Becca sent it late, so will send out an email asking for approval by members before 2/20.
3. Policy Updates:
 - Update on LiveWell bill (Wendy)
 - Now have full approval to move ahead with the bill and having the fulltime staff member housed at CSU
 - Basics of the bill are still the same
 - Final fiscal note is not yet approved – thinking between \$120-130k.
 - Now submitting a 'legislative declaration' that says the intent of the bill
 - Bill will be introduced on Monday

- Livewell will share a draft of the bill with CSU and COFSAC for approval ASAP
 - Sponsors: Barbara McLachlan (also involved last year) and Galindo in the house and Priola and Ginal in the senate.
 - Local school purchasing bill – introduced
 - House Bill 19-1132, sponsored by Representatives Bri Buentello (D, Pueblo), Rob Pelton (R, Cheyenne Wells), and Sen. Don Coram (R, Montrose). The bill creates the Local School Food Purchasing Program that provides participating school districts with a per meal incentive for purchasing locally grown, raised, or processed products. This increases the nutritional value of kids’ meals in school while stimulating the agriculture and local economies. The bill also creates a companion Training and Technical Assistance grant program to help participating school districts and producers address barriers to local purchasing such as needed infrastructure for both suppliers and school districts, as well as budgeting and planning support that currently prevents schools and local producers from working together.
 - Hearing Update
 - HB 19-1132 was heard in Thursday in the House Rural Affairs Committee. While the committee members expressed strong interest in the substance of the bill, there was significant concern regarding the \$2.7 million price tag. The bill was “laid over” until next week so we can work on decreasing the price tag. Updates to come.
 - LiveWell coming up with a ‘Plan B’ as the Governor is not allowing anything to pass that has over a \$500k fiscal note given that he is committed to funding full day kindergarten. In addition, Livewell has to reframe as a pilot/evaluation period for three years.
 - Tax Credit Bill – introduced (Livewell and RMFU)
 - Current tax deduction for the sale or lease of farm/equipment
 - Want to flip to tax credit – so that it is used
 - Note that there is no additional resources being requested – just a reallocation
 - School Protection Act (Livewell)
 - Provide continued discount to schools through 12th grade for healthy food purchases.
4. Welcome the new Commissioner of Agriculture: Kate Greenberg
- Discussion about the priorities of this Commissioner/Governor:

- 1. Next generation ag
 - 2. Diverse market development – local to global – including high value ag
 - 3. Natural resource stewardship
 - 4. Mental health support/suicide prevention
5. Brief updates:
- Using COFSAC funds to support policy briefs (Tom)
 - Yes, the funds can be used to support the issue briefs. Tom checked with
 - CO Health Foundation funding (Sandy)
 - Seem open to it – request is for \$5-7k
 - Should hear next week
6. Update on the hunger/food security white paper (Wendy)
- White paper content is done except that Wendy will update the issue brief with new/updated numbers.
 - Enough money to do the formatting for the first issue brief.
 - Wendy emailed an outline to show what could be done with about 4 pages (worked on this in conjunction with the graphic designer).
 - Wants to assign portions of the 4 pager to individuals to do summaries.
 - Suggestion to combine barriers and recommendations.
 - **Sandy** agreed to do the intro
 - **Jody** agreed to do the barriers/recommendations – and everything beside the intro
 - Needs to be sent out well in advance of the next meeting.
 - Longer white paper needs to go on the website and be approved (with the new WIC data that Wendy will add)
 - Jody moved to approved, Dawn seconded (unanimous)
 - **Becca** talk to web designer about adding the white paper to website.
 - When the issue brief is finished, Becca will send it out to COFSAC members and we will get approval over email.
7. Update on the meat processing white paper (Dawn)
- Survey results are being analyzed – good response rate for the meat processors.
8. Review scoping document for COFSAC-Farm to School Task Force (Becca)
- Having the scoping document is likely to be useful if/when the COFSAC bill passes so that we can be ready to go.
 - COFTS does have a number of documents ready to go
 - About 7 active members of COFTS currently, so would need them in addition to at least 2 members of COFSAC to join.
 - Meighen moved to approve the scoping document, Wendy seconded (unanimous)

- Jon, Tom, Wendy, Meighen will all agree to join the task force. Meighen will serve as chair.
 - **Julie** will send a list of the current members, and **Becca** will set up a virtual meeting.
9. Return to discussion of land use policy paper (Meighen)
- Presentation by Dan Waldvogel from Guidstone/Land Link
 - Chair of the land and capital access working group for COFPN.
 - Discussion about the ACRE program (Agriculture Conservation Resources and Education)
 - Interest from CO State Conservation Board and Association of conservation districts to become more relevant.
 - Discussion about the Agriculture Economic Development (AED) program
 - Discussion as to what is 'new' that this is proposing.
 - COFSAC really liked the support for planning – and capacity building that can be done, but concern that there is significant overlap in terms of the ag revolving loan fund/lending (for example, economic development/planning commissions, USDA RD)
 - Could this effort be used to help leverage/match federal funds?
 - COFSAC could pursue this issue as a white paper- **Dan** will follow up with Dawn/Becca to develop an outline for a COFSAC white paper
 - More networking is needed to ID what resources are already at the table
 - Need to explore how this is integrated into conversation about National Western programming
 - Dan could come back to May meeting to present proposal/outline
 - Will need to see what happens with the Mclachlan/Corum rural development bill and how that moves forward as well
10. Discuss feasibility of forming committees to explore topics and initial work plan
- Farm to School
 - Denver food policy around procurement to support farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses
 - Motion to table committee discussion until May meeting when we know about the bill -- and/or table it until we have a newly formed council after out bill passes (!!).
11. Next Meeting
- May 28th, 11am-1pm, CDA