

Resolution No. 16-13

Designation of the Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance as the Local Food System Advisory Council

Whereas, food system issues significantly affect the public health, land use, economy and quality of life of Northwest Kansas residents; and food related concerns are prevalent in the country; and

Whereas, the, Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance, herein referred to as WPFCA, seeks to identify the benefits, challenges and opportunities for a successful regional food system. The WPFCA will serve as a forum for discussion and coordination of efforts to improve access to the regional food supply and distribution networks; and

Whereas, working with food and agricultural sectors are central to the economy of Northwest Kansas and contribute significantly to the environmental and economic wellbeing of our region; and

Whereas, Cheyenne County actively seeks to improve access to regionally grown healthy food options while promoting educational resources for the local population;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim support for Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance in partnership with Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development.

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities

Cheyenne County Commission proclaims support for the Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance to achieve the following:

- A. Increase access to affordable, nutritious and safe food for all residents;
- B. Enhance economic development and strengthen the regional food system;
- C. Bring stakeholders together and provide mechanisms for seeking stakeholder advice and expertise;
- D. Effect improvement in the health and well-being of all Northwest Kansas residents;
- E. Explore means for small business development for food and food production;
- F. Coordinate and collaborate with existing initiatives within the region and with other regional and state food and farm organizations;
- G. Bring to the attention of the regional new programs and opportunities; and
- H. Investigate ways to preserve and sustain local resources including soil, agricultural land, important breeds/cultivars, water, skilled labor, capital, and markets
- I. Work with County and City elected officials and departments on regional food issues as constituents request assistance;
- J. Support regional producers, processors, and distributors of food products;
- K. Increase youth and young adult engagement in food and food production, educational, and economic opportunities;
- L. Increase education and awareness on the usage and consumption of regionally produced foods.

WPFCA shall serve as an advisory board and has no authority to take official action on behalf of the County Commissioners.

Section 2. Membership

The composition of WPFCA will include two members from each county represented in the region. The Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Kansas will appoint one member for Cheyenne County. Additionally, membership shall represent diverse food-related sectors and groups such as:

- A. Consumers
- B. Producers
- C. Senior Citizens
- D. Community and Faith Based Organizations
- E. Organizations representing at-risk populations
- F. Health Professionals
- G. Agriculture Organizations
- H. Schools and Institutions

- I. Food Retail
- J. Kansas State Research and Extension
- K. Public Health

Section 3. Meetings.

Meetings shall be held a minimum of 6 times per calendar year and minutes shall be promptly recorded and made available to the public.

Section 4. Report and Evaluation.

WPFCA shall prepare an annual report on the progress and successes related to the purpose, duties and responsibilities of the Alliance. Cheyenne County or its designee shall evaluate the WPFCA every 3 years to evaluate its success in improving the food environment in the region.

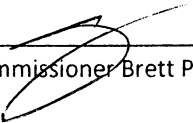
Section 5. Funding

No funding is requested from Cheyenne County for WPFCA at this time. The Alliance may actively seek both private and grant funding for its activities.


Section 6. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force and effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Governing Body of Cheyenne County this 15th day of September, 2016.




Commissioner Brett Poling



Commissioner Ed Garner



Commissioner Rodney Radcliffe



(Attest) County Clerk Debra Lindsten

