

DOUGLAS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 10-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL; PRESCRIBING THE PRIORITY AREAS FOR STUDY, COMMUNICATION AND ACTION OF THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL; AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Douglas County Food Policy Council, hereinafter referred to as the FPC.

SECTION 2. Goals (Priority Areas for Study, Communication, and Action)

The Food Policy Council seeks to identify the benefits, challenges and opportunities for a successful, sustainable local food system in Douglas County. The FPC will serve as a forum for discussion and coordination for community-wide efforts to improve the Douglas County community's access to local food supply and distribution networks. Therefore, the FPC will focus on the following priority areas:

- A) Economic development and entrepreneurial opportunities related to local food production and consumption
- B) Improved health outcomes
- C) Positive environmental quality impacts
- D) Increased access to, and distribution of wholesome, local food
- E) Support for local producers of sustainable food products
- F) Identification, preservation, and/or sustainable development of local resources including soil, agricultural land, important breeds/cultivars, water, skilled labor, capital, and markets
- G) Increased education and awareness on the part of Douglas County residents regarding the benefits of locally produced foods

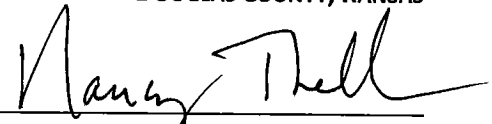
SECTION 3. Members

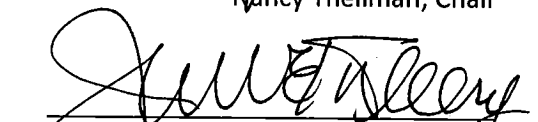
- A) Members shall be appointed by the Douglas County Commission for a term of three years, except for the initial appointments to the FPC as set out in *Section 4. Members, Item D.*
- B) Terms of service will begin at the start of the first meeting of the calendar year.
- C) In the event of a member's inability to serve or resignation, the County Commission shall appoint another person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term so created.
- D) Members shall be appointed the first year in a "staggered" manner- one third for a one-year term, one third for a two-year term, and one third for a three-year term.
- E) No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as a member, except that: a) members appointed for an initial one or two-year term may be reappointed and complete two full three-year terms; b) vacant, unexpired terms may be filled by appointment of standing council members otherwise ineligible for reappointment; and c) if an appointment to the FPC expired before the County Commission has appointed a replacement member, then the member whose term has expired shall serve until a successor has been appointed; and d) if an appointment is an at-large appointee by a Commissioner.
- F) There shall be between 15-25 members on the FPC, which will include representatives from such groups as:

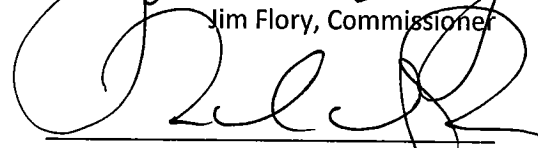
- a. Three at-large members, one appointed by the county commissioner from each county commission district;
 - b. Agricultural producers, representing both the Kansas and Wakarusa watersheds; at least one of which is a producers of animal protein, at least one a producer of produce, at least one a commodity producer, and at least one involved in direct marketing of products;
 - c. Retail food outlets, at least one of which is a retail grocery, and at least one of which is a restaurant;
 - d. Food purchasers;
 - e. Educational institutions or organizations located within Douglas County;
 - f. The Douglas County Extension Service;
 - g. The City of Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board;
 - h. The food security community;
 - i. A non-governmental organization working in the area of health, nutrition, or medical care
 - j. A non-governmental organization working in the area of local food systems or sustainable agriculture;
 - k. An established farmer's market in Douglas County;
 - l. The Douglas County business community;
 - m. The youth community;
 - n. An independent chairperson (if needed).
- G) Douglas County will provide staff support to the FPC as available.
- H) Council member attendance is expected at every meeting of the FPC. In the event of three consecutive, unexcused absences, a Council member may be asked to resign from the Council.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2010.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS**


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ATTEST:


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