

Attachment 1

**27th Meeting of the
Cass Clay Food Commission
November 13th, 2019
Fargo Commission Chambers**

Members Present:

Mike Thorstad, West Fargo City Commission, Chair
Jenny Mongeau, Clay County Commission
Jim Aasness, Dilworth City Council
John Strand, Fargo City Commission
Sara Watson Curry, Moorhead City Council
Chelsey Johnson, Horace City Council
Kayla Pridmore, At-Large Member
Jeremiah Utecht, At-Large Member

Members Absent:

Bukola Bakare, At-Large Member
Mindy Grant, At-Large Member

Others Present:

Kim Lipetzky, Fargo Cass Public Health
Kayla Carlson, NDSU Extension
Abby Gold, NDSU Department of Public Health
Timothy Hiller, Concordia College – Community Engagement
Verna Kragnes, Executive Director, Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society
Adam Altenburg, Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments

Chair Thorstad called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

1a. Note on the Passing of Commissioner Vern Bennett

Chair Thorstad informed the Commission that Dr. Bennett passed away on September 29. He praised Dr. Bennett for his commitment and dedication to the community and to the Cass Clay Food Commission.

1b. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

A motion to approve the order and contents of the overall agenda was made by Ms. Watson Curry and seconded by Ms. Mongeau. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

1c. Review and Action on Minutes from May 8 and September 11, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes for May and September was made by Ms. Mongeau and seconded by Mr. Aasness. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

2. Commission Check-In

Chair Thorstad stated that Commission members and the steering committee had an opportunity to provide updates on news or events happening in the community.

Ms. Watson Curry informed the Commission that the City of Moorhead would be holding community discussions on a wild turkey management plan to, including soliciting information on what community stakeholders would like to see considered as management options.

Ms. Pridmore stated that Sandra Steingraber would be discussing health, agriculture, and the environment at the Community Health Summit in Perham, MN on November 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

3. Single Use Packaging Materials Snapshot

Ms. Lipetzky provided an update regarding an addition to the single use packaging materials snapshot. She stated that information regarding Flannel Fizz, a zero-waste business, had been added to the document as an additional example.

A motion to approve the single use materials community snapshot was made by Ms. Mongeau and seconded by Mr. Aasness. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

4. Metro Food Plan – Input on Objectives and Action Steps

Ms. Lipetzky and Ms. Gold discussed the objectives and action steps developed as part of the draft Metro Food Plan. They asked Commission members for their input on additional recommendations or modifications to those being developed for the draft plan.

5. Jurisdiction Spotlight: City of Horace – Chelsey Johnson

Ms. Johnson provided the Commission information on food-system related events in the City of Horace, including details about the city's first farmers market held on October 11.

6. Cass Clay Hunger Coalition Update

Ms. Lipetzky presented an update on the Cass Clay Hunger Coalition, a network of over 35 local organizations working to improve the health, wellness, and livelihoods of people living in Cass and Clay counties. She provided the Commission information on how the network's framework as well as guiding principles and strategies to address food insecurity, food access, hunger and health, and awareness and engagement.

7. Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society and the New Roots Farm Incubator

Verna Kragnes, Executive Director of the Northern Plain Sustainable Agriculture Society, provided the Commission information on the New Roots Farm Incubator Co-op. She stated that the objective of the co-op is to increase the number and sustainability of emerging farm enterprises by offering incubating farm opportunities to individuals who want to farm or who have had difficulty accessing land. She provided additional details including how the co-op supports members as well as the co-op's partnerships with Partnership4Health, West Central Initiative, Legacy Gardens, and individual donors.

8. Public Comment Opportunity

Chair Thorstad informed the Commission that time would be allotted for public comments.

9. Commission and Steering Committee Roundtable

Chair Thorstad asked for the Commission and the steering committee to share any additional updates.

10. Commission Action Steps

Chair Thorstad stated that the next Commission meeting would be held on January 8. He also mentioned that the next First Fridays event would be held on December 6, 8:00 AM at Theatre B in Moorhead.

Chair Thorstad adjourned the meeting at 11:46 AM.