

RESOLUTION NO. 8069

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board has adopted Resolution No. 4872 establishing and endorsing a Champaign County Economic Development Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Economic Development Policy states as Goal ED-4 the following: Preserve the strength of agriculture and agritourism, and the existing business base, while diversifying the local economy through objectives of:

- Promote the growth of agriculture and agritourism that is both sustainable and profitable;
- Encourage development of enterprises that add value to local agricultural production;
- Encourage development of appropriate non-farm enterprises that augment income for farm families; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board recognizes the establishment of a Local Foods Policy Council to encourage the establishment of small businesses; to encourage the offering of better and fresher food available locally; to encourage larger institutional entities to commit to the use of 10% of local food to support growth and the local economy; to encourage the efficient use of land, and preservation and conservation of agriculture; to encourage reduction in food transportation; and to promote educational resources for the local population, achieves the Champaign County Economic Development Policy Goal ED-4 and subsequent objectives;

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board approves the establishment of a Local Food Policy Council to achieve the following stated purposes:

- Enhance economic development and strengthen local food systems within the County;
- Bring stakeholders together and provide mechanisms for seeking stakeholder advice and expertise;
- Explore means for small business loans;
- Coordinate and collaborate with existing programs within Champaign County and other county and state food policy organizations regionally;
- Bring to the attention of the County Board new programs;
- Identify and recommend to the County Board policy initiatives to support the goals and objectives of the Local Foods Policy Council;
- Establish a web site presence on the Champaign County web site;

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board has established that the Local Foods Policy Council shall be comprised of nine members appointed by the County Board Chair with the advice and consent of the County Board, each board member to be appointed to a 2-year term, and to include membership as follows:

- Two members chosen from communities within the County;

- Two members from local foods representatives;
- Two members from academic institutions;
- Two members from business/enterprise end users of local foods;
- One member from the Champaign County Farm Bureau;

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board has determined that the Local Foods Policy Council established herein shall end in March 2014, at which time the County Board shall review and assess the continuing need for the Local Foods Policy Council as constituted herein;

WHEREAS, in addition, the Council will review available options where the Council could/should be centered or housed, and evaluate each option in terms of relationships to the local food market, financial backing, and member appointment process;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Champaign County Board that the establishment of a Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council is consistent with the Champaign County Economic Development Plan as documented in Resolution No. 4872; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Champaign County Board that it approves the establishment of a Local Foods Policy Council to achieve the following stated purposes:

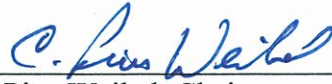
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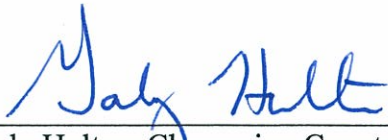
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PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED this 22nd day of March,
A.D. 2012.



C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board

ATTEST:



Gordy Hulten, Champaign County Clerk and
Ex Officio Clerk of the County Board