

# 2024 In Review: West Central Food Council Milestones & Accomplishments

## Relationship Building/Networking

- Lakewood Presentation/Meeting
- Detroit Lakes Boys and Girls Hydroponics Tour, March 15, 2024
- April 18 Food Bank Meeting (Great Plains, Second Harvest)
- Food Security Subcommittee Survey
- Farm Buds Relationship Established
- In-person council meeting at Thousand Lakes Brewing, August 16th
- Council conducted first vote to become a member of the MinneAg Network

## Community Engagement/Outreach

- Parkers Prairie Farmers Market (including February 21 Community Meeting)
- Deep Roots Festival community table, Saturday September 14
- Subcommittee One-Pagers
- Caliton's Farm Tour
- Food Forest Event, MB Johnson Park in Moorhead, September 9 (featuring Caliton's lecture/demonstration and free samples of his famous East African Eggplant)

## Regional Representation of Food Council Members



### Grant Received: \$71,330

- Earth Rising (\$11,000)
- MPCA Local Climate Action (\$35,330)
- Joy & Healing (\$25,000)

### Newsletter Subscribers: 230

### Council Members<sup>1</sup>:

- Cecilia Tenant Amadou
- Laurie Drewlow
- Ed Gehrke
- Meghan Jahnke
- Anna Johnson
- Caliton Ntahompagaze
- Luybov Slashcheva
- Harold Stanislawski
- Ron Roller
- Julie Rosenberg
- Scott Roser

### Advisory Team Members:

- Jason Bergstrand
- Patrick Hollister
- Emily Reno
- Luke Preussler
- Kate Mudge

<sup>1</sup> Listed in alphabetical order

### Meeting Attendance

#### Summary Statistics:

n = 12  
range = 10 - 16  
mean = 13  
median = 13  
mode = 11

#### BY MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
13	13	15	16	14	11	12	11	16	10	11	14

## What We Applaud & Want To See More Of

- Parkers Prairie Community Garden
- Parkers Prairie City Hall Compost
- Health and Hunger Summit, Fargo
- Support from 2 interns

## In The Queue

- Urban Agriculture Subcommittee Educational Events in Process for March 2025
- Food Insecurity Food Guide in Process (99% Done)
- Food Council Website

## Guest Speakers & Topics at Council Meetings

- January 2024: Amy Wiese, Lakewood Health Care - Food Security
- March 2024 (Marketing Subcommittee): Ryan Pesch, U of M Extension - Marketing
- April 2024: April Rog, Cedar Walters - WCI Climate Action Plan
- April 2024: (Food Security Subcommittee) Great Plains, Second Harvest - Food Banks
- June 2024 (Marketing Subcommittee): Ariel Pressman, Whole Farm Strategies - Marketing
- July 2024: Ariel Kagan, MinneAg - Intro to MinneAg
- September 2024: Matt Barthelemy, Farm Buds - Farm Tour and Volunteer Program
- October 2024: Theresa McCormick, The Good Acre - Twin Cities Area Food Hub; Marketing Subcommittee: Arlene Jones, Sprout - Food Hub
- November 2024: Mike Zastoupil, MDA - State and Federal Funding Opportunities