

Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

February 28, 2024

12:00-1:00 pm via Zoom

1. Welcome & Introductions- Jen Werlin, UI Extension Educator; Tammy Sachse, Extension Assistant; Andrea Swedberg, Food for Good; Robert Sgroi, Teton Conservation District in Jackson, WY; Iris Saxer-parent community volunteer.

2. Reviewed January 2024 minutes

3. Roundtable Update:

Robert talked about his bear tumbler compost bin “Teton Bear Products” that have been tested with black bears and he is ready to start selling and testing the bin. He is getting feedback from users.

Kelly Romines told Jen that Teton Valley Community Recycling would like to be involved if possible. Jen will follow-up.

Iris-will be in Rendezvous Elementary School (RUE’s) the week of April 1-5 working with 4 & 5 graders. She will be doing breakfast and lunch hours with 5-gallon buckets. Teachers and staff will help weigh waste and make graphs for the school. Youth will help with separating food for composting. She is looking for a farmer to take some of the food for chickens or pigs. Iris will talk to the cooking staff about waste and see what regulations they must follow. She will have some resources on food waste prevention to send home to families. There will be educational themes for each day. RAD curbside will sponsor this event with rolling racks and maybe some prizes for the contest. She would like to have a poster contest that week and then display the poster around the school and give prizes. Posters could also be displayed at the community Earth day event. She has contacted the senior center and is waiting to hear back from them about doing something that week. Jeanette Boner (freelance writer) is willing to help and maybe she could write an article about it for paper. Iris will talk to Hayes at Mountain Roots and Katie Rose at Mountain Academy and see if they could do more food waste prevention events if the program was extended through the whole month of April.

Andrea from CRTV/food for good program said that she could help that week by doing social media posts that partners could share hashtags. She also will have home food waste tips like fridge reality check.

Jen will work on putting out a press release talking about hashtags and educational resources on media campaign. 4-H could put resources in the 4-H newsletter. Jen will reach out to the Learning Academy (Dani) and the preschool teachers to see if they would like to do something.

She can get them resources if nothing else. Jen suggested that maybe the Master Gardener students could help to get volunteer hours.

Teton High School has a grant/program where the youth are trying to get forks donated to eliminate the waste of plastic utensils.

River Wind Foundation with 460 Bread are hosting a Bread to Tap or Bread to Brew event April 8th? (unsure of date) A promo flyer will be available. Iris suggested donations could possibly go to Food for Good.

Earth day is April 20, 2024, at Fairgrounds.

Group also discussed having a banner made for the Food Waste Prevention week. Partner organizations could help contribute to costs. Banner could be posted on chain link fence in front of Extension office/tennis courts on Main Street in Driggs. Andrea will work on getting partners together.

Jen would like to see if the group could get together on March 6th for lunch at the Extension office to continue planning efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

4. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday March 20, 2024, 12-1pm. Tentative agenda: overview of the Bon33 pollinator project.