

## Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023

9:00-10:00 am via Zoom

- 1. Welcome & Introductions-** Jen Werlin, UI Extension Educator; Tammy Sachse, Extension Assistant; Abby Grundler, 4-H Coordinator; William Weygint- AmeriCorps 4-H assistant; Danielle Clegg- Teton Valley News
- 2. New Business:** Planning for the winter season. What are our needs? What types of topics would groups like to learn more about?
- 3. Partner Updates:**

Told to Jen: Sue from the Food Pantry said they had a handful of farmers donating to them through the Grow a Row. 4-H had a late start planting and had a smaller garden this year and was not able to donate as much.

Hayes Swinney from Mountain Roots sent in an update to Jen: They are very excited to have a garden at all schools. They raised 40 lb of produce that they donated and donated to workers and students. They are looking to get funding to build a bigger garden in Driggs in 2024. They did 3 farm tours to BYU Idaho, Rexburg Apple orchard. Cosmic Apple Farms and Arnold Farms.

Jen did many classes this summer but is getting ready to do winter programming like 12-week Master Gardening program that will start in Jan. She will meet with students once a week to answer questions, while students will have 2-3 hrs of videos and readings each week. They will have monthly hands-on, in-person labs throughout winter, spring, and summer. She is working with the Women Farmers on the Rise project looking at women in agriculture in Idaho. She will start an Annie's Project course that will be held statewide, starting at the end of January. Jen has someone from Teton Science school that is helping with agritourism and a local directory that is hosted on the TFFC website. They are using GIS technology and story maps to map out farms, community gardens, farmers markets, and ag experiences.

Will (AmeriCorps volunteer) let everyone know that 4-H is open for enrollment and that clubs are filling up fast. Many clubs are full, and we are looking for volunteers. Will and Abby (4-H coordinator) are going into the schools and delivering STEAM programming on Wednesday for 6 weeks in each school.

The Teton Valley Seed Library located at the Victor branch of Valley of the Tetons Library just had its Fall Meet and Great and had a great turnout with UI Extension (Jen Werlin) and the Teton County, Idaho Weed Superintendent (Mark Paglierani). They plan on having a spring Meet and Great at the seed library, as well. The new County Weed Superintendent was there to meet people and answer questions.

B on 33 Wild Project is working on making the bike path more friendly and would like to add some benches. They are planning on planting wildflower seeds along the pathway and are working on controlling the weeds.

Extension staff talked with Danielle from the newspaper about coverage of upcoming events.

4. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023

12-1pm with FARE Idaho: <https://www.fareidaho.org/> via Zoom

Agenda: learn about FARE Idaho and involvement in eastern Idaho. FARE Idaho is a nonprofit that brings together the food and beverage community to strengthen the local food system.

Register for the meeting to receive login info:

<https://uidaho.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsfumogTssG9bzWrqtNs0Q4OaqEE9bpatP>