

## Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

September 25, 2024

Noon via Zoom

**1. Welcome & Introductions-** Jen Werlin, UI Extension Educator; Tammy Sachse, Extension Assistant; Andrea Swedberg, Food for Good; Emma Ray-TVCR; Andrea Gaudet, Master Gardener; Siera Hester, Teton Valley Food Pantry; Ethan Page, CWC Farm training programs; Liz Collins, Teton Valley Conservation District; Hayes Swinney, Mountain Roots Education

### **2. Partner Updates:**

UI Extension: Jen- Seed Saving 101 tonight at 6pm at the Victor Library. Iris-talked about RUES food waste prevention week audit results. You can bring seed to share or take some seed to use. Will learn how to save tomato seed. Jen got rack card for Agritourism with QR codes. This will help people find local locations. Jen will try and get then out to some location in Jackson and Teton Valley. Jen will be teaching the High-Altitude gardening class again this spring2025. Jen will be gone for Sabbatical this winter. Jen is working with 5 states on a USDA Grant for the Northwest Rocky Mountain Food Business Center which will offer technical assistance and funding for producers (food and ag) to improve access and distribution of locally produced food and ag products.

- Food entrepreneur/ ag business development
- Meat processing and distribution
- Climate resiliency and artisan grains
- Infrastructure and Distribution of local food in the 5 state region.

Mountain Roots: Hayes-Installed 17 new raised garden beds between Driggs/Victor Schools. They have garden lessons going in 5 schools. They are working on getting Wilson, Wyoming Elementary School a garden. Jamie Myers is helping work with them to get some garden-fresh food into the school cafeteria. They are going to do some tasting test at the schools. They are working with local farmers to try and get them to sell local grown food to the schools. The district has \$10,000 to spend on local foods. They are working on new menu and recipes for school lunches.

Community Resource Center's Food for Good: Andrea- They are picking up food from Swan Valley to rescue and bring back to Teton Valley. Cosmic Apple Gardens is donating 2 shares during the summer, and this is the last week for that donation. They have different locations for distribution throughout the valley, and the food is going very fast. They are having a Highpoint Fundraiser October 11 from 6-9 so come and enjoy with bingo. They are also at MD nursery on October 5<sup>th</sup> with pumpkins.

Teton Conservation District: Liz- Partnering with Slow food in the Tetons for more community gardens that are needed. Working with farm stands to help with pickup of food ordered online. Working with Jackson Farmers market to help local farmers sell at the Farmers Market. They are

working with the Jackson Hole Middle School to try and get them a garden. Morgan is working on getting local seed mixes available to those that would like to plant.

Teton Valley Food Pantry: Siena-The Food Pantry had added another after work day to help those that work still be able to pick up food. They are working on 5<sup>th</sup> day programming with the schools by offering food and lunches with the ABC program. Other families can also go and make a sandwich and get snacks from 8-9:30 Friday mornings. They are distributing more than once a week to those in need.

3. **Next Meeting:** October 23 Noon-via Zoom