

KANE COUNTY

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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

County Board Room

Agenda

10:00 AM

Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2018
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Partners
 - A. Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
 - B. Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates (Theresa Schryver, Communications Specialist)
 - C. Fox Valley Food For Health (Susan Leigh, Co-Founder & Executive Director)
- 5. Presentations/Announcements
 - A. National Good Food Network Conference Recap (Matt Tansley, Land Use Planner & Janice Hill, Executive Planner) (attached)
 - B. Farm to School Opportunities (Janice Hill, Executive Planner) (attached)
- 6. New Business
- 7. Reports Placed On File
- 8. Executive Session (If Needed)
- 9. Adjournment

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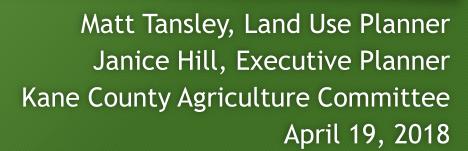






National Good Food Network Conference Recap

Albuquerque, New Mexico





The Agri-cultura Network and South Valley Economic Development Center

The Agri-cultura Network is a cooperative of 9 farms selling locally grown produce to restaurants, institutions and families.



The network has partnered with the South Valley Economic Development Center, which provides incubation services for food businesses







Commercial kitchen and food business incubator







Cold & dry storage for producers and food entrepreneurs

Agri-cultura Network



Standards for farms that sell through the network

- Use of agricultural practices that are at a minimum organic
- Provide a living wage and safe work environment for all workers
- Practice community and environmental stewardship

Agri-cultura Network Services

Incubation / Training Farm & Distribution Channels

Participating farms can benefit from ...

- Access to Bernalillo County incubation farm / training program
- Sale of product through La Cosecha CSA program (sells nearly 400 CSA shares each year)
- Access to SVEDC storage and processing facilities
- Member farms benefit from group purchasing







Farm to Cafeteria Opportunities

Remaining Food to Market Catalyst funds will support Farm to School programming in coming months

- Illinois Farm to School Network event next month to connect area school food service managers with resources for buying local.
- Meet and greet with food hub operations team.
- Technical assistance for the JJC food service.



