

EDITS TO JOHN KOCH'S DRAFT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

FREEMAN COMMUNITY FARMLAND TRUST, INC.

Article I. The name of the Corporation is the Freeman Community Farmland Trust, Inc. (FCFT) While FCFT will function as a fully independent corporation, it was formed by and shares a mission with Rural Revival, Inc., a corporation also located in Freeman, South Dakota.

Article II. Mission of the Corporation

The Freeman Community Land Trust is a non-profit corporation whose mission is:

a) to preserve and protect the farmland of the Freeman community;
b) to revitalize and repopulate the rural community of Freeman; and
c) to provide local farmers with a means of protecting their farmland for agriculture and making it available to a new generation of farmers.

FCFT will fulfill this mission:

a) by acquiring, holding, managing, and otherwise securing land whose future use will be reserved exclusively for those employing sustainable agricultural methods to preserve and/or improve the health and productivity of the land;

b) by encouraging and supporting local ownership of the land and its productivity on behalf of the community as part of a local food system; and

c) by expanding the public's understanding of the integrated food and social system implied in points a) and b) through practice, example and awareness building.

Article VIII., Section 4. Standing Committees.

The corporation recognizes the need for a series of standing committees needed to carry out its mission effectively. These include but are not limited to:

a) Committee to oversee acquisitions of farmland.

b) Committee to monitor the health of farmland entrusted to FCFT.

c) Committee to oversee leasing arrangements for FCFT farmland.

d) Committee to foster local food systems as markets and for the benefit of the community.

e) Committee to oversee legal and financial arrangements of FCFT.

f) Committee to foster public relations and education.

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--Being of the opinion that John Koch's drafts of these documents go a long way toward what we need to form a new non-profit, if that's what we decide to do, the above represent some possible edits, for Rural Revival's thought and discussion. They reflect some points where John seemed uncomfortable with what to say, and also some suggestions from my brother, Maynard Kaufman, who organized a similar Land Trust in Michigan years ago.