

Rural Revival Minutes - September 23, 2019 - Draft

Directors Present: Tim Eisenbeis, Dennis Lehmann, Dee Millar, Brent Brockmuller, Dennis Jurkovich

Directors Absent: Lyle Preheim, Lillie Eisenbeis,

Members Present: Phil Eisenbeis, Larry Eisenbeis, S. Roy Kaufman, Paul Ortman, Will Ortman

Guests Present: Angie Brockmuller

Pre-meeting Education: Paul Ortman presented. "Alley Cropping: why and how; my limited experiences". Paul described his experience of growing two or more crops in the same field in narrow strips -- alley cropping. Paul explained his philosophy of improving his farming by trying something new every year on a small portion of his farm. Alley cropping has the potential of making better use of available sunshine and improving the soil at the same time.

Minutes: The Minutes of the August 26, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by S. Roy Kaufman, seconded by Dennis Lehmann, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Farmer's Market – Market in the Park: There was discussion about how the received donations should be allocated. It was decided to keep the donations in the general fund and keep note of the source for possible future use.

Future education ideas: Brent came up with some ideas of things we could do in our goal of providing education to the public.

Scholarships: We could award scholarships to people to attend conferences that are inline with our goals. It would be good afterward for the person to give a talk about what they learned at the conference. Some possible conferences are:

- Mother Earth News conference in Topeka, Kansas
- South Dakota Soil Health Conference
- ACRES Conference
- MOSES Conference
- Norther Plains Sustainable Ag Society Conference
- South Dakota Local Foods Conference

Rural Revival could put on our own conference. There are a number of possible people we could invite as speakers.

October pre-meeting education: Dennis Jurkovich will talk about soil health and the relationship to human health along with how to improve soil health in the garden.

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Adjournment: Moved by Larry Eisenbeis, seconded by Paul Ortman and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary