

Rural Revival Minutes - August 24, 2020

Et Cetera Meeting Room

Directors Present: Dennis Lehmann, Brent Brockmueller, Lillie Eisenbeis, Andre Eisenbeis, Richard Ensz, Dee Millar, Dennis Jurkovich

Directors Absent: Larry Eisenbeis,

Members Present: Lyle Preheim, Lorraine Ensz, Glen Wollman, Tim Eisenbeis, S. Roy Kaufman

Web Meeting: The meeting was also a web meeting via Zoom due to the coronavirus.

Minutes: The Minutes of the July 27, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Motion to approve by Dee Millar, seconded by Tim Eisenbeis, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance \$5,434.77 with \$682.32 designated for the farmers market. A loan payment of \$500 was made and applied to principal. Motion to approve by Dee Millar, seconded by Andre Eisenbeis, passed unanimously.

Farmers Market: Lillie and Andre report it has been going well. The maximum number of vendors has been 11 with 9 last week. Current vendor fee is \$40 for everyone. A change in the fee schedule is being considered for next year with \$20 for the first week and \$40 for more than one week.

Looking for a better balance of vendors because most vendors are offering prepared items and only one vendor offering fresh produce.

Rural Revival Web Site: The web site comments were favorable for those who looked at it. Suggested additions were – more news items, more pictures such as from the farmers market. The goals description is good. We should add what we are doing to meet those goals. Add biographies for the board of directors. People can suggest items to be posted. Should the suggestions be vetted? Brent will talk with Paul about how to handle new postings. Lillie will send a farmers market article to Paul for posting. Brent should be listed as a RR contact person instead of Paul.

Committees:

Land Trust/Access

Members: S. Roy Kaufman, Lyle Preheim, Phillip Eisenbeis, Richard Ensz

No committee activity to report.

Education:

Members: Dennis Lehmann, Todd Koerner, Dee Millar, Dennis Jurkovich

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The education committee met on August 19. Some items discussed were:

- the seed bank at the Yankton library
- SDSU is offering a workshop for beginning farmers looking for land. It is virtual for eight weeks starting August 31. Go to this link to sign up <https://extension.sdstate.edu/news/sdsu-extension-hold-workshops-beginning-farmers/ranchers-looking-land>
- Possible future education topics
 1. Goats, eggs – Cherlyn Ortman
 2. Transition to organic farming – Richard Ensz
 3. Pigs and eggs – Phil Eisenbeis
 4. Butchering at home

We discussed the RR brochures. There are multiple versions of the brochure from past years. We should consolidate them into one current. Instead of art work, use local photographs. Contact people on the brochure should be Brent and Tim.

What is the best way to distribute the brochures to new people in the area. Is it through Carol?

We should have a booth at the next county fair.

In September the Freeman Courier will have an article on Andre and Lillie's CSA. Berrybrook has started a new CSA. Our goal is to submit one article a month to the Courier.

We plan to restart the pre-meeting education sessions.

The plan is to discuss Larry's suggested topic from the July meeting in September.

Local Foods:

Members: Lillie Eisenbeis, Andre Eisenbeis, Brent Brockmueller, Angie Brockmueller

No report

Butcher Shop:

Members: Tim Eisenbeis

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Butcher shop information has been sent to Sheri Rath. We discussed ways to contact people who might be interested in joining a butcher shop COOP. Radio and newspaper articles are possibilities.

Scholarship Fund: Andre and Lillie investigated upcoming conferences. Most are going to be virtual. What are ways to distribute the information postcard? FSA, 4H ? The application should be put on the web site.

Adjournment: Moved by Brent Brockmueller, seconded by Dee Millar and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary