

## Rural Revival Minutes - May 25, 2020

**Directors Present:** Tim Eisenbeis, Dennis Lehmann, Brent Brockmueller, Dennis Jurkovich

**Directors Absent:** Dee Millar, Lyle Preheim, Lillie Eisenbeis

**Members Present:** Larry Eisenbeis, S. Roy Kaufman, Lorraine Ensz, Richard Ensz, Andre Eisenbeis, Bonnie DeNino

**Guest Present:** Leona DeNino

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

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Brent Brockmueller, seconded by Dennis Lehmann, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank balance \$4251.62 with \$527.53 designated for the farmers market. An ad for the farmers market will be placed in the Freeman Courier for a cost of \$23.40

### **Committees:**

#### Local Foods Committee: Farmers Market

An ad will be placed in the Freeman Courier as soon as feedback is received from the vendors.

Lillie met with Dr. Kenneth Kirton and discussed precautions to be taken due to coronavirus. Dr Kirton said it was up to the committee to decide. There is no official recommendation. We could go for 100% full body protection or none at all since there is no evidence that coronavirus is transmitted through food products. We will probably aim for somewhere in the middle. Possibly designate the first half hour for the elderly and those who are more susceptible. Vendors will be encouraged to wear masks. Customers will be encouraged to spread out. A light turnout is expected for the first market in June

Building of a local foods directory will continue through the summer.

There is a Facebook page for Freeman Farmers Market

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be held on June 22 at 7:30 pm. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

**Membership Dues:** Member dues are \$10 per year payable in June. A motion was made by Dennis Lehmann and seconded by Brent Brockmueller that membership status continues to August 1<sup>st</sup> each year to eliminate any member voting status confusion. Passed unanimously.

Brent suggested that dues be increased to \$20.

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Brent suggested that we consider separating education from the regular meeting to improve meeting attendance.

Tim is soliciting ideas to encourage new membership.

Cash Cow Co-op is a directory for local business marketing that strives to connect farmers to families. The web site is: <https://cashcowcoop.com/>

**Community Farmland Trust:** Austin is farming the land. Everything is planted except for two small wet spots. Tim asked Austin to soil test each year, hopefully seeing improvement each year. We will share the testing cost. It is important to test the same spots each year for comparisons.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Brent Brockmueller, seconded by Dennis Lehmann and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary