

Rural Revival Minutes - September 28, 2020

Et Cetera Meeting Room

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

Directors Absent: Larry Eisenbeis, Brent Brockmueller, Lillie Eisenbeis

Members Present: Lorraine Ensz, Glen Wollman, S. Roy Kaufman, Phillip Eisenbeis

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by S. Roy Kaufman, seconded by Dee Millar, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance \$5,454.77

Farmers Market: Andre reported the market is down to three vendors. This is normal when school starts and the weather turns cooler. They plan to continue for three more weeks.

Rural Revival Web Site: Dennis Lehmann will talk to Brent and Paul about updates to the web site.

Committees:

Land Trust/Access

The committee is looking into the history of land tenure patterns and practices. Also the challenges facing new and young farmers. The committee plans to direct the use of the six acres in the trust. Richard will pursue organic certification for the six acres. There are 120 acres total in this plot of land that may be going organic.

There are two quarters of organic certified land near Viborg that may be coming up for rent

Education:

Dennis Lehmann and Brent met with Nathan Schrag to talk about a redesign of the Rural Revival brochure. A sample brochure will be brought to the October meeting.

We plan to restart the Rural Alternatives column in the Freeman Courier. Phillip Eisenbeis will be featured in the October article. Sadaf Cassim will write the article.

We are looking for education topics. One suggestion is to have Jeremy Waltner talk about the effect of coronavirus on the Freeman Courier business.

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Local Foods:

No report

Butcher Shop:

No report

Scholarship Fund: Andre passed out the cards used last year to advertise the scholarship fund. The RR web site address could be added to the card. Information about the scholarship fund should be added to the RR web site. The cards will be distributed to the FFA, 4H and local businesses.

Adjournment: Moved by Phillip Eisenbeis, seconded by Dee Millar and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary