

## **Rural Revival Minutes - April 26, 2021**

### **Et Cetera Meeting Room, Freeman**

**Directors Present:** Dennis Lehmann, Brent Brockmueller, Dee Millar, Andre Eisenbeis, Dennis Jurkovich

**Directors Absent:** Richard Ensz, Larry Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis

**Members Present:** Glen Wollman, Philip Eisenbeis, Tim Eisenbeis, S. Roy Kaufman, Bonnie DeNino, Lyle Preheim

**Guests Present:** Joy and David Erdman, Jared Shrack

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

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Dee Millar, seconded by Andre Eisenbeis, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** No change since last month

**Board Attendance Requirements:** The Rural Revival bylaws state:

Any Board member who misses three consecutive regular meetings of the Board within a fiscal year shall forfeit his/her membership on the Board. This action is automatically taken and does not require a vote of the Board.

Richard Ensz has missed three consecutive regular meetings. The vote was unanimous to reinstate Richard as a board member.

**Freemen Community Development Corporation:** Brent attended the April meeting as the Rural Revival representative. Subjects covered included:

- New housing development west of the water tower.
- Main Street repair project is currently in progress. Larchwood, Iowa has implemented a project similar to ours.

Brent will continue as the RR representative.

### **Committees:**

#### Land Trust/Access

Roy presented two documents describing what he's been learning about Land Trusts, conservation easements, land management plans, and lease agreements, along with a proposed land management plan and lease agreement, both of which have to be processed by the land tenure task group, the owners and the leaseholder. If someone has an interest in seeing these

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drafts, they should contact Roy [directly—lorokauf@gwtc.net](mailto:lorokauf@gwtc.net), and he'd be happy to share.

#### Education:

The committee met on April 12. Dennis Lehmann is preparing an article for the Courier. The education committee will host a table at the Farmer's Market. We are looking at reviving pre-meeting education sessions.

#### Local Foods:

Andre and Brent reported on the farmer's market. They are looking into the requirements for a commercial kitchen. Currently there are 5 to 6 new vendors over last year. Ads have been placed in the Freeman Courier and the Area Wide. Ordering a new sign for highway 81 is in progress. A permanent sign is being considered. The market will open the first Wednesday in June.

#### Butcher Shop:

Report by Tim – Tim met with possible producers in February. Rural Revival has been proceeding with the butcher shop project under the assumption that the previous butcher shop project was terminated. Apparently, that is not true and some feathers may have been ruffled. Tim and Lyle will try to meet with Will and Nate to resolve the issues.

**Application to become 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation:** Dennis Jurkovich has been looking into the requirements for being designated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. There is a \$250 application fee. Andre moved that we spend the \$250 with the stipulation that we have follow on meetings on how to manage the non-profit and how any assets would be disposed when the non-profit is dissolved. Second by Dee Millar and passed.

**Next Rural Revival Meeting:** The next meeting will be on May 24

#### **Adjournment:**

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary