

Rural Revival Minutes - February 22, 2021

Et Cetera Meeting Room

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

Directors Absent: Richard Ensz, Andre Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis

Members Present: Glen Wollman, Philip Eisenbeis, Tim Eisenbeis, Lyle Preheim

Guests Present: Bobby J Slinger, Matt Stone

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Philip Eisenbeis, seconded by Dee Millar, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No change since last report

Committees:

Land Trust/Access

No report

Education:

Do we want to look at educating farmers about how to avoid top soil being blown away and accumulating in ditches?

Local Foods:

Brent continues to look for new Farmer's Market vendors especially for ones selling fresh produce.

Butcher Shop:

Report by Tim and Matt – looking at a four unit modular system. The cost would be approximately the same as a permanent building. A modular system is easily expandable. Cost would include initial consulting. A four unit system could process 75 beef per week. At a rate of 6 head per day after three years the costs would break even. A 12 head per day rate would be profitable. Max would be 15 head per day. Lead time to order units is 10 to 11 months. The manufacturer is Freisla. Preferable business model is a coop with LLC second choice.

Tim has been communicating with the meat specialist at the extension service. They are looking at setting up an apprentice program for butchers. SDSU may be having classes. The extension service will help butcher shops to start up.

Central Wyoming Community College has a butcher program.

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Tim will be setting up zoom meetings. The monthly zoom fee will be shared with Rural Revival.

Freeman Community Development Corporation: Tim is a member. It may be beneficial for Rural Revival to become a member. Motion for Rural Revival to join FCDC made by Dee Millar, seconded by Philip Eisenbeis and passed unanimously. Dennis Lehmann will check into meetings. Membership is \$75 per year.

We finished the meeting by watching the second half of the movie “Kiss the Ground”. The documentary talks about the benefits of regenerating the world’s soils.

Adjournment: Moved by Philip Eisenbeis, seconded by Dee Millar and passed

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary