

**Rural Revival Minutes: July 26, 2021**  
**Freeman City Library**

**Directors Present:** Dennis Lehmann, Brent Brockmueller, Dee Millar, Richard Ensz, Larry Eisenbeis

**Directors Absent:** Andre Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis, S. Roy Kaufman

**Members Present:** Dennis Jurkovich, Tim Eisenbeis, Beth Kaufman, Phillip Eisenbeis, Lyle Preheim

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Dee Millar, seconded by Lyle Miller, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance on hand is \$5,560.54. \$4,425.28 was paid to Merchants State Bank for the yearly land payment.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Land Access
  - No new updates
2. Education
  - Working on completing an article about Jared & Melody Shrack.
3. Local Foods
  - Will possibly discuss about whether the Farmers Market will do an event at the park again (like two years ago).
  - Lillie & Andre Eisenbeis are having a garden tour at their farm on Saturday, July 31st at 3 PM. Anyone is welcome.
4. Butcher Shop
  - No new updates

**Recruiting Produce Vendors for Farmers Market**

- Produce is always needed for the Farmers Market. Brent Brockmueller asked vendors to give some thought to ways to recruit produce vendors for next year or maybe to even tap some people on the shoulder to consider selling produce. Beth Kaufman mentioned having an educational activity to promote planting seedlings as maybe a way to get some interest.

**Educational Events - location and time**

- Brent Brockmueller shared his belief that when educational activities are tied to the monthly meeting that it keeps some people away and also lessens the energy created by the presentation.
- It was suggested that being at a different time and place (maybe on-site when able), would be advantageous.

- Advertising for educational activities could be done at the Farmers Market. It was also suggested that FFA (maybe even 4H) be added to the regular emailing list.
- Educational Committee will give consideration to an activity outside of the regular meeting, possibly for August.
- Potential future educational topics:
  - FFA/4H learning about Rural Revival as well as the agricultural history of the area
  - Effects of climate change to farming
  - Crop planning for extreme weather events (Daniel Harnish, SD Specialty Crop Assoc or SDSU)

**Pig Report by Richard Ensz**

- Richard updated Rural Revival about local CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) regulations and the impact on small farmers. A recent Turner County situation pitted a CAFO against a local farmer stating that the farmer needed to remove the hogs from his property because they were too close to the CAFO. The small farmer believed he was in accordance with CAFO regulations by being over half of a mile from the facility (CAFO's must be ¼ mile from homes). Currently the small farmer is seeking legal counsel.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Dee Millar, seconded by Richard Ensz, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Brent Brockmueller, Secretary