

Rural Revival Minutes - May 24, 2021

Et Cetera Meeting Room, Freeman

Premeeting Education: Jared Shrack showed photos and told us about the efforts of his family to live a self sufficient lifestyle in South Dakota. This includes raising goats and chickens, gardening and raising wheat.

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

Directors Absent: Richard Ensz, Andre Eisenbeis

Members Present: Glen Wollman, Philip Eisenbeis, Tim Eisenbeis, S. Roy Kaufman, Lyle Preheim, Nate Preheim, Matt Stone

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Motion to approve as corrected by Dee Millar, seconded by Brent Brockmueller, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillie reported a balance of \$6,142.08 with \$682.33 designated for the farmer's market. A land loan payment of \$4,425.28 is due July 2. Motion to approve by Brent Brockmueller, seconded by Dee Millar, passed unanimously.

Committees:

Land Trust/Access

No report

Education:

A Freeman Courier article on alternative energy featuring Dennis and Priscilla Jurkovich was published on May 13. A public presentation on alternative energy is being considered for August or September.

Local Foods:

The farmer's market will start on June 2 and run from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. There is a possibility of some new craft vendors participating. The grant application for new signage was not approved. A Rural Revival brochure will be printed and made available at a farmer's market table. Several people volunteered to sit at the table. There is the possibility of live music at the farmer's market. They would be paid up to \$50.

Butcher Shop:

Nate reported that over 4,000 hours effort has been put into the butcher shop project to date. A legal entity has been created, tax returns have been filed. The main effort now is looking for the best personnel. It is felt that in order to be successful the butcher shop would have to be at least partially owner operated. A

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manager is being sought who would be willing to learn butchering. The critical path is to find committed people for the project. The plan is to start small and build up.

Application to become 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation: Application for being designated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation has been submitted. There was a \$275 application fee. At the April meeting concern was expressed on how any assets would be disposed when the non-profit is dissolved. This subject was addressed in the original Articles of Incorporation for Rural Revival in section VII as follows:

Article VII - Section 2: In the event of termination, dissolution, or winding up of the corporation in any manner or for any reason whatsoever, the directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the remaining assets of the corporation to an entity or organization which is then exempt as an organization described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any prior or future law, or to more than one such exempt entity or organization or to the State of South Dakota or any governmental subdivision thereof exclusively for public purposes all as shall be determined by the board of directors of the corporation or, in default, of any such determination, to the State of South Dakota exclusively for public purposes.

Next Rural Revival Meeting: The annual membership meeting will be on June 28 at 7:30pm in the Freeman Library. An election to fill director vacancies will be held at this meeting. Following the annual membership meeting will be the board meeting to elect officers.

From the Rural Revival By-Laws Section 3: Terms for Board Membership

Board members serve for three years. An individual may serve a second consecutive three-year term if re-elected before becoming ineligible for two years. After two years the individual may again be elected to the Board with the possibility of two consecutive terms.

Director Rotation as of May 2021

Brent Brockmuller (Term 1 expires June, 2023)
Larry Eisenbeis (Term 1 expires June, 2023)
Andre Eisenbeis (Term 1 expires June, 2023)
Richard Ensz (Term 1 expires June, 2023)
Dennis Lehmann (Term 1 expires June, 2022)
Dee Millar (Term 1 expires June, 2021)
Lillie Eisenbeis (Term 1 expires June, 2021)
Dennis Jurkovich (Term 2 expires June, 2021)

Adjournment: Moved by Lyle Preheim, seconded by Dee Millar and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary