

**Rural Revival Minutes: October 25, 2021**  
**Freeman City Library**

**Directors Present:** Dennis Lehmann, S. Roy Kaufman, Dee Millar, Andre Eisenbeis

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

**Members Present:** Tim Eisenbeis, Beth Kaufman, Phillip Eisenbeis, Glen Wollman, Lyle Preheim

**Minutes:** September minutes were read by Tim, discussed and approved as read. (Andre E. moved and Dee M. seconded).

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was given by Andre E. Balance is \$6,275.44 with the land payment still unpaid and \$131.00 property tax paid by Ruth Schrag and a check issued to her for reimbursement.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Butcher Shop

- Nothing new from Nate and Will. Discussion and decision to table the idea until they make contact. The idea is in their court now as they are the principal players. Phil Thomas was mentioned as having questions.

2. Land Access

- Discussion was held on just how Rural Revival is involved as an owner. Tim added more information about the couple interested in investing in South Dakota property to be farmed and managed as we are promoting farmers living on the land. Tim will forward the information about possible properties in our area to the Luchases and the Land Committee will also contact them. S. Roy will also approach local farmers with the possibilities this presents for them.

3. Local Foods

- Market report will be given at the next meeting as Lillie and Andre plan to go to one more market in Yankton.
- Lillie and Andre have registered for the Local Foods Council on the first weekend of November and will be attending virtually. Anyone interested in joining them can contact them.

4. Education

- S. Roy attended a Rooted and Grounded gathering virtually on Oct. 15-16 and was able to present a paper on how local groups can help with the process.
- The visit to Dennis' home was successful with about 18 attending to learn about the use of solar power. They are still on the grid for some power but not selling back power to the grid. They do not use solar for heat. During a recent power outage their batteries maintained power for their use.

- Education Committee is thinking of more home tours possibly in the spring. The plan is also to contact FFA and 4H leaders to get the youth involved with Rural Revival. Possibly doing programs for them and/or they doing programs for us.

**Other:**

- Two publications were brought to our attention: Farm & Ranch which is mailed to mail customers in town and the magazine, Acres. Contact for those farmers who would like Farm & Ranch mailed to them are P.O. Box 1288, Mitchell, SD and 605-996-5514.
- Sarah Mock's article will be emailed to all members. Please bring comments to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Andre, Second by S. Roy. Next meeting: Monday, November 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Millar.