

Rural Revival

Minutes of the Sept 27, 2021 Board of Directors meeting

Present: Beth Kaufman, **Lyle Preheim**, S. Roy Kaufman, Richard & Lorraine Entz, **Dee Millar**, Philip Eisenbeis, **Andre Eisenbeis** & Tim Eisenbeis

August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved (S. Roy K. moved & Andre E. seconded)

Financial Report: Current balance on hand is \$6,299.28, with the Farmers' Market portion at \$336.73. A notable receipt in September was a \$100 donation in memory of Maynard Kaufman. Lillie E. will pay in \$400 at Merchants State Bank against the principal of Rural Revival's debt on the Saner farmland; funds given for this express purpose. Full Farmers' Market report is forthcoming at the Oct. meeting.

Task Force Reports

Farmland Access: S. Roy offered a draft of the agenda for their task force in the near future

-there was some discussion over whether to insist on certified organic management of the land. Would there be room for "regenerative" (which may allow for occasional chemical use and non-organic seed)? Need to focus on soil health and the parameters for measuring it.

-Tim E. shared about Susan Luchas's proposal to buy farmland around here with the goal of having it farmed & managed organically / regeneratively. She & her husband are asking Rural Revival to help identify possible renters and suitable farmland.

-S. Roy notified of the upcoming Rooted & Grounded Conference (focused on land and Christian discipleship) and invited participation or remote viewing of the presentations.

Local Foods:

Farmers' Market – nearing the end of the 2021 season. The main question that keeps arising is location and possibly moving to City Park. Need to consult the other vendors and secure permission from the city. A family-friendly environment like that could open up possibilities with for education (geared to children & youth).

Adjournment: Moved by Lorraine E. & Andre E. seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Eisenbeis