

Rural Revival Minutes: April 25, 2022
Freeman City Library

Directors Present: Dennis Lehmann, S. Roy Kaufman, Lillie Eisenbeis, Brent Brockmueller

Directors Absent: Richard Ensz, Larry Eisenbeis, Dee Millar, Andre Eisenbeis

Members Present: Phillip Eisenbeis, Dennis Jurkovich, Tim Eisenbeis

Guests Present:

Minutes: Phillip moved to accept the minutes, Dennis J. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillie reported the current balance is \$6877.66. A payment was made to Ruth Schrag for an overage on the property tax (the check has not yet cleared). Dues are encouraged to be paid prior to the annual meeting in June. Land payments will be needed before the beginning of July.

Committee Reports:

1. Land Access
 - No report.
2. Local Foods
 - Shared about the change in location to the Freeman Swimming Pool Park. Allows for more vendors, offers weather protection and allows a space for customers to sit and children to play. Talked about potential fundraising that could be done to help pay for permanent signage for the Farmers Market and Rural Revival.
3. Education
 - August 27th at 7:30 in the Community Center is a proposed date/time/place for a presentation by Mitch Mehlhaf, Dan Mehlhaf and Ben Brockmueller. The presentation would focus on soil erosion.
 - Brent shared about the prairie hay on his farm and that it is still available as an educational activity (Lyle Preheim & Beth Kaufman both expressed interest last year in looking at the root system). Brent also said that if possible, he would like to do a prairie fire on it to help with weeds (which could also be an educational activity) this fall.

Other:

- Brent shared the estimates from Printed Impressions and Freeman Lumber for some permanent signage in town. At this point, the cost would be just under \$2300 and no location has been found. A grant request could be submitted to the Freeman Community Foundation to assist with the cost.
- Tim asked if some more "smaller" educational events could happen over the next few months. Climate change is a topic that he would be interested in hearing/learning about.
-

Adjournment: Brent made a motion to adjourn the meeting, S. Roy seconded, it passed unanimously, meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Monday, May 23, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Brent Brockmueller, secretary.