

Rural Revival Minutes: July 25, 2022
Freeman City Library

Directors Present: Dennis Lehmann, Brent Brockmueller, Roy Kaufman, Phil Eisenbeis, Dee Millar

Directors Absent: Ande Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis, Beth Kaufman

Members Present: Bonita Denino, Tim Eisenbeis, Lyle Preheim, Glen Wollman, Dennis Jurkovich

Minutes: Roy moved to accept the minutes and Phil seconded. It passed unanimously.

Treasurer,s Report: None

Committee Reports:

1. Land Access

- no report

2. Education

- Lyle gave a report for the August 27 program at the Freeman community center. Ben Brockmueller will talk about organic, no till farming. Dan Mehlhaf will address not till regenerative farming, soil erosion and drought. Mitch Mehlhaf will talk about cover crops and their role in soil fertility.

We will advertise in The Courier and Parker New Era. WNAX Calendar. Carol Eisenbeis is connected to a radio station.

. Dee will put posters in local Freeman businesses.

Southwest and Northwest electric newsletters. Freeman marquis. Announcements in church bulletins. Posters in Marion and Menno.

3. Local Foods

- Farmers Market going well. Four new vendors since last meeting. There will be live music at next week's market. Beth Kaufman, Hanna and Rachel Miller are the musicians. Parking is getting better.

What hopes we have for Rural Revival:

- New blood and new members.
- Our members have a lot of resources and much knowledge which we should tap into.
- We can get a sheet together to list our members talents and resources.
- Silver Lake is just about dry. How can we save it?
- What about the local butcher shop? No news from Will Ortman and Nate Preheim.

Adjournment: Dee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil seconded. It passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is August 22, 2022.

Please send agenda items to the treasurer. Most of our time will be spent on our upcoming program on August 27.