

**Rural Revival Minutes: May 23, 2022**  
**Freeman City Library**

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

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

**Members Present:** Glen Wollman, Dennis Jurkovich, Tim Eisenbeis, Beth Kaufman, Daniel Gering

**Guests Present:**

**Minutes:** Dee moved to accept the minutes and Andre seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andre reported the current balance is \$6804.70. Dues are encouraged to be paid prior to the annual meeting in June. Land payments will be needed on the 2nd of July (\$703.62 is the portion paid by Rural Revival).

**Committee Reports:**

1. Land Access
  - No report.
2. Local Foods
  - The first Farmers Market is in less than two weeks. Approval for temporary signage has been given from Saarie's (across from the street to the west) and Jake's Electric (near the intersection of Hwy 81 and N. County Rd). 17 vendors have said they plan on participating this summer.
  - Brent asked if more information gathering should be done on permanent signage and possibly not even apply for a grant from the Freeman Community Foundation. This would allow for the sign to go up sooner and could avoid inflation on the sign components. Affirmation was given towards finding a location for a permanent sign.
  - Beth suggested having music performed live on a regular basis (i.e. 2nd Market of the month).
3. Education
  - The Community Center has been reserved for the educational activity on soil erosion/minimal tillage or no till for August 27 at 7:30.

**Other:**

- Annual Meeting will take place prior to the June monthly meeting next month, 7:30pm. Dennis L's term will be up. Other directors may wish to vacate their terms.
- S. Roy asked for volunteers to assist with his presentation about Rural Revival at June's Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The presentation is June 17 at 4pm on the campus of Freeman Academy.

- Viewed short video on climate change (YouTube) titled “How Will Climate Change Impact Agriculture?” by the Rutgers Climate Institute. Tim brought the video to the group’s attention. A small discussion was held on how climate change may be impacting us currently in this region. The discussion turned towards how to communicate ideas of better practices without turning others away due to disagreement with climate change.

**Adjournment:** Dee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Andre seconded, it passed unanimously, meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Monday, June 27, 2022, annual meeting to be held prior at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Brent Brockmueller, secretary.