

Rural Revival Minutes

September 26, 2022, 8:00 PM

Freeman Public Library

Directors Present: Dee Millar. Brent Brockmueller. Beth Kaufman. Dennis Lehmann. Phil Eisenbeis. Roy Kaufman. Lillie Eisenbeis

Members Present: Tim Eisenbeis, Dennis Jurkovich, Daniel Gering.

Minutes: correction, Jared Shrack spelled wrong. Corrected minutes moved to be accepted by Phil E. and seconded by Dee M. Unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: \$7437.48. This includes money in the Freeman Farmers Market account.

Community Outreach: We talked about accepting new people into the community. How can we be bolder in reaching out to new people in our community.

Committee Reports:

1. **Land Access:** No Report
2. **Local Foods:** Farmers Market vendors have dwindled. Food Truck has been a big success. More than 20 different vendors have been at the market.
3. **Education:** 40 people attended the cover crop/erosion/drought presentation. Speakers did a good job. There were parents and children attending together.. Also a number of females attended. It was observed that all 3 speakers mentioned Gabe Brown's Five Principles.

Fragmented Prairie: Beth Kaufman attended this outdoor conference. at Grand Island, Nebraska. About 40 people from 6-7 states attended. Mainly hosted by the Nature Conservancy. Topics were Prairie Eco Systems, where to obtain a mixture of highly diversified seeds to plant prairies, burning strategies, invasive species. Where do trees fit into the picture? Cattle and the prairie (The Nature Conservancy had one experimental plot with cattle on it). Beth hopes to plant 4 acres of her land with a diverse seed mix.

Other Possible Education Programs: Agri-tourism, Air bnbs, Hip Camps, Invite Malynda Penner to a meeting to talk about Freeman's Future Farmers of America. Let people know about Ag conferences coming soon. Lennox FFA is heard to be very active so maybe inviting their leader to a meeting.

Other Comments: What else could we do for local foods outside the growing season? Farmers Market Face Page.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 24, 8:00 P.M. at the Freeman Library

Adjournment: Dee made a motion to adjourn and Beth seconded, It passed unanimously

Minutes submitted by Dennis Lehmann