

Rural Revival Minutes

Time and Date: February 27, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

Location: Freeman Public Library

Directors Present: Dee Millar, Dennis Lehmann, Brad Brockmueller, Beth Kaufman, Roy Kaufman.

Directors Absent: Lillie Eisenbeis, Andre Eisenbeis, Phillip Eisenbeis

Guests: Deb Beier, Priscilla Jurkovich.

Members Present: Dennis Jurkovich, Tim Eisenbeis.

Presentation:

Deb Beier talked about her business, Fensels Greenhouse. She shared about what they plant and who her customers are. People from Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Yankton come to buy plants.

Minutes from January Meeting:

Forgot to list that Tim E. and Dennis J. were present at meeting. For the committee reports there was an exclamation point before the word Education instead of a 1.

Minutes were passed with corrections. Dee M. motioned to accept and Beth K. seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

None

Committee Reports:

1. Education:

The Education Committee met on 1/30/23. Talked about people who could speak before meeting and who we could feature in The Courier. For Feb. considered asking Lyle Preheim, Steve Graber or Deb Beier to talk about tree planting. Also, for March asking Norm Kaufman to share about his business, Norm,s Pharmacy. Decided to ask Pricilla Jurkovich to lead a demonstration on how to make kombucha. This will be Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 P.M. at the Freeman Arboretum Visitors Center.

2. Local Foods:

The local foods committee met recently. The Freeman Farmers Market will start June 7 and will conclude the end of September. The ending date will be determined by the weather and vendor participation. The committee is looking at promoting a craft fair and live music the second Wed. of each month.

3. Land Access:

No Report:

Miscellaneous:

Priscilla Jurkovich was asked to create an outline for a possible presentation on hemp and cannabis. Tim E. reported that a couple from Sioux Falls, Candace and Daryn Dockett, recently moved to Freeman with their children, They are milk customers of Happy Grazing Dairy. The Freeman Community Development Corporation had their annual meeting which Tim E. attended. Courtney Unruh is its new president.

Next Meeting:

Tim E. would like the group to talk more about Rural Revival's visioning and to reread Roy Kaufman's Courier article. We will meet on Monday, March 27 at 7:30 P.M. Linda and Steve Graber will be our special speakers. They will be talking about their farming operation and how they managed to get their four married children to locate on farms in the Freeman community.

Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Dennis J. and seconded by Dee M. Unanimously approved.

Minutes recorded by Dennis Lehmann, secretary.