

# Rural Revival Minutes

**Date:** January 23, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

**Location:** Freeman Public Library

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

**Directors Absent:** Phil Eisenbeis, Andre Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis.

**Guests:** Malynda Penner

## **Presentation:**

Malynda Penner gave a talk about her work as the teacher for the Freeman Public High School Future Farmers of America. She seemed to be a good fit for this job because of her farming background and enthusiasm. She is open to us contacting her if we would like to sponsor a student for ag conferences.

## **Minutes from November Meeting:**

Roy Kaufman moved to accept the minutes. Dee Millar seconded. Unanimously passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

None.

## **Committee Reports:**

1. Education: Dennis was recently in Bangladesh and he shared a newspaper article from the country that talked about raw milk cheese making. Roy's column in The Courier was highlighted. It was about his vision for the future of agriculture in the Freeman community. Roy challenged our group to think about what our vision is for this community.
2. Land Access: No report.
3. Local Foods: The committee hopes to meet in the near future. They are considering highlighting arts and crafts once a month at the Freeman Farmers Market. Beth is planning to get more music lined up for the market.

## **Industrial Hemp Meeting:**

Brent B. attended the Freeman meeting. Six people attended. Brent handed out brochures provided by South Dakota Industrial Hemp Association. Their website is [sd-hemp.com](http://sd-hemp.com)

## **Miscellaneous:**

- Farmish is an app or website on which anyone can post items to sell.
- Any changes to our bylaws need two weeks advance notice before our annual meeting in June.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

Moved by Dennis J. Seconded by Beth K. Unanimously passed.

## **Next Meeting:**

Monday, Feb. 27. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. because Deb Beier from Fensel's Greenhouse will be sharing about her work.