

Rural Revival Minutes: September 25, 2023  
Freeman City Library

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

Directors Absent: S. Roy Kaufman, Beth Kaufman, Dennis Jurkovich, Lillie Eisenbeis

Members Present: Phillip Eisenbeis, Glen Wollman, Lyle Preheim, Tim Eisenbeis, Andre Eisenbeis

Minutes: Minutes from the June 26th meeting were approved (Dennis Lehmann moved and Phil Eisenbeis seconded, the minutes were accepted).

Treasurer's Report: Andre Eisenbeis shared on behalf of Lillie reported after the meeting that the current balance is \$6669.59.

Recent Expense/Income:

\$75 (expense) - live music at the Farmers Market

\$91 (income) - donations for hotdog meal at Farmers Market

Committee Reports:

1. Land Access
  - No report.
2. Local Foods
  - Last Market is this week. Event on August 9th went well and brought in \$91 (after splitting with FCDC).
3. Education
  - IronFox Farms (non-profit run by Dan & Megan EisenVos) shared about their work in SF at Graber Vineyards on Sept 16th. Work with a local elementary school (3rd & 4th grade) which works in with the school's curriculum. With the help of SE VoTech, installed an elevated shed because it is located in a flood plain. Offer some of their produce to Fair Market which is sold at a reduced rate.
  - Lyle Preheim had an article in the Courier about the connection between whale poop and oak trees.

Other:

- Lyle shared an article in South Dakota Ag-News (Fall 2023) about Farmers Markets.

- Phil shared about the Center for Rural Affairs (Nebraska). They are working with Hispanic residents and offering microloans. Rural Revival could look at the model and consider how it could be adapted to Freeman. <https://www.cfra.org/>
- Tim Eisenbeis brought up the topic of visioning for the Freeman community. Discussion was had about having a meeting to plan for visioning. October 29, 2-4 a gathering will be at the Freeman Library to have discussion for the visioning.
- There will be no regular meeting, the next meeting will be November 27, 2023.

Adjournment: Andre moved and seconded by Dee Millar meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Monday, November 27, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Brent Brockmueller, president.