

Rural Revival Minutes – August 26, 2024

Freeman City Library

Directors Present: Brent Brockmueller, S. Roy Kaufman, Dennis Lehmann, Spencer Bradford, Dennis Jurkovich

Directors Absent: Philip Eisenbeis, Beth Kaufman, Tim Eisenbeis

Members Present: Dee Millar, Lillie Eisenbeis, Lyle Preheim

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting June 24, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Spencer, seconded by Dee, passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the Annual Board Organizational Meeting June 24, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Roy, seconded by Spencer, passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting June 24, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Lillie, seconded by Spencer, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$8,483.89 of which \$1,294.14 is for the farmers market. The land payment of \$4,976.34 due in July has been paid.

Committees:

Land Trust/Access

Tim and Roy spoke on July 28 at Hutterthal Mennonite Church about land access. About 15 to 20 people attended. Roy spoke about who is Rural Revival. Tim spoke about land transition. They will also be speaking at the North Church.

Local Foods:

There are 30 vendors signed up for the Farmer's Market with an average of 14 per week. There have been some children vendors which may have a table for free. September 25 will be the final Farmer's Market for this year. Vendors pay \$10 per week with a maximum of \$50 per year. Next year we hope to have a special event featuring local foods.

Education:

No report.

Organic Farmers' Agency for Relationship Marketing event

The title of the event is Climate Smart Communities Field Day. The first day is going to be held in Freeman on September 4. The flier was sent previously by email.

Committees

Current list of those serving on committees. Dennis L requested that they meet in the next month:

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Local Foods: Angie, Brent, Lillie, Andre

Land Trust / Access: Roy, Tim, Lyle, Phillip

Education: Dee, Dennis J, Dennis L, Spencer

Special Events:

Some ideas for future special events:

Self Sufficient Farming with Jared Shrack

Conference / Chautauqua education series with multiple topics

Permaculture – table at Farmer’s Market, Turner County Fair

Speciality Crops – hemp, Kernza, ...

Work with Dakota Rural Action on local or regional events

Local Foods meal with a tour

Farm to School – Freeman Public, Salem Home, Oak View Terrace, Home school children

Hold an estate planning, land transfer event

Put on a drama regarding land transfer

Work with Wieman’s to notify us when small acreages become available

Invite Michael Baron to speak. He writes for the Tri State Neighbor

The next regular meeting will be on September 23 at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary