

Rural Revival Minutes – April 28, 2025

Freeman City Library

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

Directors Absent:

Members Present: Megan EisenVos, Andre Eisenbeis

Minutes: The Minutes of the February 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve with one correction by Philip, seconded by Spencer, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No change since last month

Committees:

Land Trust/Access

Roy and Megan discussed hosting a Land Stewardship Project course on farm transition. Discussion was held with Karen Stedler of LSP. Prior to Covid classes were in person. Now the class is online with up to 20 families at a time. There would be seven sessions normally held weekly January through March. Each session is about 2.5 hours duration. Cost is \$250 per family. There was unanimous support in the meeting for Roy and Megan to move ahead with planning for a class in 2026.

Local Foods:

Brent reported the Farmer's Market will open June 4th. Planning for 15 to 20 vendors. Planning to include a flyer with the Area Wide Connection. Planning to have live music the first Wednesday of each month. There was discussion about how difficult it would be to allow shoppers to use a SNAP card.

Education:

No report

Will and Sherilyn Ortman with South Dakota Specialty Producers Association will hold a seminar on transitioning to organic farming for Sustainable Revenue at Berrybrook Organics on May 8.

Megan is planning to present in a future meeting the idea of Rural Revival joining with Dakota Rural Action as a chapter.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Philip and seconded by Spencer

The next regular meeting will be on May 26, 2025 at 8:00 pm

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Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary