

Lee Agricultural Commission Minutes
April 29, 2021

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Donna Lee Woods, Dwight Barney, Chuck Cox, Kristen Cisneros, Paul Gasowski, Amanda Gourgue and Laura Gund

Guest: Caren Rossi

Minutes: The minutes of September 24, 2020 were accepted as read, moved by Dwight and seconded by Chuck Cox.

Finances: Donna Lee reported that the Farmers Market account has \$2003.02 in it at this time, while the Ag Comm. has \$3283.84, plus interest. As of today, there is a total of \$5286.86.

Lee Farmers Market: the decision was made to not have the Farmers Market this year since most previous market vendors have moved on, in addition to concerns about COVID.

Brochures: Paul wants us to join the larger markets. "We need to change the way we do things. We need to affiliate." This was followed by a general discussion of the Farmers Market. Chuck doesn't feel we are trying to isolate ourselves. The main thing is to encourage local growers. Amanda suggested some social media advertising for farms in Lee. We will hold off on a new brochure for the time being.

Lee Fair: We decided to go ahead with the fair. Caren Rossi commented that everything depends on COVID as we move forward. Kristen will do her contest, depending on COVID guidelines. She will need prizes and taste testers. *Laura made a motion to make \$100 available to Kristen for prizes, contingent on whether we have a fair.* Dwight seconded and motion was approved. We will decide as we get closer on just how to handle the barbecue. Chuck talked about social distancing, etc. Caren suggested starting at 11:00 a.m. having supper, bingo, ice cream, and fireworks. Tractor parade earlier in the day.

Breakfast: We might possibly do a breakfast in October, or early November. Some discussion followed.

Backyard Farming Initiative: This will possibly be held later in the year. To zoom or not to zoom? Talked about possible topics.

Next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting in May.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund

Another meeting of the Lee Agricultural Commission was not held until August 24, 2021.