

Rural Revival Minutes

September 1, 2014

Members Present: Dennis Lehman, John Koch, Lyle Preheim, Dennis Jurkovich, Lorraine Ensz, S. Roy Kaufman, Todd Koerner, Tim Eisenbeis Glen Wollman, Richard Ensz, Nathan Torberson, Larry Eisenbeis

Board Members Absent: Paul Ortman

Approval of Minutes of 8/4/14 Meeting – The Minutes were approved upon motion by Glenn Wollman, second by Lorraine Ensz and unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Rural Revival has \$805.94 in its checking account.

Farmer's Market – Dennis Lehman reported that the Farmer's Market continues to go well. They have had 10 vendors and generally good public traffic. Anticipate closing down end of September.

Education Program – Larry Eisenbeis is continuing to work with Mr. Perman to see if a presentation on his award-winning sustainable agriculture/ranching practices might be sponsored by Rural Revival in the fall. No progress yet. Hoping for a September or October program.

Community Garden – Todd report that the garden has done well and is now "winding down". First through 4th grades are now back in school.

War Veterans and the Land – Dennis shared a very interesting article from the *Sioux Falls Argus Leader* dealing with the positive impact of farming/rural lifestyle on the adjustment of combat veterans following their service.

Community Kitchen – no report

Arts/Earth Center - John reported that the Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts (Jane Chu) will be in Freeman on September 23 to meet with representatives from the Arts/Earth Center and the community. The consultants from Arkansas will be in the Freeman October 1-2 to begin the planning process.

Announcement – Glen noted that he would be attending the Agriculture Hall of Fame Ceremony and would welcome others who wanted to ride along.

Announcement – It was noted that Roy will be attending/presenting at the Land & Christian Discipleship meeting in Elkhart, IN the 18th-20th of September.

Adjournment - Moved by Roy Kaufman, seconded Glen Wollman, passed.

Respectfully submitted – John Koch, Secretary