

Rural Revival Minutes

October 6, 2014

Members Present: Dennis Lehman, John Koch, Lyle Preheim, Dennis Jurkovich, Lorraine Ensz, Todd Koerner, Glen Wollman, Richard Ensz, Larry Eisenbeis, Nate Preheim, Gayle Preheim

Board Members Absent: Tim Eisenbeis, S. Roy Kaufman, Paul Ortman

Approval of Minutes of 8/4/14 Meeting – The Minutes were approved upon motion by Dennis Jurkovich, second by Lyle Preheim and unanimous vote.

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

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.

Community Gardens – Todd reported that the gardens were done for the year. He noted that the project had its ups and downs. One decidedly positive thing was working with the kids. He did feel that there was a need for greater buy-in from the community. A part of this might be attributed to not really “getting the word out” about the project. Congratulations were extended to Todd and encouragement

Community Kitchen – no report

Arts/Earth Center - John shared that the visit by Jane Chu was very productive with 15 attending from the community to assert their commitment to the project. The Arkansas consultant's was also a very positive experience. It included the first meeting of 4 of the local Task Forces. More regular meetings of the Task Forces will begin as soon as harvest is complete. Site selection criteria are being developed and should be announced in October.

Windstone Buffalo – Nate Preheim announced that he is in the midst of developing a buffalo herd on land owned by Lyle. Currently the focus is on getting fencing up. He intends to have 20 animals by Spring, 2015. Animals will be harvested in field. His hope is to begin development of a herd in 2016-2017.

SDSU Research Day– Glen shared on his attendance at the Research Day with a variety of additional conversations resulting.

Adjournment - Moved by Todd Koerner, seconded Lyle Preheim, passed.

Respectfully submitted – John Koch, Secretary