

Rural Revival Minutes

November 3, 2014

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

Approval of Minutes of 10/6/14 Meeting – The Minutes were approved upon motion by Lorraine Ensz, second by Tim Eisenbeis and unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Ortman reported that Rural Revival has \$825.94 in its checking account.

Education Program – No report

Community Kitchen – No report

Arts/Earth Center - John indicated that the local task forces would start up in earnest once the harvest is in.

Web Site – No report

State Local Foods Conference – Dennis Jurkovich shared that the conference is scheduled for November 14-15.

Raw Milk – Tim Eisenbeis reported that meetings with the state on raw milk regulations were headed in a generally positive direction. It was noted that the personnel changes at the Department of Agriculture had resulted in a more positive/collaborative approach to those with an interest in raw milk. Most of the major concerns he had held (unrealistic coliform counts, labeling) were moving to resolution. The Legislature will need to approve statute changes.

Bethel Conference – Roy Kaufman shared on the local foods conference (attended by approximately 170) at which he presented.

Bee Money – Glenn Wollman will follow-up on a federal granting program to encourage bee habitat.

Restoration Agriculture in Practice (by Mark Shepard) - The group viewed part of this CD and will continue at the next meeting.

Adjournment - Moved by Dee Miller, seconded Loraine Ensz, passed.

Respectfully submitted – John Koch, Secretary