

Rural Revival Minutes

May 5, 2015

Members Present: Dennis Lehman, Lyle Preheim, Glen Wollman, Tim Eisenbeis, Lary Eisenbeis, Paul Ortman, John Koch, Nate Preheim, Dennis Jurkovich, Lorraine Ensz, Richard Ensz, Dee Miller

Minutes of April 6 meeting were reviewed and approved. Approval moved by Dennis Jurkovich, seconded by Glen Wollman, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. No report.

Education Report. There was continuing discussion on the *Map of My Kingdom* (an original drama). No progress to date, but Paul Ortman and Roy Kaufman still plan to discuss co-sponsorship with the churches.

Tim Eisenbeis reported on the Sprout House Tour held recently. He felt it was a success with 20-25 people attending.

Community Kitchen. No report.

Butcher Shop/Buffalo Enterprise. These topics blended together with Nate Preheim reporting that his company is currently preparing 40 acres of grass to accommodate the 20 – 2-year old bulls he is planning for in Year One of his operation. Fence is almost done and he is meeting with the Santee Sioux to secure the required animals. Nate has not yet been able to contact Adam Chedester about his interest in a butcher shop, but will continue to try.

Raw Milk. No report.

Arts/Earth Center. John Koch reported that they are hoping to have John Peterson, head of the Amana Society up to Freeman in the next month or so. Noted that there has been a structural change to governance and meetings of the Freeman Community Development Corporation (FCDC) with the Chairs of the various committees taking a much more active role in running the organization. Progress is being made on the Research and Demonstration Center but, because of on-goings negotiations, not much can be shared at this point. Aquaponics will be the approach used within the facility. A demonstration of internet-based marketing of 6 Freeman products is planned for late summer.

Schmeckfest Presentation – There was discussion about the idea of having Lyle Perman do one of the lectures at Schmeckfest. Dennis Lehman and Lyle Preheim have checked on this. Vernetta Waltner will share the idea with the Schmeckfest Executive Committee.

Annual Reports/Registered Agent – John Koch reported that he had filed the required annual reports with the state and RR is now in good standing. Consistent with Board action at the April 6th meeting had identified himself as the group’s Registered Agent. Fees were \$20 and he will be requesting reimbursement of these.

Rural Revival Annual Meeting – Dennis Lehman reminded everyone that the June meeting will also be the group’s Annual Meeting. Three Board members will be elected and the newly constituted Board will then elect its officers for the coming year.

Adjournment – Moved by Glenn Wollman, Second by Dee Miller, accepted.

Respectfully submitted, John Koch, Secretary