

## Rural Revival Minutes – May 2, 2016

**Members Present:** Tim Eisenbeis, Loraine Ensz, Richard Ensz, Dennis Jurkovich, S. Roy Kaufman, John Koch, Dennis Lehmann, Dee Millar, Paul Ortman, Lyle Preheim, Glen Wollman.

**Minutes** of the April 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Approval moved by Lyle Preheim, second by Dennis Jurkovich & passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report.** No Report

**Press Coverage** – Dennis met with Jeremy Waltner and has secured assurance that we can put in an article in the *Courier* at least monthly (authored by Rural Revival, reviewed/approved by the *Courier*). There was considerable discussion around how many times a month we should attempt to do this, who should author the articles, and what some topics/individuals might be the focus of these submissions. As a start it was decided to try for once-a-month and Roy/Lyle will take the first article. Possible people/topics identified include:

- Nate Preheim – Buffalo
- Tim Eisenbeis – Sprouts/Raw Milk
- Anne Waltner – Returning to Community to Farm
- Will Ortman – Berrybrook Farm
- Sherilyn Ortman – Eggs
- Kyle/Polly – Grazing/Organic
- Stan/Gwen Ortman – Composting/Organic Corn/Beans
- Paul Ortman – Cover Cropping
- Dan Harnish – Fertilizer
- Tom/Ruth Newburger (Canistota) – Turkey
- Clara Koerner – Free Range Chickens
- Dale Hebda – Soil for Fruit Trees
- Collin Waltner – Goats
- Glen Wollman – Bees
- Homestead Orchard

**Schmeckfest Presenter** – Dennis wondered if we might be able to get someone like Lyle Perlman as one of the presenters. He will check on this.

**June Annual Meeting** – The group was reminded that the next meeting of Rural Revival (June 6) will be our Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members.

**Ag-Tourism/Education** – John Koch reported that the preparations for Ag-tourism Programs for this summer are still in the works.

**Buffalo** – Nate reported that he had sold out of pretty much everything through the Florida Farmers Markets.

**Saner Land Opportunity** – Lyle shared that Brian Saner has land (120 acres) he would like to see farmed organically. Located 3 miles North of “Ortman Central”.

**Adjournment** – Moved by Paul Ortman, seconded by Lyle Preheim and passed unanimously.