

## Rural Revival Minutes – August 1, 2016 - Draft

**Members Present:** Dennis Lehmann, Lyle Preheim, Glen Wollman, Todd Koerner, Dennis Jurkovich, Nate Preheim

### **Treasurer's Report by Paul Ortman –**

Balance as of July 1, 2016: \$1006.14

This month's expenses:

Farmer's market ads: \$83.34

This month's income:

Farmer's market fees: \$180.00

2016 Rural Revival dues: \$10

Balance as of Aug 1, 2016: \$1112.80

Of the \$1112.80 in our account, \$418.16 is tied to the Freeman Ag Action (Farmer's Market) leaving Rural Revival with it's own balance of \$694.64.

Only Nathan Preheim has provided dues for the 2016 year. All other dues are outstanding.

**Article by Karen Swallow Prior** – We reviewed the article titled “All God’s Creatures” from Sojourners July 2016 magazine. The article subject was “concern for the welfare of animals has deep roots in scripture and Christian history”.

### **Freeman Courier**

- We passed around a Freeman Courier article about Glen Wollman and his bees. The original article was in The New Era Parker newspaper.
- The Rural Revival article contribution for August will feature the Will and Stan Ortman farm. Lyle and Roy will write the article.
- The Rural Revival article contribution for September will feature the Freeman Community Garden. Nate will work with Jessica Preheim to write it.

**Parker Bird Farm** – We reviewed an article from the July 28 Marion Record saying that a conditional use permit for a 2.5 million bird farm owned and operated by Sonstegard Foods was approved by the Turner County Board of Adjustment.

**South Dakota Local Foods Conference** – Will take place November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Mitchell Highland Even Center, sponsored by Dakota Rural Action

**Farm Law Project of Legal Aid of Nebraska ag workshop** – Was sponsored by Rural Revival and held at Freeman Community Center on July 27. Lyle reported that 25 to 30 people attended. The main subject was passing property onto heirs. Tim and John organized the event. Tim paid for the food that was served. Dennis Lehmann will see that Tim is reimbursed by Rural Revival.

**Farmers Market** – Currently there are six to seven vendors. Business was slow at first but recently there has been high turnout of buyers.

**Buffalo Enterprise** - Nate Preheim reported that the NRCS EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) grant was approved for a stock watering pipeline. Also, cost sharing on fencing.

**Adjournment** - Moved by Lyle Preheim, Seconded by Glen Wollman - approved

Respectfully submitted - Dennis Jurkovich

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