

# Sept 5, 2016 Rural Revival Meeting

Board members present: Todd K, Dennis L, Tim E, S Roy K, Loraine E, Paul O

Other members present: Glen W, Richard E

## Election of Officers

Todd moved to vote for re-election of all officers and to skip nomination, S Roy seconded. Motion passed. Paul moved to have roll-call vote for a unanimous re-election ballot. Tim E seconded. Roll call was called and was unanimous to elect all 2015 officers to a new term in the same positions for 2016.

- Dennis L – President
- Todd K – Vice-president
- John K – Secretary
- Paul O – Treasurer

## Minutes

Nothing to review. The group was suspicious that Dennis J took the notes, but no-one was sure.

## Freeman Courier Article

The existing article was well received by the group with a thank you to S Roy for the work.

At the last meeting Jessica Preheim agreed to write a new article for the Courier. Dennis L will check in with Jessica to be sure it is still in the works.

Tim Eisenbeis suggested the Kyle and Polly Waltner should be contacted about their heritage hog operation. It was agreed that this could be the article for October if all parties are amenable. Todd will check to see if Lillie Eisenbeis might write the article.

## Treasurer's Report

Paul O reported that the balance in the account is currently \$1112.80. The farmers market portion was \$418.16. Those paying dues tonight were Dennis L, S Roy, Glen W, Tim E, Richard E, Lorraine E, Paul O.

## Farmer's Market

There have been several repeat vendors throughout the summer with 9 vendors having paid in August. The market officially ends the last week of September but one or two vendors may continue past that point into October with private arrangements worked out with the FSC.

During discussion about how more people could be attracted to the market, Lorriane mentioned that some online resource have the Farmer's Market listed with old place and time but that she has attempted to have them corrected. There might also be additional online resources where the farmers market could be listed.

## **Community Gardens**

Todd talked about the gardens which were fairly successful again this year. A couple more church groups have helped with garden maintenance which has helped limit burnout and has spread the workload out. Todd mentioned that having managers like Dennis Ries and Gary Graber has been a real blessing for distributing the workload.

The volunteers who staff the fresh produce at the Freeman Food pantry should perhaps be encouraged to have recipes to hand out that are vegetable specific. This has been talked about in the past, but perhaps should be re-evaluated in the future.

## **Fair**

Tim E noted that the Turner County Fair might be a booth outreach opportunity. It might also be a stress to find someone to staff the booth and no action was taken.

## **Tim's Tidbits**

Tim presented that Dakota Rural Action is an excellent resource to remember whenever we're in need of representation or programming.

## **Land Transfer**

S Roy mentioned that he has had interesting conversations about a local family who is at least entertaining the idea of a having some of their family land entered into a trust for long term organic production. Discussion centered around how Rural Revival might help. We might be able to provide research and resources, gauge broader interest, draw up rough guidelines for what a land trust would look like. S Roy was encouraged to re-establish the conversation with the local family and see how serious they might be.

## **Adjournment**

The next meeting will take place on October 3 at 8pm in the Freeman Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Ortman