

## Rural Revival Minutes – October 3, 2016

**Members Present:** Larry Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis, **Tim Eisenbeis, Loraine Ensz,** Richard Ensz, **Dennis Jurkovich, John Koch, Dennis Lehmann,** Dee Millar, **Lyle Preheim,** Nate Preheim, Glen Wollman.

**Minutes** of the September 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. Approval moved by Loraine Ensz, second by Dee Millar & passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report.** Checking Account stands at \$1,092.79 with \$508.36 of that held in the Ag Action (Farmer's Market) account. . Approval moved by Dee Millar, second by Loraine Ensz & passed unanimously.

**Press Coverage** – Dennis wrote the article on the Community Gardens which was recently published. There was universally positive comment by the Board on this article.

Future articles planned:

October – Dale Hebda from Garrity's Garden (apple juice/cider) – Nathan Preheim author.

November – Polly/Kyle (pigs) – Lillie Eisenbeis author

December – Tim Eisenbeis' operation – author TBD

January – Anne Waltner's return – author TBD

The Board requested that John Koch circulate the list of potential articles developed by the Board in April.

**Program Promoting Organic Practices** – Possibly look to second week in November at the Community Center at 7:00 pm. Motion to sponsor event including paying rental costs and up to \$100 for refreshments (coordinated by Dee Millar) by John Koch, Second by Todd Koerner, and passed unanimously.

**Dues** – it was noted that dues need to be paid.

**Schmeckfest Presenter** – Discussions are still underway to see if there might be a presenter at Schmeckfest who deals with subject matter/principles of interest to Rural Revival. No resolution yet.

**FCDC/FEAR updates** – John Koch shared on a series of items.

1. Representatives of FEAR will be going up to Gretna, Canada in early November to gather information on the theater at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute.

2. The City will be advertising for a part-time Marketing Director momentarily.
3. John will be visiting AquaGrow Technologies in Chicago to better understand their new aquaponic technology.
4. FCDC is in the final stages of purchasing the Dakota 81 property north of town for development of housing.
5. FCDC has an option on land east of 81 for an industrial park.
6. Koch noted that Scott Stern has been named the Commissioner of Economic Development for the State.

**Buffalo** – Nate noted that they had a very nice article in the Sioux City Journal and that they had managed to “break into” both HyVee and Coborns (Minnesota). In each case the local manager can decide who they will purchase from. He also commented on a visit by students from Dordt College.

**Johnson Farm** – Richard and Loraine Ensz shared information of their tour of the Charley and Allen Johnson Farm up by Madison.

**Adjournment** – Moved by Tim Eisenbeis, seconded by Todd Koerner and passed unanimously.