

Rural Revival Minutes – November 6, 2016

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

Minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections. Approval moved by Lyle Preheim, second by Dennis Jurkevich & passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. No Report

Press Coverage – Our October article focused on Dale Hebda from Garrity's Garden (apple juice/cider) –with Nathan Preheim as author was published.

Plans for coming months:

November – Polly/Kyle Walters – Heritage Pork (pigs) with Lillie Eisenbeis authoring the piece

December – Tim Eisenbeis' Sprout Barn –S. Roy Kaufman author

January – Anne Waltner's return to Freeman – author TBD

Program Promoting Organic Practices – Plans are to move this to January and to look to Will Ortman as a potential presenter.

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 November 18-19 to gather information on the theater at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute.
2. The City will has advertised for a part-time Marketing Director and resume review should begin momentarily.
3. John's will visit to AquaGrow Technologies in Chicago revealed a company which is very much yet in the modeling stage.
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.

There was significant discussion about the membership campaign to be conducted by FCDC. John Koch volunteered to get together with the Freeman FFA coordinator to look to possible interactions

Buffalo – Nate reported on activities relative to his operation in Florida and concern that the hurricane might damage his house down there.

Land – It was reported that David Ortmann has about 80 acres he is willing to rent to someone interested in growing non-GMO crops.

Adjournment – Moved by Dee Millar, seconded by Dennis Jurkovich and passed unanimously.