

RURAL REVIVAL Minutes - February 6, 2017

Members present: Larry Eisenbeis, Philip Eisenbeis, Glenn Wollman, **Dennis Jurkovich, S. Roy Kaufman**, Tim Eisenbeis, **Todd Koerner**, Corey Miller, **Paul Ortman** and Janelle Atyeo (visitor)

Minutes: No minutes of the previous meeting available

Janelle Atyeo (Tri-State Neighbor writer): visiting RR to get a feel for the group, its mission, history and current activities. We began by going around the room, each introducing ourselves and telling what ag / RR-related work we do. In collaborative fashion, we recounted for her (and Corey M. and Philip E.) how this group began, what phases it went through, what focal issues we've chosen and what we've done on those so far.

Review of Will Ortman's Presentation (Jan 9, 2017): all seemed very pleased with most aspects. It was well-attended, even some very unexpected local folks were there. Those present were very diverse in age, vocation, and model of farming. Will presented so well, in a comprehensive, honest and authoritative way. His personal story format helped to keep defenses low.

Schmeckfest 2017: Todd will check with Will O. to secure display table space and with John K. about last year's poster & content. We decided it would be good to display the articles produced by RR and printed by the Courier in 2016, in laminated form. Also, we could display photos of our food products or RR activities. Homework for all is to check what photos you have and send them to Paul O. in digital form.

Possible article subjects for future:

Tim / Tom Graber cropping,

Dan Harnish (no-till, cover cropping, etc.),

Myles Brockmueller (no-till crops),

Marilyn Brockmueller, Cory Gall, Dan Haggerty and/or Colin Waltner (goats)

Website: Dennis J. announced that new material has been posted

SF Lawn & Garden Show (March 10-12): Dennis J. notified of this event in Sioux Falls. Hebda's and Glenn Wollman's Honey World will display there; if anyone else wants to display, contact Dennis

Young / Beginning Farmer meeting: we brainstormed on format for the meeting, a list of attendees to invite, where to hold it, etc.

-submitted by Tim Eisenbeis (substitute scribe)