

## Rural Revival Minutes – March 6, 2017

**Members Present:** Larry Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis, **Dennis Jurkovich, S. Roy Kaufman, John Koch, Todd Koerner, Dennis Lehmann,** Dee Millar, **Paul Ortman, Lyle Preheim,** Nate Preheim, Glen Wollman.

**Minutes** of the March 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. Approval moved by Paul Ortman, second by Dennis Jurkovich & passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report.** \$1,085.69 in checking account. Motion to accept rerpport by S. Roy Kaufman, second by Glen Wollman and passed unanimously.

**Website:** It was noted that there had been no activity on the website.

**Courier Articles:** The story for March will focus on Goats and Lillie Eisenbeis will be the author.

**Schmeckfest:** Dennis Lehmann announced that a table for Rural Revival had been secured. Discussion of a display included a request for pictures.

**Young Farmers Event:** Continued interest in such an event was expressed and it was decided to turn to Tim Eisenbeis for input and coordination.

**Hemp Legislation:** It was noted that this was killed in the SD Senate at the committee level with concern expressed relative to federal restrictions. The feeling was that this concern was a “red herring”.

**Bison Report:** Nate shared that they were going to have to suspend their operation for a year or two in order to save up enough money to allow them to buy their own herd. The demand for bison is so high that the cost of purchasing replacement animals has increased dramatically and makes their original strategy unworkable.

**Chautauqua:** John Koch reported that plans are underway for a Summer Chautauqua in late July or early August. He indicated that Rural Revival might want to consider a program as a part of that. He will follow-up at the April meeting.

**Wholistic Management Workshop:** Paul Ortman shared his enthusiasm for a workshop on this topic. He and Charity had attended such a workshop presented by Allan Savory and felt it was particularly valuable. There was initial dioscussion on the idea of doing something like this in the November – February timeframe. Perhaps with a presenter from the Leopold Center. Discussion to continue.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Lyle Preheim, seconded by Glen Wollman and passed unanimously