

## Rural Revival Minutes - April 23, 2018

**Members Present (directors in bold):** Tim Eisenbeis, Todd Koerner, John Koch, Larry Eisenbeis, Phillip Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis, Dennis Jurkovich, Lyle Preheim, Dee Millar, Todd Hofer, Lynelle Hofer, Nate Preheim, Delmer Hofer, Duane Reis, Will Ortman, Paul Ortman.

**Guests Present:** Tim Kautz

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. Approval moved by John Koch, second by Phil Eisenbeis, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report.** Bank balance is \$852.24. A portion is for the farmers market.

**Farmers Market:** Lillie will be organizing the farmers market this year. The yearly dues are \$40. The plan is to start the second week of June on Wednesdays and continue to September.

**Freeman Butcher Shop:** Nate reported on the compiled survey results. Of the folks surveyed, 27 people committed to bring animals in for processing.

252 Cattle

138 Hogs

241 Goats

216 Sheep

101 Bison

Nate and Tim Kautz will be working together on a business plan. Tim emphasized that a business manager needs to be found before approaching potential investors. Nate, John and Tim Kautz visited butcher shop in Hudson, S.D. and were impressed with the operation. They process around 50 animals per week and are operating at full capacity. The facility is USDA inspected, organic certified and animal welfare certified.

**Saner Land Trust:** Tim Eisenbeis reviewed his discussion with the bank and the possibility of Rural Revival being involved in the trust. The bank would be willing to make a loan of \$36,000 toward the land purchase. If 10 people were willing to invest in the trust the yearly commitment would be around \$400. Anyone interested in investing

should contact Tim. The investment would be essentially a donation to Rural Revival. Any future income from the land would go to Rural Revival.

**Chautauqua:** John Koch reported that a three day event is being planned for August. There will be a different theme for each day. A report is attached.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Todd Koerner, seconded by Dee Millar and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Jurkovich