

Rural Revival Minutes

August 4, 2014

Regular Monthly meeting was held at the Freeman Public Library and called to order by Dennis Lehman.

Members Present: Dennis Lehmann, John Koch, Lyle Preheim, Dennis Jerkovich, Lorraine Ensz, Paul Ortman, S. Roy Kaufman, Glen Wollman, Paul Ortman

Board Members Absent: Eian Schrag, Nate Schrag, Todd Koerner, Tim Eisenbeis

Board Meeting

A Board Meeting was held to take action relative to the removal of Nathan Schrag and Eian Schrag from the Board. Both have missed 3 consecutive Board meeting and, consistent with our By-Laws are removed. This does not require an action of the Board, nonetheless, the Board members present did confirm this decision by a 5 – 0 vote. Discussion ensued on candidates to fill these positions.

It was moved by Lyle Preheim, second by John Koch, that **Dennis Jerkovich** be elected for a one-year term on the Board. Passed unanimously.

It was moved by Roy Kaufman, seconded by Paul Ortman, that **Lyle Preheim** be elected to a three-year term on the Board. Passed unanimously.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Approval of Minutes of 7/7/14 Meeting – The Minutes as corrected (see attached) were approved upon motion by Glenn Wollman, second by Lorraine Ensz and unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Rural Revival has \$805.94 in its checking account.

Farmer's Market – Dennis Lehman reported that the Farmer's Market continues to go well. They have had 8 vendors and generally good public traffic. Gary from the Shopping Center feels that the Market is also benefiting him with traffic in the store picking up on market days. Dennis reports that it is a challenge to get people to wait for the 5:00 pm opening time.

Education Program – Larry Eisenbeis is continuing to work with Mr. Perman to see if a presentation on his award-winning sustainable agriculture/ranching practices might be sponsored by Rural Revival in the fall. No progress yet.

Net Metering – Dennis Lehman shared his frustration with SE Electric Coop's unwillingness to include an article with a balanced evaluation of net metering in its member publication. His request was discussed at their Board meeting, but it was decided that they would not entertain such an article. They encouraged Dennis to provide something for the Courier if he cared to.

Community Kitchen – no report

Arts/Earth Center - John reported that the National Endowment for the Arts has awarded Freeman a \$150,000 grant to pursue planning and development of such a Center. He encouraged all present to participate in the Community Task Forces which will be getting underway to provide community input into this process. He then actively asked for volunteers.

Adjournment - Moved by Lyle Preheim, seconded by Dennis J and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted – John Koch, Secretary