**Rural Housing Coalition**

**Meeting Minutes from 3/15/16**

A Go-To Meeting for the Rural Housing Coalition was scheduled for 3/15/16. This impromptu meeting was held to determine the lead agency for the Emergency Solutions Grant application process. Members on the call were Suzanne Marsolek, Jeanne Semb, and Peggy Kneifl, all from Western Dairyland, Pam Taylor of Workforce Connections, and Mary Anderson of Trempealeau County Human Services.

Since there were only 5 members on the call, and three work for Western Dairyland, Pam Taylor made the motion to send out an e-mail and ask members to vote to keep Western Dairyland as the Lead Agency. Mary Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeanne Semb sent information about the Emergency Solutions Grant and the necessity of conducting a vote prior to the deadline of the ESG application for certification. She explained that Western Dairyland has been the lead agency since the grant process began. In order to continue to be a lead, Semb explained that a vote needed to be conducted. Seventy members received the e-mail and were given until 3/18/16 to respond with either a Yes/No vote.

Jeanne received the following responses:

* Pam Taylor-Workforce Connections Yes
* Marilyn Reinart-River Valley Realty Yes
* Jaclyn Bechel-Rural Development Yes
* Juline Schroder-Western Dairyland Head Start Yes
* Shannon Parker-Catholic Charities Yes
* Bradley Garson-Garson Growth & Counseling Yes
* Lori Peterson-Salvation Army Yes
* Daun Hembd-Veteran’s Services (Tremp Co) Yes
* Dotty Lillo-Western Dairyland Child Care Partnership Yes
* Eric Bakken-BRF Evangelical Lutheran Church Yes
* Randy Bjerke-Veteran’s Services (Jackson Co) Yes
* Rebecca McNulty-Bolton Refuge House Yes
* Fredricka Miner-Ho Chunk Nation Yes
* Peggy Kneifl-Western Dairyland Head Start Yes
* Dave Rynders-Buffalo County Yes
* Peggy Hakala-Bolton Refuge House Yes
* Karen Foust-Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Yes
* Erin Herber-Trempealeau Co FCS Yes
* Linda Falch-Department of Corrections Yes
* Cheryl Padula-Western Dairyland RSVP Program Yes
* Robert Henderson-Legal Action Yes
* Richard Anderson-Trempealeau County Sheriff Yes
* Mary Anderson-Trempealeau County DHS Yes
* Susan Meyer-ADRC of Buffalo Co. Yes
* Gina Brown-Workforce Connections Yes
* Beth Smetana-ADRC of Jackson Co. Yes
* Krista Dewitt-Buffalo Co Human Services Yes
* Debra Suchla-Trempealeau Co Human Services Director Yes
* Debbie Nichols-Rural Development Yes
* Ann Bechard-Trempealeau County DHS Yes
* Lori Paulson-Trempealeau Co Housing Authority Yes
* Suzanne Marsolek-Western Dairyland Homeless Yes

No other votes were received. Motion carries that Western Dairyland will continue as the Lead Agency for the Emergency Solutions Grant. Copies of the votes will be kept with the grant application materials in case any questions arise.

Submitted by Jeanne Semb