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The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was call to order by President Jerry Wyatt at 1:10, April 1st, 2010 at the Fall River County jury meeting room. Attending members were Jerry Wyatt, John Bogner, Terry Hammel, John Sides, Joe Falkenberg, Heath Greenough, Loyd Thomsen and Nina Steinmetz. There were also two visitors present Mr, and Mrs. Wendorff. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the minutes to the last meeting was made by Heath Greenough and 2nd by John Bogner.

Old Business:

A laptop was purchased and is in use in the office. The bids for Right-Of-Way Spraying were opened at the last commissioner's meeting– Mid Dakota Vegetation received the bid. Nina Steinmetz and Joe Falkenberg reported on Niobrara County, Lusk, Wyo. Grasshopper Meeting with APHIS and Land Owners, held March 24.

New Business:

Board members looked at the Fall River County Website – Weed and Pest Front page. Office will continue to working on weed links to pictures and control options. Members discussed Fall River County Grasshopper Spaying Project possible time line, and working with APHIS. Supervisor gave a progress report on repairs being made to safety equipment, spraying equipment, ATVs, trailers, and spray truck. After a report was given about needed improvements on the weed and pest storage unit and yard area, Heath Greenbough made a motion to ask the county commissioners to bring the storage facility into compliance with the SD Dept. of Ag. Standards. Motion seconded by Terry Hammel. Steinmetz will go to commissioners with plans and estimated costs at next commissioner meeting. Supervisor presented Timeline for Noxious weed notices this year:

Send General Letter – April 1-9th - time to review problem spots, what to use, spray records,

1st Inspection: documentation by W/P staff seeing or a complaint filed. **1st Voluntary compliance letter** –

2nd Inspection: documentation by W/P staff -*If no control:* **2nd notice** – documentation by W/P staff seeing or a complaint filed on property with a 1st notice and no action of treatment has been taken, notice sent to treat. Notification of weed control plan given.

3rd Inspection: inspected in a given number of days. *If no control or office notification of plan by landowner:* **Declaration of Infestation:** Landowner has the right to attend the Declaration of Infestation meeting and will be notified when the meeting will occur.

FRC Weed Board may issue (majority of Board needed) Sheriff will deliver Declaration of Infestation and Notice of Declaration of Infestation – **Notice of Declaration** gives minimum action required – date to be controlled – estimate of cost, and may be recorded in Register of Deeds Office and will there for be noted in a title search on this tract of land. FRCWB can charge \$200.00 per hour + chemical if done under enforcement

4th Inspection: inspection report on file. *If controlled:* **Abatement** Motion by board to have the lien removed.

If no control or office notification of plan by landowner: **Motion** to hire private contractor or W/P staff control area. Landowner billed and have until Nov. 1 of current year to pay bill – if not paid it is applied to taxes.

Other: Jerry Wyatt reports he is still working on new board members. Jerry Wendorff introduced himself and his wife and answered questions about his commercial spraying business. Next meeting is May 6th at 1:00 PM at the Fall River County Courthouse Jury Room. Motion for adjournment was made by Terry Hammel and seconded by John Sides.

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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