

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was call to order by President Jerry Wyatt at 1:07, November 3, 2011 at the Fall River County jury meeting room. Attending members were Jerry Wyatt, John Bogner, John Sides, Joe Falkenberg, Nina Steinmetz, and guest, Samantha Nichols, SD Game, Fish and Parks representative. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Samantha Nichols, from the SD Game Fish and Parks, presented maps and data about the property that the GF&P has in Fall River County. She described the weed control that had been done on said property and the manage plans that are in effect for many areas. She is based out of Rapid City and will be more than willing to answer any questions or concerns that we have about the Game, Fish and Parks.

Old Business: Nina S. reported and presented Pine Beetle brochures she acquired while attending a Pine Beetle school that her and Rich Strehlow attended in Oct. in Pennington Co. Discussion was held on the limited amount of Pine Beetles in Fall River County, but that the Weed and Pest Office now felt more confident to be able to visit FRC Landowner property and be able to do an assessment if asked. The District 4 – Annual meeting was held Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> in Rapid City. Wayne H. attended with Nina S. Jerry Wyatt was elected the District 4 chairman and Nina S. secretary.

Possible grant proposal in the area of assistance to landowners in the Alabaugh fire is being worked on with the BHFS providing many maps and facts. The Cheyenne River Salt Cedar clean up was finished the end of Oct, the crew worked from Hwy 71 toward Edgemont. Test trials with the PERC machine are still on going. So far we are seeing much better results than last year.

New Business: The SD State Weed and Pest Conference is set for Feb. 22, 23, 24, 2011 at the Ramkota in Rapid City, SD. We need to have the supervisor and at least one board member present to qualify for commission grants. We will reserve 2 rooms to have if the weather should deem necessary that week.

John Sides made a motion that the supervisor look into the purchase of an updated GPS units and software for the Weed and Pest Department with approval from the County Commissioners, that can be taken out of the 2011 budget. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by John B. We are in great need of improving the efficiency and accuracy of the field mapping of noxious weeds in the county and being able to provide data to different contracting agents in a form that is usable. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Nina S. and Stacy Martin, Department of Equalization are planning to attend the 2011 Black Hills Digital Mapping Association Conference in Rapid City, SD.

The next meeting is to be December 1, Thursday, 1:00 PM – at the Weed and Pest newly remodeled office if possible.

Motion to Adjourn made by John B. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Sides.

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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