

The Fall River county Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President Jerry Wyatt at 1:00 PM, April 5, 2012 at the Fall River county jury meeting room. Attending members were Jerry Wyatt, John Bogner, John Sides, Joe Falkenberg, and Nina Steinmetz. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting was made by Joe F. and seconded by John S.

Old Business: Nina S, Weed and Pest supervisor, reported on the topics covered at the 2012 State Weed and Pest Conference held in Rapid City, SD. Nina also reported that the county had received both grants they had applied for, Alabough Area Chemical Reimbursement and the 50/50 County Chemical reimbursement.

New Business: The weed and pest department is now an active member of the Mountain Pine Beetle task force for education, locations, and management of Mountain Pine beetles in Fall River Co. At present we have found 4 properties with 1-4 infested green trees. Three properties are going to be cutting and chunking, and one property is on watch. April 14th, the Weed and Pest Department will have a booth at the Hot Springs Spring Fling. On display will be a sample of a tree trunk with the Mountain Pine beetle pitch tubes and sample of state and locally noxious weeds. The 2009 F250 Ford pickup is at McKie Ford in Rapid City, having a new engine put in. The County Commission approved the new engine at the April 3rd meeting. Pickup should be back the week of April 9th. John S made and John B. seconded the motion for the following spray application rates for the 2012 year: Government contracts: \$65/hour plus chemical: Private landowners with verification of need form: \$67/hour plus chemical: Mosquito fogging - \$67/hour plus chemical. Enforcement rate will be the commercial applicators rate times 2 /hour plus chemical. John B. made the motion for the Grasshopper sprayer be as follows: County staff: \$67/ hour plus chemical – Landowner lease of spray unit only: \$30/hr or \$150/day with a \$200 deposit. Leasing is good only in Fall River Co. Seconded by John S. (Leasing is pending states attorney approval) Joe F. motioned the following rate for the PERC machine: County staff: \$67/ hour – Landowner lease: \$20/ hr or \$100/day with a \$200 deposit. Leasing good only in Fall River Co. John B. seconded the motion. (Lease is pending states attorney approval) April 27th will be the County demonstration day for the Grasshopper Sprayer in the County Courthouse back parking lot, working on also having a sprayer calibration demonstration. Next meeting is set for May 3rd, Thursday, 1:00 PM in the jury room. John B. made the motion for adjournment, 2nd by Joe F.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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