

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2016 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President Jerry Wyatt at 2:00 p.m. April 5, 2016 at the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office. Attending members were John Sides, Joe Falkenburg, Wayne Hageman, Bob Novotny, and Nina Steinmetz. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting was made by Joe Falkenburg and seconded by Bob Novotny.

Old Business:

Private Applicators Recertification was held March 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Canyon Cottage, State Home with close to 30 attendees. Nina Steinmetz was able share information about the grants the county has received.

The BH Botany Ecology Workshop held March 10, 2016 at the GFP Outdoor Center in Rapid City was attended by the Weed and Pest staff. Topics of interest that were shared were on The Green Glacier – Advancing Spruce Trees, Rock Snot and Rotation Grazing.

The Black Hills Conservation Leaders Meeting as held March 23, 2016 in Custer, SD and was attended by the Weed and Pest staff. With the decreasing population of mountain pine beetles, the group is looking at working together to create a healthier forest through thinning and weed control.

The prairie dog informational letter and the spring newsletter will be completed and will be mailed within the week.

Supervisor has started to visit landowners on the watch list. Hoary Cress and White Horehound mint are growing well and should be able to start spraying next week. Common Mullein and a number of thistles are still quiet.

New Business:

Notice of Responsibility to Control will be printed April 12th for 2 weeks and will also be printed in the newsletter. Bob Novotny made the motion to maintain the spray rates from 2015 and to add prairie dog control rates by the hole as follows: Rozol - .75/hole, Fumitoxin - .30/hole, Zinc Phosphide bait - .08/hole. All work done must also have a landowner verification of need sheet signed. Motion seconded by Joe Falkenburg.

The Weed and Pest department has applied for the SD department of Health west Nile Virus Grant for assistance with cost of chemical for communities that request fogging. Fall River County will also be participating in the mosquito surveillance program. Shelby Happe has agreed to collect this data for the county.

The county commissioners approved the hiring of Bob Smith as a part time seasonal weed sprayer.

We will be having an informational booth at the Spring Fling, April 23rd at the Hot Springs Mueller Center. Staff has started to collect weed samples for display.

Staff will be attending the Mosquito Workshop, May 3rd in Rapid City and have the fogger calibrated.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office. Meeting was adjourned.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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