

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

Minutes

April 4, 2017

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by Wayne Hageman, Past President at 2:10 p.m. April 4, 2017 at the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office. Attending members were Bob Novotny, Joe Falkenburg, Nina Steinmetz and Telca Paprocki, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Representative. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting were made by Joe Falkenburg and seconded by Bob Novotny.

Old Business:

The Fall River County Commissioners approved a reimbursement grant for \$6,000 from the county budget. It will be a 50/50 herbicide reimbursement grant that will begin April 1, 2017 thru September 11, 2017. Minimum reimbursement will be \$15.00. Landowners will need to turn in receipts and complete an application form to be considered for the grant.

Weed & Pest staff attended the Black Hills Ecology Workshop in Rapid City, March 10, 2017 and found the presentation to be very interesting.

Weed & Pest Staff attended The Black Hills Invasive Plant Partnership meeting March 23, 2017 in Rapid City. The greatest accomplishment being the creation of a class list for invasive weeds to help bring awareness to "new" invasives to be watching for and to use EDD maps to help with sharing locations.

The Weed and Pest booth was very busy at the Hot Springs Spring Fling April 1, 2017. The staff and weed board members were able to answer many questions and have nine live samples of invasive weeds for the public to see.

Supervisor Nina Steinmetz did not have any new information on how to change present Prairie Dog laws but will continue to research.

New Business:

Weed & Pest Staff have started to visit the Watch List Properties and has new landowners for a few properties. Information was shared about potential weed problems for these properties.

The Fall River Weed and Pest has submitted a grant request for \$5, 000 for mosquito surveillance from the SD Department of Health.

The Notice of Responsibility to Control Noxious Weeds and Declared Pest has been sent to be published in the county newspapers and will be in the Spring Newsletter.

Joe Falkenburg made a motion to keep the 2016 application rates the same for 2017. Bob Novotny second the motion. Rates will be posted at the Weed and Pest Office.

Weed & Pest Staff will be attending a mosquito workshop May 2, 2017 in Rapid City presented by Van Diest Supply Company. The fogger will be calibrated at this time for use this summer.

The next meeting will be May 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office. Meeting was adjourned.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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