

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2021 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by Vice President John Sides at 2:10 PM March 4, 2020 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Bob Novotny, John Sides, Wayne Hageman, Jerry Wyatt, Joe Faulkenberg. and Nina Steinmetz. Also in attendance was Telca Paprocki, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Rep. and Julie Wheeler, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands –Fall River District Manager. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting were made by Joe Faulkenberg and Wayne Hageman seconded by . Jerry Wyatt conducted that rest of the meeting.

Old Business:

The State Weed and Pest Conference was cancelled for 2021. The SD Weed and Pest Commission meeting was held Feb. 19, 2021 via computer. The County received 3 of 4 grants requested, Common Mullein Assistance Part 2, Absinth Wormwood Assistance, and the non-competitive. Scotch Thistle was renewed for the locally noxious list. Conference for 2022 will be in Mitchell, SD – Feb. 15-18.

The Private Applicators Training is still being held via computer. Landowners have till the end of March to complete training. Any questions, landowners may call the Fall River Extension Service or the Weed and Pest office.

New Business:

Commissioners approved a wage increase for part-time sprayers.

Joe Faulkenberg motioned to keep the Fall River County contract spraying and application rates the same as in 2020. Bob Novotny seconded the motion. Rates will be posted at the Weed and Pest Office.

The Black Hills Botany Ecology Workshop will be held March 8 and 10, 2021 via Zoom. All are invited to watch the presentation on the big screen TVs at the South Annex. Presentations start at 12:30 PM both days.

Starting to make plans for a 2021 Pasture Walk.

Joe Faulkenberg motioned to add the 2001 Honda 4 wheeler to the county surplus sale due to safety reasons and not being used by the Weed and Pest Department. Bob Novotny seconded that motion.

The next meeting will be April 1, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. at the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office/ South Annex. Meeting was adjourned.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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