

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2022 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President Jerry Wyatt at 2:05 PM, March 3, 2022 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Joe Falkenburg, Bob Novotny, John Sides, Wayne Hageman, Telca Paprocki, Buffalo Gap Grasslands Rep., and Nina Steinmetz. 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:

Nina S. and Bob N. reported on attending the SD weed and Pest Conference and Commission meetings. Grants Fall River County received: Salt Cedar Clean Up, asked for \$25,000: received: \$12,500
Hoary Cress Plus, asked for \$14,000; received: \$ 5,000, Regular W/P grant – Estimated \$ 5,000. The 2023 Conference is scheduled for Huron, SD, February 15-18, 2023. A general overview of speakers was shared.

A Weed Watch Properties list was shared with board members. There are 18 properties that will be visited as soon as the invasive species starts to green so landowners can start control early in the season.

New Business:

Commissioners approved the rehiring of Abbey Ries , \$12.00,(return Sprayer) and a wage increase 75 cent for returning part-time spray help, Ken Oeschle.

Grassland pasture maps, goal to improving coverage, will be completed in March.

BH Botany Ecology Workshop “Zoom” Meeting will be March 17- 18, 2022 – 12:30PM – 3:00PM- will be on the big screen. Still waiting for agenda.

2022 Projects: Invasive Weed Newsletter – will send to landowners with over 2 acres
Postcards for Hoary cress historical spots, Pasture Walk – Will be starting the planning again –June 18 (tentative)- working with Matt Odden, NRCS and Amanda Slagle, Conservation District
Booths – Spring Fling, County Fair, Farmers’ Market

CoCoRaHS Volunteers are needed. See handout posted in the South Annex offices.

Private Applicators Recertification is still being provided on-line. Contact the Weed and Pest or Extension office for more details for assistance with viewing Zoom meeting.

There will be no April meeting. The next meeting will be May 5, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office/ South Annex. Meeting was adjourned.

UNAPPROVED MINUTE

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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