

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2023 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President Jerry Wyatt at 1:00 PM, March 4, 2023 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were J Bob Novotny, Wayne Hageman, John Sides and Nina Steinmetz. Telca Paprocki, Buffalo Gap Grasslands representative was also in attendance. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting, with a change to the miss printed date of meeting, were made by John Sides and seconded by Wayne Hageman.

Old Business:

Nina S. and Bob N. reported on the State Weed and Pest Commission Meeting and Conference – Feb. 15-17 held in Huron, SD. Fall River Weed and Pest Board received a grant for -“The Insider” -County Handbook, received: \$3000 and also the non-competitive grant for an estimated \$ 5,600. The 2024 Conference will be in Spearfish, SD, February 20-23, 2024.

New Business:

Rehiring of Ken O. (mechanic/sprayer) and Abbey R. ,(Sprayer). Commission approved a \$.50 raise for both.

Up coming workshops and presentations:

BH Botany Ecology Workshop “Zoom” or in person – Rapid City - Meeting – March 10, 2023 – 8:30PM – 3:00PM-

Invasive Annual Grasses Public Meeting – April 27th – Belle Fourche, SD – see Flyer.

Office will be printing the Notice of Responsibility to control Noxious Weeds and Declared Pests by April 1st.

2023 Projects:

Newsletter –“The Insider” landowners with over 5 acres / Postcards for Hoary cress past spots

Pasture Walk – Will be starting the planning again –June 18 (tentative)- working with Julie Wheeler (Grasslands) Matt Odden, NRCS and Conservation District.

Booths – Spring Fling (May 6th), County Fair (Aug.), Farmers’ Market

Cooperative Agreements: Black Hills Forest Service - \$1900 and Buffalo Gap National Grasslands - \$1500 – still working on new agreement. Other Grant opportunities we will apply for – SD Conservation and Forestry - \$5,000

The Private Applicators Recertification Class was held February 8th, 2023 –12:30-3:30 PM - Hot Springs South Annex was well attended with 28 participates.

There will be no April meeting. The next meeting will be May 4, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office/ South Annex. Meeting was adjourned.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

Published once at the total approximate cost of _____