

## FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2026 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President John Sides at 1:00 PM, January 8, 2025 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Wayne Hageman, Jill Oechsle, Bob Novotny, Sandra Wallard, Nina Steinmetz, and guests, Telca Paprock. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting (November) were made by Bob Novotny and seconded by Jill Oechsle.

Old Business:

2025 Fall River Grant reimbursements were sent to 56 landowners for a total of \$28,395.

Prairie Dog Complaints were reviewed on progress and management plans to come in 2026.

New Business:

Bob Novotny motioned to keep the slate of officers the same as 2025 for 2026: John Sides, President, Wayne Hageman, Vice-President, Nina Steinmetz, Secretary. Jill Oechsle seconded the motion.

John Sides motioned to keep the 2026 spray rates the same as in 2025 changing the one day rate to two days. Jill Oechsle seconded this motion.

The Weed and Pest staff will be attending the following events:

- Black Hills Stock Show State Weed and Pest Booth- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Weather permitting – Supervisor only.
- Supervisor Recertification class are being held on-line.
- State Weed and Pest Conference 2026 – Feb. 17-20, 2026. Robin Moser volunteered to attend with Nina S.
- Private Applicators Recertification Class - January 21 and February 11 – 12:30-3:30 PM - Hot Springs South Annex - being provided free of charge. Contact the Weed and Pest or Extension office for more details and if planning on attending.

Three over winter invasive weeds were on display: Common Mullein, Bull Thistle, and White Horehound mint.

The 2026 Pasture Walk and Talk is tentatively set for May 29, Friday. Supervisor will look into reserving the Oelrichs Community Center and pastures nearby for the walk. If you have any suggestions for topics for the talks please share with Nina S.

There will be no February meeting. The next meeting will be March 6, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at the Fall River County Weed and Pest Office/ South Annex. Meeting adjourned.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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