

## FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

July 3, 2025 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President John Sides at 1:00 PM July 3rd, 2025 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Bob Novotny, Joe Falkenburg, Jill Oechsle, Wayne Hageman, Robin Moser, Telca Paprocki, and Nina Steinmetz. Also in attendance were Susan Watt and Larry David. 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:

All of the Prairie Dog Infestation complaint participants have turned their management paperwork for the last 3 months. Supervisor will continue to do monthly counts to watch progress.

Prairie Dog recap: Have had quite a few come in to take the Category 14 – Fumigation test - this category test is needed to purchase fumitoxin tablets for use in prairie dog control and grain bin fumigations. Reminder that this test needs to be scheduled through the Fall River Extension office – 605-745-5133 or the Regional Extension office in Rapid City, 605-394-1722.

ROW spraying is a bit delayed with weather difficulties and other spray projects.

The Weed and Pest Board did receive 2 grants from the SD Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry for Landowner reimbursement if boarding BHFS or BGNGL and also 2 grants for Educational Materials.

The Pasture Walk and Talks was held May 23, 2025 and was covered by the local newspaper. With 5 local landowners in attendance to learn about bees, beavers, grasshoppers, pasture diversity, weeds, erosion and fire protection, it was a very interesting day.

### New Business:

The Fall River County commissioners, on the morning of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, approved the purchase of a 2025 Honda Pioneer 1000 for the Weed and Pest Department. They also approved the listing for surplus and online auction of the 2009 Polaris Ranger 6X6 and the 2005 Kawasaki Diesel Mule from the Weed and Pest Department. UTVs only no spray units.

We will have an educational booth at the Fall River County Fair, July 30 through Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> in Edgemont

Reminder to all landowners that may have Prairie Dogs coming off of public lands to register at the SD Game Fish & Park – permit and forms – for possible assistance for prairie dog control. August 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.

The next meeting will be September 4, 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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