

## FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2025 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President John Sides at 1:00 PM, March 6, 2025 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Joe Falkenburg, Wayne Hageman, Robin Moser, Bob Novotny, Nina Steinmetz, and guests, Telca Paprocke, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Rep. and Sandra Walhert, Fall River County Commissioner. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda, minutes of the last meeting, budget review for January and February 2025 was made by Joe Falkenburg and seconded by, Bob Novotny. The board is being asked to submit information for updating pay. Board members are in agreement to be paid once at the end of November.

Old Business: Nina Steinmetz, supervisor, reported on Weed and Pest overall Department review for 2024 and on to 2025 projected projects. This report was also shared earlier in the day with the Fall River County Commissioners.

Report on State Weed and Pest Commission Meeting and Conference – Feb. 18- 21, 2025 -Huron – Grant – Non-Competitive –Accepted - ~ \$7,000 Grant - “ Salt Cedar Assistance” – Requested \$10,000 - Denied – 2026 Conference – Deadwood, SD February 17 -20, 2026

Private Applicators Recertification Classes - January 22<sup>nd</sup> -30 attendees and February 12, 2025 – 15 attendees, and March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025- 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.

Supervisor attended the Black Hills Stock Show Weed and Pest Booth. Was a good day to visit with landowners and answer questions.

New Business: Notice of Responsibility to control Noxious Weeds and Declared Pests will be post by April 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time we can begin sending 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> voluntary notices for weed complaints.

2025 Projects:Category 14 – Non-Soil Fumigation study guide

- Mailing of Newsletter –“The Insider” - landowners with over 2 acres –scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Postcards reminders for Hoary cress past hot spots –
- Pasture Walk – Will be starting the planning again –May23, 2025 (tentative)- working with Julie Wheeler (Grasslands) Karri Sanders, NRCS and Hadley, Conservation District
- NEW- Fall River Cheyenne River Cleaning – Salt Cedar and Leafy Spurge applications working with landowners for 50/50 cost share for herbicide.

Cooperative Agreements and other grants that are on hold for funding: Black Hills Forest Service, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands, SD Conservation and Forestry, Mosquito Surveillance and Fogging.

Learning workshop: BH Botany Ecology Workshop – Rapid City – March 7, 2024 –

There will be no April meeting. The next meeting will be May 1st, 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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