

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2024 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President John Sides at 1:02 PM May 2, 2024 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Wayne Hageman, Joe Falkenburg, 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 Wayne Hageman.

Old Business:

The invasive weeds are growing steadily. Our early season invasive weeds are as follows: Hoary cress is 4-5 inches and Absinth Wormwood is 3-8 inches – ready for a herbicide application. Common Mullein is 3-4 inches but not bolting so have a little more time. Canada thistle is still pretty small.

2024 Projects: Additional mailings of Newsletter – “The Insider ”to new”, - landowners with 2 acres to 5 acres were mailed the end of March.

New Business:

There is an updated Commercial Sprayers list at the Extension office.

The FR Weed and Pest Department does have an opening for a Seasonal Part-time Sprayer – position open till filled. Wage depending on experience. Applicant must pass commercial applicator certification for Genera, 1-3A, and ROW.

Invasive weed training will be held in Rapid City, May 22nd.

Pasture Walk –June 22 – Whitney Preserve, Bev’s Bunkhouse – A few topics include: Top 10 questions about trees, Deer Protection, Native and Invasive grasses and forbs, Erosion demonstration table, and a “Pasture Walk”. Lunch will be served. RSVP is requested to the FR Weed & Pest -745-5047, the FR Conservation District -605-745-5716 Ext. 121. Or the FR Extension – 605-745-5133.

The next meeting will be June 20, 2024 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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