

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

May 1, 2025 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President John Sides at 1:020PM May 1, 2025 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Bob Novotny, Joe Falkenburg, Jill Oechsle, Robin Moser, Telca Paprocki, 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 Joe Falkenburg.

Old Business:

The invasive weeds are growing steadily. Our early season invasive weeds are as follows: Hoary cress is 4-5 inches and setting buds, Absinth Wormwood is 3-8 inches, Spotted Knap weed is 3 -4 inches tall, Common Mullein is 3-4 inches ,Canada thistle is big enough to see from 15 ft away – all ready for a herbicide application. The Salt Cedar sample brought into the office has only $\frac{1}{4}$ inch needles and the Leafy spurge is still hard to see through the taller grass.

2025 Projects: Additional mailings of Newsletter –“The Insider ”to new”,- landowners with 2 acres or greater acres will be mailed the first part of July to qualify for the non-competitive grant reimbursement.

No good news on any further grant funding.

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.

New Business:

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 .

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

Defensive Driving Class for Fall River Employees is May 13, 2025 at the South Annex.
Invasive weed training will be held in Rapid City, Wednesday, May 14nd.

Pasture Walk and Talks –Friday, May 23 – At the South Annex Meeting Room – A few topics include: Deer Protection, Native and Invasive grasses and forbes, Erosion demonstration table, bee keeping, grasshopper ID and management and a “Pasture-River 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 5, 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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