

## FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2025 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by Vice-President Wayne Hagamen at 1:00 PM October 16, 2025 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Bob Novotny, Jill Oechsle, Robin Moser, Telca Paprocki, Joe Faulkenberg, and Nina Steinmetz. John Sides arrived at 1:15PM. Also in attendance was Susan Watt. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting were made by Joe Faulkenberg and seconded by Bob Novotny .

Old Business:

The UTVs that were surplusd have not been on the public action. Unknown date for the next online auction. The public can watch for their listing on the website for the auction, [publicsurplus.com](https://publicsurplus.com)

Don't Wait for Spring – Supervisor brought in 3 weed samples that a fall herbicide application would be great, Common Mullein, Bull and Musk Thistles, and White Horehound mint.

The office is working on 2025 Landowner reimbursement amounts for herbicide and Prairie dog receipt. Need to have receipts from Fall River landowners by Oct. 31, 2025 or sooner.

Jill Oechsle and Bob Novotny reported on the Soil Health Workshop held Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – sponsored by the Fall River Conservation District.. Topics of great interest and information came from the Fall River Feed Lot on composting projects, the drone demonstration, and worm ranching to increase soil health.

New Business:

Joe Faulkenberg motioned to request that Scotch Thistle –*Onopordum Acanthium* L. be designated to our Locally Noxious weed list. Seconded by John Sides.

Mr. Russell, Fall River States Attorney, was unable to the meeting to discuss the use of the nuisance court order vs. a Weed and Pest Declaration of infestation and Notice of Declaration of Infestation. Discussion was held on each of the 4 Prairie Dog Infestation confirmed complaints, noting documentation that had been turned and/or lack of paperwork for the last 3 months, and history of said properties. John Sides motioned to let it be at Mr. Russell's discretion as to how the Board will proceed, with court charges, or if Mr. Russell declines charges through the court, the board will sign a Declaration of Infestation on two of the 4 confirmed complaints. Seconded by Bob Novotny.

Grant Ideas for 2026, include Salt Cedar/ Leafy Spurge on the Cheyenne River and 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing of the "Insider"

The next meeting will be November 6th, 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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