

FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

Sept. 4, 2025 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President John Sides at 1:06 PM Sept. 4, 2025 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Bob Novotny, Jill Oechsle, Robin Moser, Telca Paprocki, and Nina Steinmetz. Also in attendance were Susan Watt and friend. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting were made by Bob Novotny seconded by Jill Oechsle.

Old Business:

The County Fair Booth was well attended on Friday and Saturday.

The County will only be doing on more week of mosquito fogging. Towns will need to be billed individually as there was no mosquito grant funding from the Department of Health for 2025.

Discussion was held on each of the 4 Prairie Dog Infestation conformed complaints, noting documentation that had been turned and/or lack of paperwork for the last 3 months. Supervisor will continue to do monthly counts to watch for progress.

Prairie Dog recap: Landowners continue 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.

The purchase of a 2025 Honda Pioneer 1000 for the Weed and Pest Department has been working wonderfully. 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, will be happening ASAP.

ROW spraying is about $\frac{3}{4}$ complete with many roads needing a 2nd application for puncture vine and field bindweed.

New Business:

The SD Weed and Pest Control Commission Meeting will be in Mitchell, SD Sept. 10th and Sept. 11 –Tour.

Herbicide Jug recycling collection will be Sept. 11 in Rapid City.

Be thinking of possible ideas for State grant proposals for the upcoming year.

Oct. 3rd there will be a Soil Health Workshop in Oelrichs, SD – sponsored by the Fall River Conservation District.

John sides motioned to go into Executive Session, 2:15 PM, seconded by Bob Novotny. Out of executive session at 2:36.

The next meeting will be October 16th, 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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