

## FALL RIVER COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING

March 5, 2026 Minutes

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board meeting was called to order by President John Sides at 1:03 PM, March 5, 2026 at the Fall River County South Annex meeting room. Attending members were Joe Falkenburg, Wayne Hageman, Robin Moser, Bob Novotny, Jill Oechsle, Nina Steinmetz, and guests, Telca Paprocke, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Rep. All motions unanimous unless otherwise stated. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the last meeting, and budget review of February 2026 was made by Joe Falkenburg and seconded by, Bob Novotny.

### Old Business

Private Applicators Recertification Classes - January - 20 attendees and February - 7 attendees, and March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026- 12:30-3:30 PM - Hot Springs South Annex –only if needed. Please call if you are needing to attend.

**The Category 14 – Fumigation Endorsement for Private Applicator Recertification only** - Thursday, March 12 – Online registration only. Contact the Weed and Pest or Extension office for more details and if need assistance.

Black Hills Stock Show – Weed Booth – Well attended.

Nina S., Supervisor gave a State Weed and Pest Commission Meeting and Conference report for Feb. 18- 20, 2026 –Deadwood, SD Grant – Non-Competitive –Accepted - ~ \$7,000 ; Grant - “ Salt Cedar / Leafy Spurge Assistance” – Requested \$7,000 - Denied –“ Insider II” Assistance” – Accepted - \$1,500 ; 2027 Conference – Aberdeen, SD February 24 -27, 2027.

Prairie Dog updates on properties with signed complaints.

Henderson / Brunson –John Sides made the motion and seconded by Wayne Hageman to file a Declaration of Infestation on property Section 14 and 15, Township 10S and Range 3E –D. Henderson for an infestation of Prairie Dogs, March 5, 2026. Board Member’s vote: Jill Oechsle – Yes, Bob Novotny- Yes, Joe Falkenburg- Yes, Wayne Hageman- Yes, John Sides – Yes, Robin Moser - Yes. Motion passed.

Skendzel/Trent – to continue monitoring; Watts/ Highland Cemetery - to continue monitoring; Koehler/ Tierney – to continue monitoring.

### New Business:

Reviewed the Open Meeting Laws.

Notice of Responsibility to control Noxious Weeds and Declared Pests- will be posted by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

2026 Projects:

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 –May 29, 2026 (tentative)- working with Julie Wheeler (Grasslands) Karri Sanders , NRCS and Hadley, Conservation District

Continue with Fall River Cheyenne River Cleaning– Salt Cedar and Leafy Spurge –

Survey for Ventenata – visiting with landowners that boarder the Wyoming State Line

BH Botany Ecology Workshop in person – Rapid City – March 13, 2026 –

No Public Comment

No need for Executive Session.

Next Meeting - April 2nd - 1:00 PM – Weed and Pest Office/ South Annex

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Nina Steinmetz, Secretary

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