

PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD
Pennington County Natural Resources Office
3607 Cambell Street, Rapid City, SD
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 12:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Paul Paulsen, Vice-Chairman
Bert Jocks
Travis Lasseter, County Commissioner Liaison

Members Absent:

Mark DiSanto, Chairman
Jerry Hirrschoff

Others Present:

Scott Guffey, Director

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Paulsen called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Additional Items / Approve Agenda

Motion made by Lasseter to approve the agenda, seconded by Jocks, motion carried. Motion made by Jocks to approve meeting minutes for the August 2nd, 2023 meeting, seconded by Lasseter, motion carried.

Budget Report

Scott Guffey presented Budget Report for Weed & Pest (615) and Natural Resources (616) budgets. Weed & Pest (615) has 8% remaining, Forestry budget (616) is at 39% for the remainder of the year. Will have to ask for a supplement for the 615 budget from over-collected revenue.

OLD BUSINESS

Shaded Fuel Break

Still waiting to hear from FS on the proposed five-year agreement, that could include fuels mitigation work, timber stand improvement, timber sale marking, or just about anything else that would be a 5-year agreement worth \$1 million. Working on getting an egress hazard tree agreement in place with the Mystic District to cut hazard trees in residence or high use right-of-ways. Also, FS is working county highway department to put in a new livestock fence along S. Rockerville RD. Have contacted Scott on cutting a 10ft right-of-way for the fence.

Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision

FS is contracting out with the Mountain Planning Service Group for the plan revision. Guffey concern that the local input might be lost with it going through a contactor. The assessments are supposedly are going to be sent out any day now. Guffey doesn't anticipate much happening with the plan revision until the new forest supervisor is in place after the first of the year.

2023 Weed Spraying Agreements

Guffey said they has begun billing out the weed spraying agreements, have already received the FS payment, waiting on DOT's payments. Still a couple invoices to send out and grant requests. Should end up with over \$25k in over-collected revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

SD Weed & Pest Grant Applications

Guffey submitted the county grant application and is looking into possibly submitting a competitive grant application as well. They are due November 15th.

District 4 Weed & Pest Meeting

The district 4 weed & pest meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8th at the SDGF&P Outdoor Campus, Guffey and Jocks will plan on attending.

Crew Update

Crew has winterized the spraying equipment and have gotten the forestry equipment ready to go. They have been marking hazard trees in preparation for the hazard tree agreement. This week working on clearcutting a small stretch of ROW on the S. Rochford Rd project.

Additional Item**Agency Report****ADJOURN**

Motion made by Jocks to adjourn the meeting at 1:14pm, seconded by Lasseter, motion carried.

Next meeting will be December 6th, 2023.

Submitted by Scott Guffey