

**PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD**  
**Pennington County Natural Resources Office**  
**3607 Cambell Street, Rapid City, SD**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 12:30 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Paul Paulsen, Chairman  
Jerry Hirschoff  
Casey Knuppe  
Bert Jocks  
Travis Lasseter, County Commissioner Liaison

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Scott Guffey, Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Additional Items / Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Knuppe to approve the agenda, seconded by Jocks, motion carried. Motion made by Jocks to approve meeting minutes for the October 9, 2024 meeting, seconded by Knuppe, motion carried.

**Budget Report**

Scott Guffey presented Budget Report for Weed & Pest (615) and Natural Resources (616) budgets. Weed & Pest (615) has 10% remaining, Forestry budget (616) is at 20% for the remainder of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Shaded Fuel Break**

S. Rockerville Road fence clearing has started, crew has cleared all the oak trees. The oak trees had to be sold as firewood and was sold to a landowner in the area (\$500 for 8 cords). Starting to fall and deck the merchantable trees. Nieman Timber Company bought the saw logs at \$28.50/ton. Timber West bought the POL at \$30/ton. Nieman trucks will haul both, should have trucks hauling next week. Highway department have been providing some flaggers for traffic control on the project, will provide some extra help when available.

**Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision**

Nothing new to report on the plan revision.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Local Noxious Weed Declaration Renewal**

Houndstongue, Sulfur Cinquefoil, Japanese Beetle, and Yellow Toadflax are on the Pennington County Weed & Pest's locally declared noxious weeds & pests will be expiring and are up for renewal. The counties are allowed to declare up to eight noxious weeds or pests on their locally declared list and are designated for a 4-year term. Currently Pennington County has eight declared noxious weeds and pests. Common Tansy, Spotted Knapweed, Puncturevine, Oxeye Daisy are also in the county. Guffey recommended to renew all except Sulfur Cinquefoil. Sulfur Cinquefoil isn't that big of an issue in Pennington County and it would open a spot on the list if something else needs to be added. Motion made by Jocks to renew Houndstongue, Japanese Beetle, and Yellow Toadflax on the Pennington County locally declared noxious weed and pest list, seconded by Hirschoff, motion carried.

**Weed & Pest Board Member Unit 3 Renewal**

The board's unit 3 representative Paul Paulsen's 3-year term is up for renewal, he is willing to serve another 3 years and will get his application into the county commissioners.

**2025 Board Meeting Dates**

Guffey handed out the proposed 2025 board meeting dates, they are similar to last year. Six meeting dates that are staggered throughout the year.

**Crew Update**

Crews working S. Rockerville Road fence clearing. Dropping and cutting them into logs, then decking them. Will need to masticate the 20ft clearing for the fence once the trees are removed.

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

Motion made by Knuppe to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm, seconded by Hirschoff, motion carried.

Next meeting will be February 26th.

Submitted by Scott Guffey