

Custer County Weed and Pest Board
25363 US HWY 385
Custer, SD 57730

The December 4, 2020 meeting of the Custer County Weed and Pest Board was called to order at 12:58 PM by Bob White.

In attendance were Bob White, Jim Lintz, Klint Rittberger, Caley Buckert, Mike Baldwin, and Tom Patterson (via teleconference). June Johnston was absent.

All motions approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Approve Minutes:

- Motion by Lintz and seconded by Rittberger to approve minutes from May 5th meeting.

Old Business:

- Five-person Weed and Pest Board is official. The Board no longer contains seven members.
- Vice President:
 - Vacant Vice President position on Board due to John Rittberger's resignation. Lintz nominated Klint Rittberger as new Vice President of the Board. Rittberger accepted the nomination; nomination carried.

New Business:

- Locally noxious weed request:
 - The 5-year designation of common mullein as a locally noxious weed in Custer County is expiring on December 31, 2020. Motion made by Rittberger and seconded by Lintz to request a new 5-year locally noxious designation with the State; motion carried.
 - Absinth Wormwood has been elevated from a locally noxious weed to a State noxious weed, thus it will no longer be listed as locally noxious in Custer County. This leaves an open spot on the County's list of locally noxious weeds. Each county can designate up to eight species as locally noxious. A decision was made to not add an additional species at this time.
- New Supervisor:
 - Baldwin introduced himself to the Board as the new Weed and Pest supervisor.
- RAC Proposal:
 - Baldwin provided an update to the Board on the proposal submitted to the Black Hills National Forest Resource Advisory Committee. The proposal, if awarded, would provide \$11,700 in funding for weed control (90 acres) on Black Hills National Forest lands that are adjacent to private property. The Resource Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on December 10 to review proposals

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and make recommendations. If our proposal is awarded, it will be submitted to the Board for review and approval.

- Forest Service Agreement:
 - Black Hills agreement was successful with all 23 acres treated. All reports and data have been submitted to the Forest Service by Buckert.
 - A future Buffalo Gap agreement is currently in the draft stages. Buckert is working with Julie Wheeler, District Ranger for Buffalo Gap National Grassland – Fall River District, to create a funded agreement for the purpose of treating 23 acres of noxious weeds on the National Grassland. Similar to the Black Hills agreement, this agreement would provide funds to spray on the National Grassland in areas adjacent to private lands. The agreement will be submitted to the Weed Board for approval prior to submission to the U.S. Forest Service.

Other Business:

- White and Patterson are planning on attending the next Conservation District meeting scheduled for December 11.
- Spraying on private land: Patterson has a letter drafted for private landowners to request Custer County Weed and Pest to spray on his/her property. Patterson spoke with an individual at Warne Chemical and this individual was not opposed. There is a need to control weeds on smaller tracts of private property, where the owner is unsuccessful in getting a commercial sprayer to treat weeds due to the small size of the area needing treatment. The possibility of the County obtaining an herbicide dealer's license was also discussed, but it was determined this would not be worth the time and effort.

Next Meeting:

- Motion made by Lintz and seconded by Patterson to schedule the next Board meeting for January 8, 2021 at 1:00 PM; motion carried.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Lintz and seconded by Patterson to adjourn meeting at 1:40 PM; motion carried.