

Custer County Weed and Pest Board

Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2022 Special Meeting

The March 22, 2022 meeting of the Custer County Weed and Pest Board was called to order at 1:02 PM by Klint Rittberger.

In attendance were Tom Patterson (call in), Klinton Rittberger (call in), June Johnston (call in), and Mike Baldwin.

All motions were approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.

New Business:

- Approval of grant application for invasive species cost-share funding from SD Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Resource Conservation and Forestry Division:
 - Baldwin discussed a grant opportunity that if awarded, would provide supplemental funding for our chemical cost-share program. A total of \$30,000 is available to 12 counties with U.S. Forest Service land within their county boundaries. Funds are to be used for weed prevention/suppression on land adjacent to national grasslands and national forest lands. Funds require at least a 1:1 match, which our cost-share program would qualify.
 - Motion was made by Patterson, seconded by Johnston, to approve applying for these funds, motion carried.
 - After approval, the Board asked specific questions about the funding. Baldwin was not able to answer at that time but would seek clarification from the State.

Other Business:

- Baldwin provided a brief update on the prairie dog issue discussed at previous meetings. He also notified the Board that the advertisement for seasonal weed sprayers has been posted.
- A \$4,000 reimbursement check was received from the SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Funds are from our State grant awarded in 2021. Funds were deposited in the County's general fund.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Johnston, seconded by Patterson to adjourn meeting at 1:12 PM; motion carried.

Next meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM.