

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
March 12, 2025

The regular scheduled meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, commencing at 7:00 am at the Foster County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room with the following members present: Ronn Stangeland, Jeff Edland, Doug Zink, Alex Stedman and Brent Bachmeier via Microsoft Teams. Also present was Dianne Straley, Secretary/Treasurer, Steve and Doug Wede. Attorney Kale Van Bruggen and Engineer Jennifer Malloy were present via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ronn Stangeland.

AGENDA. The agenda was reviewed, after discussing, Zink made a motion to add “Rocky Run Joint Board Meeting” to the agenda, second by Stedman, all in favor. Motion carried. With the addition above, the agenda was followed for the balance of the meeting.

MINUTES. Board members had received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2025. After discussion, it was moved by Zink, second by Stedman, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a balance of \$194,922.39 per the statement of February 28, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. It was noted that RJ Theis needs to be billed for half of the cost to the survey US 281 and Fireside Road. Motion to approve by Zink, second by Stedman, all in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS AND STATEMENTS. The following bills were discussed, being approved for payment upon motion by Stedman, second by Bachmeier. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rinke Noonan (General Services)-\$4,303.00

Rinke Noonan (Drain No. 1)-\$1,038.50

Apex (General Services)-\$6,465.00

Apex (Drain No. 1)-\$1,959.50

Computer Express-\$2,462.07

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. No Updates.

2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Kale stated things have been quiet as the session is narrowing down.

SCOTT’S SLOUGH. Steve Wede stated that the culverts were lowered and Jerry Becker cleaned it out, but there is still some ice yet. Board members were going to go out and look at what he had done.

ROCKY RUN JOINT BOARD MEETING. Zink stated that he will be attending the meeting, after discussion, Stedman made a motion to authorize Zink to approve up to \$21,000 for additional cost sharing expenses. Edland seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST – TILE PERMITS. Rinke Noonan has a conflict of interest representing the Water Resource Board on the permit applications adverse to Ellingson Companies. Rinke Noonan presented a letter as to why it would be possible for the Board to agree to a waiver of Conflict. Bachmeier made a motion for the board to waive the conflict of interest. Zink seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Stangeland signed the Waiver for conflict of interest.

PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2025-0004. Motion made by Zink to approve Permit Application No. 2025-0004 with the following conditions: (1) That proper erosion control be installed and maintained at all outlets; (2) That disturbed areas be re-established to previous conditions; and (3) That the Permittee obtain an amendment to the permit for alterations to outlet locations, new outlets, or improvements resulting in drainage of additional acres, and that Rinke Noonan be directed to send the notice of decision to the DWR and to Dan Rosenau. The motion was seconded by Stedman. All in favor. Motion carried.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT (SE ¼ SEC. 10-146-66). Motion was made by Stedman to approve the Encroachment Agreement between Jared Zink Real Estate Limited Partnership and Foster County Water Resource District. Stangeland seconded the motion. All in favor, except for Doug Zink who abstained from the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

VOTING POWER-ROCKY RUN BOARD MEETING. Stangeland made a motion for Zink to have the primary voting power at the Rocky Run Board Meeting, with Bachmeier as the alternate. Stedman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held March 12, 2025 in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink, and seconded by Stedman to adjourn at 7:42. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

Ronn Stangeland
Chairman

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