

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND  
April 9, 2025

The regular scheduled meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, April 9, 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. Also present was Dianne Straley, Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Wede, Troy Roundy, Tyler Hoggarth, Jason Wolsky, Donnie Theis, Tammy Miller, Brandon Miller, Brian Johnston of Johnston Excavating, Stacy Whipp and Jennifer Jewett from Arrowwood Wildlife Management. 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 Carrington Creek 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 March 12, 2025. After discussion, it was moved by Bachmeier, second by Edland, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT.** The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a balance of \$185,961.50 per the statement of March 31, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. 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)-\$17,159.50

Rinke Noonan (Drain No. 1)-\$6,725.00

Apex (General Services)-\$663.00

Apex (Drain No. 1)-\$657.00

Office of the State Auditor-\$5,002.30

**Cleaning Drain by Chad Bickett's.** The area that was discussed was from March's down to Donnie Theis's land. It was also referred to as March's Slough. There was discussion about where the water was coming from and what was causing the overrun. Maps were presented and the area was pointed out. It was suggested that the area be flagged and the two culverts, that were identified, be cleaned out. It was also brought up if the depth of the culverts was appropriate.

**Carrington Creek.** Representatives from the City of Carrington attended the meeting, in the past the City has contributed funds to offset the cost of cleaning out the 9-mile area. It was also noted that two culverts may need to be changed. The representatives were asked if the City could look into continuing their support and possibly increasing the amount.

**FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1.** Gladen Construction hopes to return to work the last week of April. Brandon Gussiaas informed Apex Engineering of his concerns regarding spoil areas on his land and the possibility of flattening slopes to allow him to cross the

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channel. Apex has been working with Gladen Construction to address his concerns when Gladen returns to complete the project.

**2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Kale has been sending updates out. HB 1218 was talked about.

**SCOTT'S SLOUGH.** There was discussion about the culverts, but nothing new was reported.

**Complaint Resolution and Investigation Policy & Complaint Form.** A Complaint Resolution and Investigation Policy & Complaint Form was presented to the board for consideration. After reviewing the documents and discussing them, Edland made a motion that the Water Board use the Policy and the Complaint Form in the future. Bachmeier seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**S.B. 2276.** Kale drafted a letter to be sent to state Representatives requesting that they vote YES on the amendments to S.B. 2276. The letter was presented to the board for their review. After discussing the impacts of the amendment, Zink made a motion to approve sending the letter, after edits were made, individually and as a Board to Representatives. Bachmeier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT.** It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held May 14, 2025 in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink, and seconded by Bachmeier to adjourn at 7:55. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dianne Straley,  
Recording Secretary

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Ronn Stangeland  
Chairman

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