

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
February 12, 2025

The regular scheduled meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, commencing at 7:01 am at the Foster County Courthouse in the Jury Room with the following members present: Ronn Stangeland, Jeff Edland, Brent Bachmeier, Alex Stedman and Doug Zink via Microsoft Teams. Also present was Dianne Straley, Secretary/Treasurer and Jerry Becker. 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, Bachmeier made a motion to add “Conflict of Interest- Tile Permits” before discussing B. Tile Permits, second by Zink, 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 January 15, 2025. After discussion, it was moved by Stangeland, second by Zink, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a balance of \$210,561.58 per the statement of January 31, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. Motion to approve by Stedman, second by Bachmeier, 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)-\$2,441.50

Rinke Noonan (Drain No. 1)-\$6,344.00

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. Jeff stated that the acquisition is done and there wasn't anything else to report.

2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Kale has been sending summaries via email to the board as time goes on. He asked if there were any questions on the updates.

SCOTT'S SLOUGH. Dianne read the letter from Jerry Becker and the letter from Kostenko Law, P.C. on behalf of the Theis Family Partnership LLLP. Kale stated that he will send a letter to Kostenko Law based on today's discussion.

Conflict of Interest – Tile Permits. Rinke Noonan has a conflict of interest representing the Water Resource Board on the permit applications adverse to Jared Zink/Jared Zink Real Estate Limited Partnership and Doug Zink/Zink Real Estate Limited Partnership. Rinke Noonan presented a letter as to why it would be possible for the Board to agree to a waiver of Conflict. Stangeland made a motion for the board to waive the conflict of interest. Bachmeier approved the motion, Stedman seconded it. All in favor, except for Doug Zink, who abstained from the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried. Stangeland signed the Waiver for conflict of interest.

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Permit Application No. 2025-0001. Motion made by Bachmeier to approve Permit Application No. 2025-0001 with the following conditions: (1) That the applicant and landowner agree to an Encroachment Agreement to be drafted by the District's Counsel and recorded at the Foster County Recorder's Office for the installation of tile within the Foster County Assessment Drain No. 1 right-of-way; (2) That the outlet pump be installed no closer than 25-feet from the top of the back slope of Foster County Assessment Drain No. 1; (2) That proper erosion control be installed and maintained at all outlets; (3) That disturbed areas be re-established to previous conditions; and (4) That the Permittee obtain an amendment to the permit for alterations to outlet locations, new outlets, or improvements resulting in drainage of additional acres. The motion was seconded by Stedman. All in favor, except for Doug Zink who abstained from the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Permit Application No. 2025-0002. Motion made by Stangeland to approve Permit Application No. 2025-0002 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. The motion was seconded by Stedman. All in favor, except for Doug Zink who abstained from the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Permit Application No. 2025-0003. Motion made by Bachmeier to approve Permit Application No. 2025-0003 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. The motion was seconded by Stedman. All in favor, except for Doug Zink who abstained from the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Purchase of Laptop – Computer Express Quote. The quote for a laptop, docking station, Monitor, keyboard and mouse for \$2,301.00 was presented. Zink made a motion to approve the purchase of computer as quoted. The motion was seconded by Stedman. 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 Bachmeier to adjourn at 8:01. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

Ronn Stangeland
Chairman

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