

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
October 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, October 8, 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, Brian Johnson, and Corne VanBedaf. Attorney Kale Van Bruggen and Engineer Jennifer Malloy was present via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ronn Stangeland.

AGENDA. The agenda was reviewed, Zink made a motion to approve the agenda, Edland seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. The agenda was followed for the balance of the meeting.

MINUTES. Board members received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2025. After reviewing the minutes, it was moved by Bachmeier to accept the minutes as written. Stedman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a cash balance of \$311,881.90 as of September 30, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. There was discussion about the pre-payments that have been made by landowners for Drain #1 Assessment and what portion of the cash balance that makes up. The funds received for pre-payments will be submitted to the Bank of ND to pay down the loan balance. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Zink, second by Bachmeier, all in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS AND STATEMENTS. The following bills were discussed, Zink made a motion to approve the bills, second by Bachmeier. All in favor. Motion carried.

a. Rinke Noonan

Invoice 399890-General - \$550.00

Invoice 400063-Assessment Drain #1 - \$311.00

Invoice 400223-Natural Watercourse Maintenance Cost-Share - \$1,472.50

Invoice 401065-Bonding Fund & Insurance Coverage - \$855.00

Total: \$3,188.50

b. Apex Engineering Group

Invoice 22333-General Services - \$287.50

PURCHASE OF SPEAKER. Due to the poor quality of the speakers used during the meetings when there are call-in participants, it was discussed that we should consider purchasing a speaker of our own, that would improve the quality for the individuals in the meeting room and for those calling in. Zink made a motion approving Straley to purchase the speaker that Malloy has used in meetings with other boards. Bachmeier seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. There was discussion about the crossing that Brandon Gussiaas had requested. Malloy requested an estimate from Gladden Construction to flatten the crossing, per Gussiaas request. Gladden stated that if they did an estimate, it would be too high. There was no other discussion on Drain No. 1.

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SCOTT'S SLOUGH. Nothing new to report, Becker's dike is gone.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. Van Bruggen filed the comments.

CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT. VanBedaf asked when the board can get the Creek cleaned out by the Peavy Road and 2nd St E going East. There was discussion on when it might be possible to get it cleaned out. This has been on the agenda since spring and is a concern for the board as well. The cost of the project was discussed. The board would like the city of Carrington to pay for a portion of the cleanout as the city benefits from it as well. There was discussion on using a formula to assess a percentage of the project to the city based on the value to city. The percentage would be based on a board appointed engineer's or independent group assessment of properties that benefit from Carrington Creek.

Van Bruggen drafted a "Landowner Permission Agreement" for snagging, clearing and maintenance of the Carrington Creek Watercourse. After some discussion, Zink made a motion to table the "Landowner Permission Agreement", Edland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed with Johnson if it was still possible to do the cleanout yet this fall. He thought it would be. It is approximately 9.1 miles.

Since the last meeting, Bachmeier and Zink looked at the end of the Carrington Creek where the landowner had built up a "road" to cross the creek with equipment, it really looks more like an obstruction than a dike.

Bachmeier made a motion to authorize Van Bruggen to write a letter of obstruction to the landowner, notifying them that the water board will take action if the obstruction is not removed on the portion of Carrington Creek in Rosehill township Section 26, SE ¼ of the NW ¼. Edland seconded the motion, and Zink abstained from the vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

HWY 200 CLEANOUT PERMIT. Zink explained what he would like to do along Hwy 200 after discussion Stedman made a motion to allow Zink to submit a permit to the ND Department of Transportation to clean out a portion of Hwy 200 ditch, Bachmeier seconded, Zink abstained from voting, All in favor. Motion carried.

HWY 200 APPROACH PERMIT. No board action is necessary.

HWY 200 GATED CULVERTS. Zink asked the board to consider writing to the ND Department of Transportation to request installation of gates on two culverts approximately 150 yards East of mile marker 299 on Hwy 200. Currently the water runs north through these culverts, with no place to go, gating them during high flow would be very beneficial.

Stedman made a motion to approve writing a letter to ND Department of Transportation requesting the installation of gates on two culverts approximately 150 yards East of mile marker 299 on Hwy 200. Bachmeier seconded the motion, Zink abstained from voting, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS. Bald Hill Creek update: the dam was removed, and it was cleaned out.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held November 12, 2025, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink and seconded by Edland to adjourn at 8:22 AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

Ronn Stangeland
Chairman

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