

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND  
April 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, commencing at 7:00 am at the Foster County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room with the following members present: Brent Bachmeier, Ronn Stangeland, Alex Stedman, Jeff Edland and Doug Zink. Also present was Dianne Straley, Secretary/Treasurer. Attorney Kale Van Bruggen and Engineer Jennifer Malloy were present via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brent Bachmeier.

**AGENDA.** The agenda was reviewed; Stangeland made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Zink 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 March 11, 2026. Stangeland made a motion 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 general fund cash balance of \$124,521.21 as of March 31, 2026, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Zink, second by Edland, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**a. Rinke Noonan**

Invoice 407970 - General - \$675.00

Invoice 408003 - Stream Crossing 7<sup>th</sup> St NE; SE ¼ Sec 28 & NE ¼ Sec 33-147-66 - \$445.50

Invoice 408289 - Stream Crossing 76<sup>th</sup> Ave NE; NE ¼ Sec 22 & NW ¼ Sec 23-146-65 - \$445.50

Invoice 408884 - 2027 Legislative Issues - \$693.00

Invoice 409291 - Audit Support & Compliance Advice - \$297.00

**Total: \$2,556.00**

**b. Apex Engineering** - Invoice 23416 - Conversations with FCWRD board member, review NDDWR Stream Crossing Determination, corresponding with DWR, updating Technical Memorandum for 76<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NDDWR stream crossing flow rate, tile permit review - **\$1,527.50**

**FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1.** Nothing new to report.

**CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT.** Zink and Bachmeier met with Pat Copenhaver and Paul Roller, Foster County Commissioners and Brian Johnson, Johnson Excavating. The discussion was geared towards what snagging and clearing entails and how that relates to the proposed project. Zink and Bachmeier would like to get further information from Brian Schimelfenig on the proposed project.

After discussion, Stedman made a motion to have Apex prepare a map to go along with the scope of work documents. Edland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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**STREAM CROSSING DETERMINATION LETTER.** Still waiting for the state to respond.

**WATER RESOURCE LETTER – PROJECTS.** Nothing new to report.

**INTERSTATE ENGINEERING LETTER.** – It was determined that the project is a clean out project and Eddy County is funding 80% of the cost and the landowners are funding the remaining 20%.

**ROCKY RUN JOINT WATER BOARD MEETING.** Zink attended the meeting and reported that it would be a good idea to set up a fund for the maintenance of Rocky Run Water Management areas that will be necessary in the future.

**WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE COST-SHARE POLICY.** After discussing the policy, Zink made a motion to approve the policy as written. Stangeland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**2027 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Van Bruggen is still in the process of writing a proposed water resource bill for consideration and hopes to have it done soon. There will be a Water Topics meeting in May.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION – BRANDON GUSSIAAS.**

Motion made by Zink to approve Permit Application No. 2026-0002 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; (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; (4) the permit requires the permittee to ensure there is grade from the outlet lift pump to Foster County Assessment Drain No. 1, to ensure flow direction from the outlet follows the Flow Direction map submitted with the application, prior to operating the outlet lift pump. If it is necessary to grade within the road right-of-way west of 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE in order to satisfy this condition, it is the permittee's responsibility to obtain permission from the applicable road authority and underlying landowner to ensure proper grade from the roadway culvert to Assessment Drain No. 1 and that Rinke Noonan be directed to send the notice of decision to the DWR and to Brandon Gussiaas. The motion was seconded by Stangeland. All in favor. Motion carried.

**TYSON ROSENAU.** Tyson did not attend the meeting.

**OPEN MIC.** No other discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT.** It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held May 13, 2026, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink and seconded by Edland to adjourn at 8:10 AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dianne Straley,  
Recording Secretary

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Brent Bachmeier  
Chairman

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