

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
February 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, commencing at 7:00 am at the Foster County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room with the following members present: Ronn Stangeland, Alex Stedman, Jeff Edland and Brent Bachmeier. Also present was Dianne Straley, Secretary/Treasurer. Attorney Kale Van Bruggen and Engineer Jennifer Malloy were present via Microsoft Teams. Doug Zink was absent.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brent Bachmeier.

AGENDA. The agenda was reviewed; Stangeland made a motion to approve the agenda as written. 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 January 14, 2026. Stedman made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the change to the Open Mic portion as written below:

“Jerry Becker stated that there were some spots that need to be widened on Scott’s Slough before Spring and he explained what he would like to do. It was stated that Jerry Becker would be responsible for any federal or state permits required for the work, and that the FCWRD isn’t required to do the work just because it is in a natural watercourse. The Board asked Jerry Becker to take pictures before and after doing the planned work.”

Edland 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 \$130,324.89 as of January 31, 2026, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. The county has been collecting Special Assessment monies for the Water Board and those numbers have been reported to the Secretary/Treasurer as follows: December collection \$10,004.19 and January collection \$5,531.12. The Secretary/Treasurer will request the funds from the county and hold the money for the July Bank of ND loan payment. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Stangeland, second by Stedman, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. Rinke Noonan

Invoice 406300 - General - \$550.00

Invoice 407202 -Obstruction to Drain/Watercourse (Jerry Becker) - \$95.00

Invoice 407221 – DWR Administrative Rule Changes - \$285.00

Total: \$930.00

b. Apex Engineering – Invoice 23191 – Meeting Preparation, Attendance, Emails with Kale and Dianne - \$533.00

c. Doug Zink – Reimbursement pictures printed - \$67.62

d. North Dakota Water Resource District Association – 2026 Membership Dues - \$700.00

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

SCOTT'S SLOUGH. Nothing new to report.

CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT. Nothing new to report.

STREAM CROSSING DETERMINATION LETTER. Malloy found a discrepancy in the Stream Crossing letter from the ND Water Resource Engineer on the Estabrook township determination. Malloy has contacted them to verify findings. Sending the letters to the townships has been put on hold until Malloy hears back from the state.

NEW BUSINESS.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER-SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION – DOUG ZINK AKA ZINK REAL ESTATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP – RINKE NOONAN. Rinke Noonan has a conflict of interest representing the Water Resource Board on the permit applications adverse to Doug Zink and the 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. Stedman seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Bachmeier signed the Waiver for conflict of interest.

SUBSURFACE WATER MANGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION – 2026-0001. Motion made by Stedman to approve Permit Application No. 2026-0001 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 Doug Zink. The motion was seconded by Stangeland. All in favor. Motion carried.

WATER RESOURCE LETTER – PROJECTS. Malloy explained what information the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Commission is looking for in their request for upcoming water development projects.

OPEN MIC. It was decided to put the “Watercourse Cleaning Out and Repair Cost Share Policy” on the March Agenda for review and consideration.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held March 11, 2026, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Stangeland and seconded by Edland to adjourn at 7:30 AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

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Ronn Stangeland
Chairman

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