

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
May 27, 2026

A special meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, May 27, 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; Zink made a motion to add Elevations of Culverts on Carrington Creek to the agenda and approve as otherwise presented. Stedman seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. The revised agenda was followed for the balance of the meeting.

MINUTES. Board members received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2026. Zink made a motion to accept the minutes as written. 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 \$234,242.14 as of April 30, 2026, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington and \$45,833.63 being held in Drain #1 Fund. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Zink, second by Stangeland, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. Rinke Noonan - 2 months billing	
Invoice 411193 - General	675.00
Invoice 411349 - Drain #1	297.00
Invoice 412503 - Water Permit - Gussiaas	997.50
Invoice 412835 - General	675.00
Invoice 412874 - Stream Crossing 7th St NE	520.50
Invoice 413170 - Natural Watercourse Maintenance Cost-Share Policy	99.00
Invoice 413766 - 2027 Legislative Issues	495.00
Invoice 414187 - Water Permit - Gussiaas	828.00
Invoice 414196 - Audit Support & Compliance Advice	148.50
Invoice 413154 - Stream Crossing 76th Ave NE	520.50
Invoice 413826 - Carrington Creek Natural Water Course Cleanout Project	148.50
	\$5,404.50
b. Apex Engineering Group - 2 months billing	
Invoice 23566 - General - Water Board Meeting	352.50
Invoice 23721 - Carrington Creek	427.50
Invoice 23718 - 76th Ave Hydrology/Hydraulic Analysis	
76th Ave Technical Memo, Prep and Attend Water Board Meeting	
Review Steam Crossing Determination Amendment	
Project submittal to DWR Water Development Plan	3,395.00
	\$4,175.00

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c. Dianne Straley	
Postage Reimbursement	\$ 99.30
d. Carrington Post Office	
Yearly Post Office Box Fee	\$ 126.00

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

CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT. There continues to be discussions with Brian Schimelfenig and his possible involvement with the project.

ELEVATIONS ON CARRINGTON CREEK CULVERTS. After discussing the Carrington Creek Project and the culverts involved, Stangeland made a motion to have Apex Engineering measure the elevation of the culverts that are on the Carrington Creek, from the Bordulac highway following the creek southeast for 3 ½ miles.

STREAM CROSSING DETERMINATION LETTER. Rosehill Township supervisors responded to the letter that was sent out, “they are looking into all options to reasonably resolve this matter”.

WATER RESOURCE LETTER – PROJECTS. Malloy submitted Foster County projected projects to the state.

2027 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Van Bruggen gave an update on the proposed Bills legislature has been working on. Van Bruggen is still working on the proposed water resource bill for consideration and hopes to have it done soon.

NEW BUSINESS

SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION – Van Bedaf. Motion made by Stangeland to approve Subsurface Water Management System Permit Application No. 2026-0003 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; (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 the natural watercourse in the SE1/4 of Section 34-146-66, 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 70th 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 left pump to the natural watercourse; and that Rinke Noonan Law Firm be directed to send the notice of decision to the DWR and to Maurice & Virginia, LLP. The motion was seconded by Stedman. All in favor, with Manager Zink abstaining. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM GROUND WATER. The application was distributed to the board for review. No members voiced an opposition to the application.

OPEN MIC. No other discussion.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held June 10, 2026, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink and seconded by Edland to adjourn at 7:20 AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

Brent Bachmeier
Chairman

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