

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
September 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, September 10, 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 and Michael Gussiaas. Attorney Kale Van Bruggen was present via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ronn Stangeland.

AGENDA. The agenda was reviewed, Bachmeier made a motion to add Proposed changes in Administrative Code for the North Dakota Department of Water Resources to the agenda, Edland seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. With the addition above, the agenda was followed for the balance of the meeting.

MINUTES. Board members received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2025. After reviewing the minutes, it was moved by Edland to accept the minutes as written. Bachmeier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a cash balance of \$237,610.95 as of August 31, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. Motion to approve 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 Stedman. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Rinke Noonan

Invoice 399478-Public Comment Policy - \$95.00

Invoice 399168-Carrington Creek Natural Watercourse Cleanout Project - \$665.00

Invoice 399388-Boning Fund & Insurance Coverage - \$522.50

Invoice 398192-General - \$550.00

2. Apex Engineering Group

Invoice 21802-Carrington Creek - \$2,559.00

Invoice 21797-General Services - \$1,978.00

Invoice 22027-Drain #1 - \$4,381.50

Invoice 22026-General Services - \$4,735.70

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. Van Bruggen explained the differences between the initial cost estimates and the actual costs on the project. There were extra legal fees, approximately \$55,000, because some landowners were not in favor of the project, requiring further production of documents. There was a change order in the scope of the work, due to landowners requesting changes.

SCOTT'S SLOUGH. Nothing new to report.

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NATURAL WATER COURSE MAINTENANCE COST-SHARE POLICY. Zink made a motion to table the policy indefinitely, Bachmeier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT. Zink noted that the dike at the end of the creek is still there, he hasn't talked to the landowner about removing it yet.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. Van Bruggen went over the comments he prepared in response to the proposed changes the DWR has put together, the document was shared with the board. The document included changes in the code that would cut down on processing time, define the timeline better and specify exactly what documentation was needed. Zink made a motion to approve Van Bruggen to send a letter to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources on behalf of Foster County Water Resource Board.

NEW BUSINESS Doug Zink notified the board of less than 40 acres drainage on his property. Written Notice will be put in Tile File for permanent record.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held October 8, 2025, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink and seconded by Steadman to adjourn at 8:04. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

Ronn Stangeland
Chairman

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