

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
November 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, November 12, 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, and Brent Bachmeier. Also present was Dianne Straley, Secretary/Treasurer, Travis Aljets, Tim Aljets, and Jeremiah Blahna. Attorney Kale Van Bruggen and Engineer Jennifer Malloy were 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, Malloy asked that under Drain No. 1, it be reflected in the minutes that an estimate was requested from Gladden Construction to flatten the crossing, per Gussiaas' request and Gladden stated that if they did submit an estimate, it would be too high. Zink made a motion to accept the minutes with the change to Drain No. 1 as noted by Malloy. 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 \$146,461.78 as of October 31, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Bachmeier, second by Zink, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. Rinke Noonan

Invoice 401557-General - \$550.00

Invoice 401719-Assessment Drain #1 - \$380.00

Invoice 402513-Carrington Creek Natural Watercourse Cleanout Project - \$95.00

Invoice 401065-Bonding Fund & Insurance Coverage - \$502.50

Invoice 402467-DWR Administrative Rule Changes - \$719.50

Total: \$2,247.00

b. Apex Engineering Group

Invoice 22516-General Services - \$729.50

c. Ethan Stangeland – Beaver Dam Removal - \$400.00

d. Bank of ND – Pay down Principal with Drain #1 Funds - \$72,739.30

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. There was nothing new to report on Drain No. 1.

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SCOTT'S SLOUGH. Nothing new to report.

CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT. After several water board members did another site visit to look at the obstruction that has been noted on Carrington Creek, it was noted that the dam is lower than the culvert. Bachmeier made a motion to rescind 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. Zink seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Van Bruggen prepared a draft "Landowner Permission Agreement For Snagging, Clearing, & Maintenance of the Carrington Creek Watercourse". After discussion, Zink made a motion to table the draft. Bachmeier seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – TILE PERMITS. Rinke Noonan has a conflict of interest representing the Water Resource Board on the permit applications adverse to Ellingson Companies. Rinke Noonan presented a letter as to why it would be possible for the Board to agree to a waiver of Conflict. Zink made a motion for the board to waive the conflict of interest. Edland seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2025-0006. Motion made by Zink to approve Permit Application No. 2025-0006 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 Trevor Vande Hoven. Bachmeier seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held December 10 2025, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink and seconded by Bachmeier to adjourn at 7:28 AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

Ronn Stangeland
Chairman

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