

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
May 19, 2025

The special meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Monday, May 19, 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 Trevor Vande Hoven. 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 and was followed for the balance of the meeting.

MINUTES. Board members had received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2025. After discussion, it was moved by Bachmeier, second by Stedman, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a balance of \$163,138.20 per the statement of April 30, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. Motion to approve by Edland, second by Bachmeier, all in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS AND STATEMENTS. The following bills were discussed, being approved for payment upon motion by Stedman, second by Bachmeier. All in favor. Motion carried.

Apex, Invoice 20897 & 21032 – General - \$1,345.50

Rinke Noonan, Inv 392159, 391903, 391542, 391949, 390927 – General - \$3,009.00

U.S. Postal Service – Annual PO Box Fee - \$120.00

Tammy Roehrich – Rocky Run Joint Water Board Meeting - \$30.17

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. Gladen Construction is almost done.

Taxpayers will need to be notified of the cost of the project and the amount of the assessment per parcel will need to be calculated based on the total cost of the project less the amount that Foster County Commissioners approved to contribute. Taxpayers will be notified that they can pre-pay the assessment vs making the yearly payments.

SCOTT'S SLOUGH. During discussion it was brought up that a stream study is needed for the Fireside Road crossing. Stangeland made a motion that a Stream Study be initiated with the State Water Commission for the SE ¼ of Sec 28 & the NE ¼ of Sec 33 of Estabrook Township 147 N 66 W. Bachmeier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2025-0005. Motion made by Zink to approve Permit Application No. 2025-0005 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

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directed to send the notice of decision to the DWR and to Trevor Vande Hoven. The motion carried.

STREAM STUDY. Based on the discussion surrounding the Permit Application for Trevor, Zink made a motion that a Stream Study be initiated with the State Water Commission for the NE ¼ of Sec 22 & the NW ¼ of Sec 23 of Rose Hill Township 146 N 65 W. Bachmeier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

S.B. 2180 PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY. Kale discussed the Senate Bill, the implications of it and the requirement that the board have a policy in place regarding it. Kale will draft a policy and present it at the next meeting.

ND WATER RESOURCE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION JOINT SUMMER MEETING. The board members were given the meeting information, schedule and registration form. The meetings are scheduled for July 9-10 at Spirit Lake Casino.

NATURAL WATER COURSE VS BLUE LINE STREAM. It was discussed how it can be difficult to determine if drainage is a Natural Water Course or a Blue Line Stream. There are maps that indicate whether it is one or the other, but the ones brought to the meeting are older and hard to read. Zink made a motion to have Jennifer Maloy compile the necessary information for Foster County and have bigger, laminated maps made. Stangeland seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BEAVER DAM REMOVAL. There was discussion regarding the beaver dam on Baldhill Creek in McHenry Township. Zink made a motion that Ethan Stangeland be asked to remove the dam after notifying managers of the cost to remove. Bachmeier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held June 11, 2025 in the Commissioners Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Stedman, and seconded by Zink to adjourn at 7:40. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dianne Straley,
Recording Secretary

Ronn Stangeland
Chairman

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