

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND  
June 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, June 10, 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; 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 special meeting of May 27, 2026. Stangeland 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 \$234,254.04 as of May 31, 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 Stedman, all in favor. Motion carried.

**BILLS AND STATEMENTS.** The following bills were presented, Zink made a motion to approve Apex Engineering invoices as presented and to send all Drain #1 Funds to the Bank of North Dakota, with the excess to be applied towards principal, second by Stedman. All in favor. Motion carried.

- a. Apex Engineering
  - i. Invoice 24008 – Carrington Creek - \$196.00
  - ii. Invoice 24005 – General Services - \$635.50
- b. Bank of North Dakota
  - July 1, 2026, Payment - \$27,881.82

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

**CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT AND ELEVATIONS ON CARRINGTON CREEK CULVERTS.**

Malloy prepared two maps with the culvert elevations on the Carrington Creek from the Bordulac highway following the creek southeast for 3 ½ miles. The maps were distributed to the managers, Malloy explained the maps and pointed out various attributes. After discussing the Project, Zink made a motion to have Malloy prepare and send a proposal with scope of work for the project to Brian Schimelfenig, along with the culvert elevation maps. Stangeland seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Landholders' permission will be needed before starting the project. The City of Carrington needs to be addressed for their contribution to the project as well.

**STREAM CROSSING DETERMINATION LETTER.** Mike Gussiaas responded verbally on behalf of Estabrook township, they do not have the funds to act at this time.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST – RINKE NOONAN, LTD – ZINK SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION.** Rinke Noonan has a conflict of interest representing the Water Resource Board on the permit application adverse to Doug & Brenda 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. Stedman made a motion for the board to waive the conflict of interest. Stangeland seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. Bachmeier signed the Waiver for conflict of interest.

**SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION – Doug Zink.** Motion made by Stangeland to approve Subsurface Water Management System Permit Application No. 2026-0003 with the following conditions: (1) That disturbed areas be re-established to previous conditions; (2) 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 Law Firm be directed to send the notice of decision to the DWR and to Doug Zink. The motion was seconded by Stedman. All in favor, with Manager Zink abstaining. Motion carried.

**2027 PROPOSED BUDGET.** Secretary/Treasurer presented an estimated budget for 2027. After discussion Edland made a motion to change the presentation by putting the Project Cost estimate above the possible projects. The motion was seconded by Zink. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OPEN MIC.** Summer meeting is scheduled for July 15-16, in Watford City.

**ADJOURNMENT.** It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held July 8, 2026, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Edland and seconded by Zink to adjourn at 7:54 AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dianne Straley,  
Recording Secretary

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Brent Bachmeier  
Chairman

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