

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND  
March 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, commencing at 7:00 am at the Foster County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room with the following members present: Ronn Stangeland, Alex Stedman, Jeff Edland and Doug Zink. Also present was Dianne Straley, Secretary/Treasurer. Attorney Brent Bachmeier, 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 add 2027 Legislative Update to 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 February 11, 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 \$128,599.28 as of February 28, 2026, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. Drain #1 Assessment – As of February 28, 2026, the county has collected \$45,869.63 of the 2025 assessment of \$48,615.92. Foster County will pay the Board the monies collected so far in April 2026. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Stangeland, second by Stedman, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**a. Rinke Noonan**

Invoice 407970 - General - \$675.00

Invoice 408003 - Stream Crossing 7<sup>th</sup> St NE; SE ¼ Sec 28 & NE ¼ Sec 33-147-66 - \$445.50

Invoice 408289 – Stream Crossing 76<sup>th</sup> Ave NE; NE ¼ Sec 22 & NW ¼ Sec 23-146-65 - \$445.50

Invoice 408884 – 2027 Legislative Issues - \$693.00

Invoice 409291 – Audit Support & Compliance Advice - \$297.00

**Total: \$2,556.00**

**b. Apex Engineering** – Invoice 23416 – Conversations with FCWRD board member, review NDDWR Stream Crossing Determination, corresponding with DWR, updating Technical Memorandum for 76<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NDDWR stream crossing flow rate, tile permit review - **\$1,527.50**

**FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1.** Landowners with questions regarding the assessment should be encouraged to come to the meetings to get answers to their questions.

**SCOTT'S SLOUGH.** Nothing new to report.

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**CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT.** There was discussion on starting this process with the intention to have the work completed in 2026. After discussion, Stedman made a motion to have Apex prepare the scope of work documents and Straley prepare the documentation necessary to get the landowners' approval. Stangeland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**STREAM CROSSING DETERMINATION LETTER.** The state has not responded to Malloy's request for verification of their findings. Stangeland made a motion for Zink to go to the Rose Hill and Estabrook township meetings and discuss the state's letter. Edland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**WATER RESOURCE LETTER – PROJECTS.** After discussion, Zink made a motion to have Apex submit the following projects to the state: Carrington Creek Cleanout, Estabrook Drain and Kelly Creek. Edland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

**Interstate Engineering Letter** – After reading and discussing the letter, the board didn't feel they had any comments to contribute about the proposed project, but suggested the letter be forwarded to the County commissioners for review.

**Rocky Run Joint Water Board Meeting** – Zink stated that he will be attending the meeting, after discussion, Stedman made a motion to authorize Zink as a voting member representing the Foster County Water Resource Board, Stangeland as alternative. Also allowing Zink to approve up to \$21,000 for additional cost sharing expenses. Edland seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Watercourse Maintenance Cost-Share Policy.** There was discussion about the pros and cons of the policy, no action was taken.

**2027 Legislative Update.** Kale is still in the process of writing a proposed water resource bill for consideration.

**OPEN MIC.**

**ADJOURNMENT.** It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held April 8, 2026, in the basement Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Zink and seconded by Edland to adjourn at 8:19 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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