

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
July 16, 2025

The special meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, July 16, 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 via Microsoft Teams. 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, Ronn Stangeland.

AGENDA. The agenda was reviewed. Zink made a motion to add Jeff Edland and Alex Stedman's expense reports to the Bills to Approve and to add Dike on Carrington Creek under New Business. Second by Stedman, All in Favor. Motion carried. The updated Agenda was followed for the balance of the meeting.

MINUTES. Board members received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2025. After reviewing the minutes, it was moved by Edland, second by Stedman, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a cash balance of \$230,995.45 as of June 30, 2025, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. The 2026 Budget that was presented to Foster County Commissioners was reviewed. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Zink, second by Edland, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Apex, Invoice 21515 – General - \$2,745.00

Rinke Noonan

Date	Invoice	Rinke Noonan	Amount
<i>Drain No. 1 Easement</i>			
6/18/2025	394775	Drain No. 1	95.00
			95.00

General Billing

Date	Invoice	Subsurface Water Management System	Amount
6/18/2025	395850	Permit Application-Vande Hoven	2,795.50
6/18/2025	394621	General	550.00
6/18/2025	395641	2025 Legislative Session	237.50
6/18/2025	394660	Stream Crossing (7th St NE; SE1/4 Sec 28 & NE1/4 Sec 33-147-66)	427.50
6/18/2025	394938	Stream Crossing (76th Ave NE; NE1/4 Sec 22 & NW1/4 Sec 23-146-65)	427.50
6/18/2025	395999	Public Comment Policy	332.50

4,770.50

Amount to Be Remitted

4,865.50

Pat Biel Trucking, Inc. 6/27/2025, hauling of gravel only* – Drain #1 - \$221.60
Carrington Post Office – Stamps - \$66.00
Ronn Stangeland – Meeting and Mileage Allowance January – June 2025 - \$801.60
Brent Bachmeier – Meeting and Mileage Allowance January – June 2025 - \$567.00
Danielle Koepplin – Secretary/Treasurer – January 2025 - \$400.00
Dianne Straley – Secretary/Treasurer – February – June 2025 - \$2,400.00
Jeff Edland - Meeting and Mileage Allowance January – June 2025 - \$668.40
Alex Stedman Meeting and Mileage Allowance January – June 2025 - \$601.20

*The gravel portion of the bill will be sent to Gladen Construction by Apex. *

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. Foster County has paid for their portion of the Cost Share on the project. Carrington Township still needs to be billed. Gladen Construction has not submitted their final bill yet.

Stedman made a motion to authorize Straley and Malloy to draft and send the Option to Prepay letters to the taxpayers notifying them of the amount they will be assessed and the option of pre-paying all or a portion of their assessment. Edland seconded the motion. Zink abstained from voting. All in favor. Motion carried.

SCOTT'S SLOUGH. This remains to be an issue.

S.B. 2180 PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY. The policy that Van Bruggen wrote was reviewed and discussed. Zink made a motion that the board approve the policy as written. Stedman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

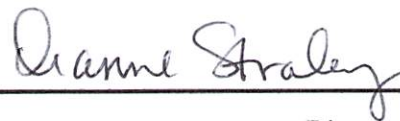
NATURAL WATER COURSE MAINTENANCE COST-SHARE POLICY. The policy was reviewed and discussed. Zink made a motion to table the policy until the August meeting. Edland seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CARRINGTON CREEK CLEANOUT. This is a project the board would like to pursue. After discussion, Zink made a motion to authorize Apex engineering and Rinke Noonan Law Firm to initiate procedures necessary for the creation of a snagging, clearing and maintenance district for Carrington Creek. Stedman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

ND STATE BONDING FUND APPLICATION. Van Bruggen explained the need for the bond and the fact that many water boards haven't been submitting the application. The application can be submitted at any time and should be completed every two years. After reviewing the application and discussing how the coverage amount is calculated, Edland made a motion to table the application until August, allowing more time to calculate an appropriate coverage amount. Zink seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

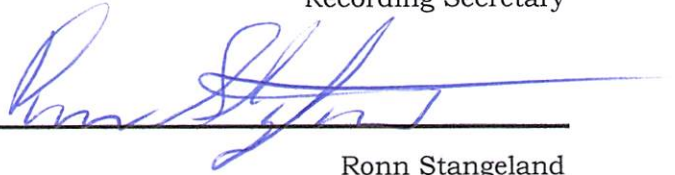
DIKE ON CARRINGTON CREEK. Zink would like someone to go with him to look at the dike and determine if something needs to be done to resolve the issue and if so, what. Stedman volunteered to go.

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed that the next board meeting will be held August 13, 2025, in the Commissioners Board Room, being no further business; it was moved by Edland, and seconded by Stedman to adjourn at 7:56. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dianne Straley,

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ronn Stangeland", written over a horizontal line.

Ronn Stangeland

Chairman