

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Carrington, ND
March 13, 2024

The regular scheduled meeting of the Foster County Water Resource Board was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, commencing at 7:00 am at the Foster County Courthouse in the Jury Room with all board members present. (Jeff Bata present via Microsoft Teams) Also present were attorney Michael Gussiaas and Danielle Koepplin, Secretary/Treasurer. Attorney Kale Van Bruggen and Engineer Jennifer Malloy were present via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Doug Zink.

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 February 14, 2024. After discussion, it was moved by Bachmeier, second by Stedman, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial condition of the board was reviewed, with a balance of \$214,852.23 per the statement of February 29, 2024, being held at Bremer Bank in Carrington. (Assessment Drain No. 1 Bond Balance-\$19,714.36) Motion to approve by Stangeland, second by Bachmeier, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Rinke Noonan (Drain No. 1)-\$14,634.50

Rinke Noonan (General Services)-\$5,382.00

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1. No update or changes at this time.

FOSTER COUNTY ASSESSMENT DRAIN NO. 1- EASEMENT ACQUISITION. Attorney Van Bruggen gave an update to the board. At the time of the meeting there are five outstanding easements that have not been signed and or returned. Attorney Van Bruggen has been in contact with land owner Karl Hoppe. Hoppe has concerns about the end result of his property and wanted a revised easement to ensure the property would be returned to the original condition. It was moved by Stangeland to authorize Vice Chairman Bachmeier to contract with Point Value Appraisals to start appraisals on easement numbers 7, 1, 6, 8, and 12, (in that order) and seconded by Stedman. All in favor. Motion Carried. (Zink abstains from vote) Appraisal cost will be \$3,000 per easement and an additional \$500.00 for on-site visit. The first appraisal will take about 3 weeks to begin with the second appraisal beginning approximately three to four days after. Landowner Michael Gussiaas was present and asked questions and voiced concerns regarding his easement. After discussion it was moved by Stangeland, and seconded by Stedman to pay up to \$3,000.00 per easement if the easement is signed prior to the start of the appraisal. If the easement is signed after the start of the appraisal, it will be paid at the appraised value. All in favor. Motion carried. (Zink abstains from vote)

ADJOURNMENT. It was mutually agreed the next regular board meeting will be held April 10, 2024 being no further business; it was moved by Stedman, and seconded by Bachmeier to adjourn at 8:06. All in favor. Motion carried.

Danielle Koeplin,
Recording Secretary

Doug Zink
Chairman

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