

DAKOTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: May 19, 2026 MINUTES

Notice of meeting was sent to the Dakota County Star on April 9, 2026 to be published in the May 7, 2026 edition of the Star to meet the 10-day meeting notice requirement.

The regular meeting of the Dakota County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Martin Rohde and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Present were: Scott Bousquet, Ron Collins, Tim Decker (7:23), Ron Gill, Gordon Hegge (7:05), Steven Lieber, Dick McCabe, Harold Moes, and Martin Rohde. Absent: None Also, present: Planning and Zoning Administrator Joe O'Neill, Rick Bousquet County Commissioner. Public present: See Attached List

Commission members Decker and Hegge are on the way, no motion needed to excuse.

Notice was made regarding the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall.

Moved by Ron Collins, second by Harold Moes, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Consent unanimous. Motion carried.

First item on the agenda is for the Commission to approve or not approve renewal of Conditional Use Permits for Curtis Arndt for a towing service, Robb Nelson for a truck/trailer/equipment sales business, Cottonwood Campground for RV Park and Kevin Pedersen for event center – Ellenay Country Events, LLC. There was some discussion among the Planning Commission members regarding the regulations at the Cottonwood Campground that need to be updated. Motion made by Scott Bousquet, second by Harold Moes, to approve all 4 conditional use permits for another year. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sy Sayasone address the Commission regarding raising chickens on F Avenue. He has 3.5 acres so is allowed to have 350 chickens. Sy is looking to have about 300 chickens and raise some for eggs and some for meat. The Commission agreed that as long as he takes care of the waste properly and keeps everything up, he should be good to proceed according to the county's regulations as long as he only raising them for his family. If he wants to sell anything to the public he will need to come back before the planning commission. Sy stated if he had complaints about the smell or anything he would address them.

Discussion was held on the regulations pertaining to Battery Energy Storage systems (BESS). Joe had SIMPCO review them and the only thing they had concerns on was the decommissioning portion. Joe asked the Commission if they were in favor of just using the language from the decommissioning portion of the solar energy farm. They all agreed so Joe will take that wording back to SIMPCO and have them finalize the regulations to fall in line with our current regs.

Commission discussed transfer of Construction and Operating Permit and Conditional Use Permit of Beermann's swine feeding operation to new owners MSJM Properties Partnership – Hollywood Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation. Everything that was in place for Beermann's will transfer over to the new owners. Joe just wanted to make the Commission aware of the changes.

The Commission discussed updating the RV regulations. After a long discussion the Planning Commission asked Joe to talk with Kevin Hohenstein at the Cottonwood Campgrounds to go over the concerns the planning commission has on some of the regulations not being followed and see if there are changes Mr. Hohenstein would like to see in the regulations to update them and make them more compatible.

Miscellaneous and old business. Joe looked into light pollution regulations and he will continue to go through some and bring them to the Planning Commission to review. Permits: Zoning permit – Randy Tremayne – addition/garage. Informational Statements issued to Anselmo Padilla -cattle shed- Dakota City

Marty opened up the floor to public comment. No Comment

Moved by Harold Moes, second by Tim Decker to adjourn. Consent unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jolene Gubbels