

DAKOTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: June 16, 2026 MINUTES

Notice of meeting was sent to the Dakota County Star on May 26, 2026 to be published in the June 4, 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, Ron Gill, Steven Lieber, Dick McCabe, Harold Moes, and Martin Rohde. Absent: Gordon Hegge. Also, present: Planning and Zoning Administrator Joe O'Neill, Rick Bousquet County Commissioner. Public present: Brandon Hohenstein.

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

Motion made by Ron Gill, second by Tim Decker to excuse absent member Gordon Hegge. Consent Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ron Collins, second by Scott Bousquet, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting minutes. Consent unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the regulations pertaining to Battery Energy Storage systems (BESS). Joe has sent the decommissioning regs to SIMPCO to have them align with our regulations. They are working on them, but not done yet. Hopefully they will be ready for the board to review at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed updating the RV regulations. Joe spoke with Kevin Hohenstein about some changes. Kevin would like to see just one trash enclosure. As for the little enclosures for the boat, he would like to see the frames be able to stay but skins would have to come off during the closed season. They have taken out a lot of dead trees and will be planting some to keep the park hidden from the road. Kevin said if the planning commission gets any complaints to send them to him so he can address them.

Miscellaneous and old business. Joe is waiting to hear back from his contacts regarding light pollution regulations. Mission Clean Energy has sold the solar farm, but company will stay as the same LLC. The counties point of contact will change to Beatrice Sampson with Orsted instead of Ethan Frazier. Permits: Zoning permit – Mike & Joan Spencer – new home - Hubbard. Informational Statements issued to Sy Sayasone -chicken shed- Dakota City

Marty opened up the floor to public comment. No Comment

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

Meeting was duly adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Gubbels