

TAMA COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

Utility Scale Solar Ordinance Review

Monday July 14, 2025

Board members present: Jody Boldt, Doug Dvorak, Carol Meyer, Wade Mitchell, Steve Peterson

One community member was present in the room, one additional person was present on Teams.

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Dvorak, followed by an introduction of the new Commission member, Jody Boldt, to the other members of the Commission. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Petersen, second by Mitchell to approve the tentative agenda. All Ayes, motion carried.

Minutes from the previous meeting 6/25/25 were reviewed. Motion by Meyer, second by Petersen to approve the minutes from June 25, 2025. All Ayes, motion carried.

Opening remarks were made by Zoning Administrator Laura Wilson, specifying the need to hold a public hearing for their Utility-Scale Solar Ordinance Draft before being able to send their recommendation to the Supervisors.

Zoning Commission members continued review and revisions of the full Utility-Scale Solar Ordinance Draft, page-by-page, starting at the Road Use Agreement section. Other discussion included removing references to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) that were not wanted, reviewing definitions, and changing some wording from "Siting Permit" to be "Conditional Use Permit" to be more cohesive with other Tama County ordinances. Additional wording to reference the Conditional Use Permit process was discussed, and references to other section numbers were confirmed for accuracy.

Discussion of Community Solar was mostly an overview, and short due to lack of time available.

The next meeting of the Tama County Zoning Commission was confirmed for July 30, 2025 at 6pm. The next meeting is a Public Hearing for the Utility-Scale Solar Ordinance Draft.

Motion to adjourn by Petersen, second by Boldt. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Wilson