

TAMA COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

Utility Scale Solar Ordinance Review

Wednesday March 26, 2025

Board members present: Doug Dvorak, Craig Sash, Wade Mitchell, Steve Peterson, Carol Meyer

Eleven community members were present (Only one signed in)

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Dvorak followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Petersen, second by Meyer to approve the minutes from March 4, 2025. All Ayes, motion carried.

Opening remarks were made by Bob Vokoun.

Al Schafbauch read a letter that he wrote and presented to the board. Followed by comments and questions from Laura Wilson and Lynn Cizek. Paul Lovell was present to talk about his editorials concerning solar energy. He is the director of the Howard County Energy District. (HCED) He talked about the Community Solar Projects and answered questions from the public.

Discussion continued concerning the road use agreement and concerns on how to enforce the ordinance. The meeting proceeded with lengthy discussions concerning the Des Moines County permitting and review procedures as well as the Madison County Industrial Solar Ordinance.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Tama County Zoning Board on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Meyer, second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert V. Vokoun