

TAMA COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

Utility Scale Solar Ordinance Review

Wednesday April 16, 2025

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

Nine community members were present.

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Dvorak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mitchell, Second by Sash to approve the minutes from March 26, 2025. All Ayes, motion carried.

Opening remarks were made by Zoning Administrator Bob Vokoun, including the topic of Community Solar.

Dvorak read a letter sent in by Al Schafbauch, although Al was present in the room.

Review of Road Use Agreement, with 2 changes made at the last meeting from Des Moines County and Madison County. Also references to Adair County ordinances. Including discussions of setbacks, fee structure, and eminent domain.

Discussion of wording to include for companies obtaining signed easements, and possibly requiring those companies to bring projects to supervisors before going out to negotiate easements with citizens. Several comments were voiced by the public.

Discussion of HF404 (Successor to HSB81) concerning community solar. The decision was to keep following the topic and possibly request a moratorium.

The next meeting of the Tama County Zoning Commission was set for June 11, 2025 at 6pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT AUDIO RECORDING OF THE TAMA COUNTY ZONING BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 2025 IS ALSO AVAILABLE*****

(Content for these minutes was taken from Bob Vokoun's notes from the April 16 meeting.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Wilson