

## **Sioux County Planning Commission**

Harrison, Nebraska

Minutes of the Meeting of September 30, 2025

A meeting of the Sioux County Planning Commission was held on September 30, 2025 at the Sioux County Courthouse at 4:00 p.m. Board members present were Jim Phipps, Cynthia Kaan, Steve Johnson, David Howell, LeAnne Skavdahl and Jim Skavdahl. Also attending the meeting was Michelle Zimmerman, Zoning Administrator.

A public hearing was held to hear public comment on an amendment to the Sioux County Wind Energy Installation Regulations. No one from the public was in attendance. Deputy County Attorney Skavdahl presented the amendments for review. The public hearing was closed at 4:17, and the board convened into regular session. Motion made by Jim Skavdahl, seconded by Jim Phipps to approve the amendment as presented, and make a recommendation that the Sioux County Board of Commissioners approve the same. On roll call vote, Phipps, yes; Kaan, yes; Johnson, yes; Howell, yes; L. Skavdahl, yes; J. Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 4:18 to hear public comment on Solar Energy Regulations to add to the Sioux County Zoning Regulations. No one from the public was in attendance. Deputy Attorney Skavdahl presented the regulations, which have been reviewed and commented on at a prior meeting. David Levy, Baird Holm, LLC and Auston Paxson, Project Manager, Nextera Energy were present to answer questions regarding the regulations, and potential solar projects for Sioux County. The public hearing was closed at 5:47, and the board convened into regular session. Motion made by Jim Skavdahl, seconded by Jim Phipps to approve the Solar Energy Regulations, and make a recommendation that the Sioux County Board of Commissioners approve the same. On roll call vote, Phipps, yes; Kaan, yes; Johnson, yes; Howell, yes; L. Skavdahl, yes; J. Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by LeAnne Skavdahl, seconded by Jim Phipps to place an additional six-month moratorium on solid waste disposal sites and facilities, while regulations are reviewed. On roll call vote, L. Skavdahl, yes; Phipps, yes; Kaan, yes; Johnson, yes; Howell, yes; J. Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A resolution extending the moratoriums will be presented to the County Commissioners at the October 1, 2025 commissioner meeting.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Michelle J. Zimmerman, Zoning Administrator