

**Fillmore County Planning Commission Minutes of Meeting
May 18, 2026**

The Fillmore County Planning Commission convened, as required by statute, in open and public session at 8:00 p.m. May 18, 2026, in Fillmore County East 1320 G St, Geneva NE 68361

Members present: Elznic, Girmus, Hafer, Harre, Noel, Stuckey, Williams(8:05PM)

Absent:

Also, present: Planning and Zoning Administrator- Shaundee Graham.

Notice of the meeting was given by published notice. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Secretary Sharon Elznic was present to record minutes. Chairman Harre noted that the public meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

Motion to approve agenda for May 18, 2026, made by Stuckey, second by Hafer

Upon Roll call, vote is as follows:

Ayes: Elznic, Girmus, Hafer, Harre,

Noel, Stuckey,

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion passed 6-0

Motion to approve minutes from March 23, 2026, meeting made by Girmus, seconded by Noel

Upon roll call, vote is as follows:

Ayes: Elznic, Girmus, Hafer, Harre, Noel,

Stuckey

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion passed 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Harre opened public comment and reminded those present that this item was not a public hearing and was not scheduled for a discussion. This item was presented as an informational update only. The Board reminded those in attendance that the matter was not open for discussion and that public comments would remain limited to proceed with the published agenda.

The following were present for public comments, which were all in reference to the solar energy update:

Joe & Jenny Hoarty, Bill & Mary Burgess, Joe Casey, Blaine Richards, Ralph Graham, Phil Lauber, Brad Lauber, Bradley Lauber, Frank Richards, Jason Oldehoeft, Darrell Hayek, Rane Hoarty, Mitch Hedden, Dan & Penny Aspegren, Dana Jackson, Gene Jackson, Brian Soukup, Dave & Shelly Cassidy, Brian Mumm, Jennifer & Chad Engle, Faith Engle, Lynn Yates, Randy & Laura Weaver, Austin & Kerri Tatro, Jason & Micky Tatro, Brock & Emmie Tatro, Tom Ortgies, Brandon Lehman, Jeff Neiman, Cody Engle, Bob Engle, Rick & Kay Hughes, Tom & Jodene Lovegrove, Jerry Lauber, Mike Kamler, Dan Hendrickson, Erik Wood, Doni Harris, Rex Mussman, Andrea Cobb, Mike Dennis, Robert Schropfer, Kathy & John Workentine, Mike Chaney, Dustin Hoarty, Greg Scellin, Ron Schropfer, Ronnie Wilson, Galen Niedersklein, and Carol Rosenquist.

Discussion

Zoning Admin. Shaundee Graham informed the Committee that NextEra representatives were in the area last week and attended the County Board of Supervisors meeting for what was intended to be a brief update, which resulted in additional discussion. NextEra representatives provided information and addressed questions during the update, further noting that NextEra representatives would not be present at the Planning and Zoning meeting and the update will be relayed to the Planning and Zoning Committee by the Zoning Administrator. The NextEra update provided by Devon Pishalski is regarding the proposed solar project in Fillmore County and they are still in the discovery and derisking stages, along with planning a public event later this summer and being present for the Fillmore County Fair.

Erik Wood with NextEra was present during the Planning and Zoning meeting to update the Committee that the public event previously discussed is now scheduled for July 1, 2026, at 6PM at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. This event will provide the opportunity for questions and public engagement from the NextEra team of development, environmental, land, engineering, and construction.

The Zoning Administrator updated the Committee regarding administrative matters, including a garage addition approved by the Village of Shickley. The committee was also informed of upcoming zoning and land use workshops, the Zoning Admin. plans to attend. Additionally, discussion included clarification that storage containers are not permitted in residential zoning districts of Fillmore County. The Zoning Administrator also discussed subdivision matters, including a possible subdivision vacation request that is expected to be brought before the committee at a future meeting once all the required paperwork has been received.

Williams moved to adjourn the meeting, and Girmus second at 9:20PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2026, at 8:00PM pending agenda items