

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

February 18, 2025

Roll call of Commission Members:

			Term Expires
Chairperson	James Pladsen	Present	2028
Vice-Chair	Jack Knight	Present	2026
	Teresa Severson	Present	2025
	Lori Egan	Present	2027
	Keith Bresnahan	Absent	2029

Members Present: James Pladsen, Jack Knight, Lori Egan, Teresa Severson

Members Absent: Keith Bresnahan

Others Present: Stephanie Runkle- Zoning Administrator, Claire Opperman- Administrative Assistant, Tom Clark- Supervisor, Duane Leppert, Dan Byrnes- Supervisor, Dean Peterson, Dennis Keatley- Supervisor, Beth Esser (Zoom), Jack Sweeney

**All Board Members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted. MCU = Motion Carried Unanimously*

Call to Order: P & Z meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Chair Jim Pladsen

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Severson to approve agenda; Seconded Knight. All in favor. MCU

Approval of Minutes:

2/13/2025 – Motion by Knight to approve minutes as written; seconded by Egan. All in Favor. MCU

New Business:

Subdivisions Plats:

Lloyd C Johanningmeier Jr: Discussion took place of the subdivision for Lloyd C Johanningmeier Jr. Runkle went over the map and survey with the board. He is selling 6 acres to his son. Runkle went over the 25ft easement shown on the map. Severson made a motion to approved as shown; Egan seconded. All in Favor. MCU

Solar Utility Ordinance: The public hearing opened for discussion. Jack Sweeney talked about what he heard from the community and his thoughts about not utilizing high CSR ground for solar. He mentioned that more research needs to be done where commissioner Severson stated that Runkle and commissioners have been working exhaustively on this ordinance along with the research it required for a long while. Duane Leppert gave his thoughts about having a 15-acre cap per site instead of 30 acres. Runkle read aloud a letter she received from the Iowa Conservative Energy Forum regarding the ordinance. Beth Esser was present on Zoom and answered a couple questions that came up concerning how solar utility is connected to the grid. Dean Peterson mentioned he agreed with Duane and gave a lot of complimentary comments to the commission on their work with the ordinance. Jack Sweeney's final comments were that the ordinance needs to be less restrictive and allow more solar. Severson made a motion to send the solar utility ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for approval, seconded Egan. All in Favor. MCU

There being no further business to discuss, a motion by Severson to adjourn at 6:35 PM was seconded by Egan. All in Favor. MCU.

Please notify the undersigned of any errors, omissions, or corrections.


Stephanie Runkle Zoning Administrator


Date