

FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY **ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Ford County Zoning Committee met on Thursday, July 30th, 2026, at 3:30 P.M. in the Small Courtroom. Cindy Ihrke called the meeting to order at 3:02.

Roll call showed the following committee members present: Cindy Ihrke, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, and Greg Niewold. Chairman Randy Ferguson was not present. Mrs. Ihrke is serving as acting chair in the absence of Chairman Ferguson.

Mr. Niewold made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote- Unanimous

There was no public comment.

Under new business, Mrs. Ihrke made a motion to discuss text amendments to the Ford County Solar Ordinance to send to the ZBA for text amendment hearing. Mr. Niewold seconded the motion. Discussion: Mrs. Ihrke stated she attended the CIRMA seminar and received a sample ordinance. Mrs. Ihrke has used that as a guide to make text amendments to the Solar Ordinance. Mrs. Ihrke also explained the process of making amendments and sending them to the ZBA. The committee went through the entire ordinance and reviewed changes and made suggestions and agreed on further text amendments. No action was taken, discussion only.

Mr. Niewold made a motion to continue the Zoning Committee meeting in conclusion to the Farm Committee meeting on August 4th, 2026, or at 4:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the jail. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting was continued at 4:20 P.M.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY **CONTINUED ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Zoning Committee met on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Ford County jail. This is a continuation of the Zoning Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 30th, 2026, at 3:00 P.M.

Cindy Ihrke called the meeting to order at 4:17 P.M.

Roll call showing the following members present: Tom McQuinn, Greg Niewold, and Cindy Ihrke. Randy Ferguson and Gene May were not present. Mrs. Ihrke is serving as acting chair in the absence of Chairman Ferguson.

Mrs. Ihrke presented corrections to the text amendments made to the Ford County Solar Ordinance to send to the ZBA for text amendment hearing. Text amendments were notated with an asterisk*. Mrs. Ihrke noted these will be sent to ZBA and they can make changes and send them back to the committee. Text amendments were reviewed by the committee. Mr. McQuinn moved to send text amendments to the ZBA for hearing. Mr. Niewold seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

Mr. Niewold moved to discuss text amendments to the Ford County WECS Ordinance to send to the ZBA for text amendment hearing. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. Discussion: The committee went through the entire

ordinance and reviewed changes and made suggestions and agreed on further text amendments. No action was taken, discussion only.

Mr. Niewold moved to continue the Zoning Committee meeting to August 25th, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the jail. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting was continued at 5:18 P.M.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY
CONTINUED ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Zoning Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Ford County jail. This is a continuation of the Zoning Committee meetings held on Thursday 30th 2026, and Tuesday August 4th, 2026.

Mrs. Ihrke called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.

Roll call showed the following members present: Cindy Ihrke, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, and Greg Niewold. Mr. Ferguson was not present. Mrs. Ihrke is serving as the acting chair in the absence of Mr. Ferguson.

Mrs. Ihrke presented and reviewed text amendments made to the Ford County WECS Ordinance as discussed on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026. Mr. Niewold moved to send text amendments to the ZBA for hearing. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Unanimous

Mr. Niewold moved for discussion/possible action on text amendments to the Ford County BESS ordinance to send to the ZBA for text amendment hearing. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Discussion: The committee went through the entire ordinance and reviewed changes, made suggestions, and agreed on further text amendments. Mr. Niewold moved to allow Mrs. Ihrke to make suggested changes to the BESS ordinance and then send to the ZBA. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

There was no old business.

There was no safety report.

Mr. May moved to adjourn. Mrs. Ihrke seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 5:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsie Vaughn

Ford County Clerk & Recorder