

**Lincoln County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jongeling on July 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Planning Commission members present were Seth Moser, Marlene Sweeter, Todd Boots, Erik Scott, Herman Otten, and Jerry Jongeling. The county staff present were Toby Brown and Caden Lambka.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) Planning Commission Meeting of Monday, June 15, 2026.

Commissioner Jongeling asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes from June 15, 2026. No one proposed any changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Boots to approve the meeting minutes from June 15, 2026. A voice vote was taken. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Jongeling asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Sweeter and seconded by Commissioner Moser to approve the meeting agenda. A voice vote was taken. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Jongeling opened the floor for public input on non-agenda items. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Jongeling then closed the floor for public input on non-agenda items.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Public Hearing on an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the County by Amending Chapter 154: Zoning – Sections 154.058(Z) and 154.178(P).**

Toby Brown introduced and briefly summarized the proposed ordinance change. No questions were posed by the Commission. Commissioner Jongeling then opened the floor to public comment in support. No comments were made in support. Commissioner Jongeling then opened the floor to public comment in opposition. Tony Ventura, Sara Steever, Bethany Erck, Eric Eneboe, and Linda Montgomery spoke in opposition. Rodney Miles spoke in opposition to option #1 only. Hearing no further public comment, Commissioner Jongeling closed the floor. Commissioner Scott asked if a road breaks up the definition of "contiguous." Toby Brown addressed and answered the question from Commissioner Scott. After Commission discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boots and seconded by Commissioner Moser to recommend adoption of proposed option #2 to the Board of County Commissioners.

A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Boots, Jongeling, Otten. Nays: Moser, Sweeter. Abstain: Scott. Motion carried. BOC Representative Otten voted as tiebreaker.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) **Request to amend the Lincoln County Code of Ordinances, Sections 154.021, 154.058(FF), 154.178(U), 154.118(X), 154.158(O), 154.379(A), and 154.254 – non-accessory solar energy system.**

Toby Brown introduced a discussion with the Planning Commission related to a draft for potential amendments. Toby Brown described the issue thoroughly. Commissioner Jongeling then opened the floor to public input regarding the potential amendments to the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance. Duane Carlson and Bethany Erck provided input regarding the draft. After Commission discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boots and seconded by Commissioner Moser to recommend a remand of the proposed changes to the Board of County Commissioners.

A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Moser, Sweeter, Boots, Scott, Jongeling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 2) **Review and discussion of possible amendments to the Lincoln County Code of Ordinances, Sections 154.057(6), 154.058(V), and 154.250(F) – concentrated animal feeding operations.**

Toby Brown introduced a discussion with the Planning Commission related to a rough draft for potential amendments to Sections 154.057(6), 154.058(V), and 154.250(F) – concentrated animal feeding operations. Toby Brown described the issue thoroughly. Commissioner Scott then opened the floor to public input regarding the potential amendments to the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance. Duane Carlson, Joyce Thvedt, Sara Steever, Chad Baldwin, Mike Pederson, Bethany Erck, Dione Erickson, Dana Knudson, and Harold Fluit Sr. provided input regarding potential amendments to Sections 154.057(6), 154.058(V), and 154.250(F) – concentrated animal feeding operations. The Planning Commission continued discussion amongst themselves and wanted to continue public input at the August 17, 2026 meeting.

- 3) Planning Commission Briefing.

No planning commission briefing was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boots and seconded by Commissioner Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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