Minutes October 13, 2026

Members Present: Darrel Brudevold, Scott Legge, Mike Schwehr, Mike Bishop, Jeff Erickson, Vern Roorda, Bill Carlblom, Jeff Bopp;
Also Present: Jessica Jenrich, Bruce Pueppke, Richard Welle, Mike Abraham
Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwehr at 6:00 p.m.
Motion by Bishop, seconded by Carlblom to approve the August 11, 2026 minutes.
Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Richard Welle for a Structure Setback Variance of 180 from the center of County Road 38. Mr. Welle was present to answer any questions. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Bopp to approve the Variance pending signature of Barnes County Highway Superintendent Jamie Smith. Motion carried.

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Meeting recessed for Blair Karges for a Utility Setback Variance of less than 75 from center of township roads 126 th Ave SE and 22 nd St SE. Information brought to Jenrich is that the project is already done. No one else appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Brudevold, seconded by Legge to approve the Variance along with charging the $500 fine since the project was started/done before Variance was approved. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Kody Amann for a Tree Setback Variance of 150 from the center of Township Road18th St SE. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Brudevold to approve the Variance as requested. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for BEK Communications for a Utility Setback Variance of 33 from the center of County Road 21. Mr. Pueppke from BEK was present to explain the project to the board, reason needing to move was due to gophers chewing through their fiber optic lines. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Carlblom to approve the requested Variance as the Barnes County Highway Superintendent was fine with the Variance, also with conditions that if the road needs repair and hit the line BEK will pay for the damage. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW
Richard Welle Garage Addition 24Rds x 80 Rds of NW1/4 NE1/4, 24-137-57, Thordenskjold Township; Richard Welle Sugar Shack 10 acres of NW1/4 NE1/4, 24-137-57, Thordenskjold Township; Delbert Berntson Farm Shop NE1/4 of SE1/4, 05-138-59, Skandia Township; Doug Muske Garage addition Lot 7 Sherril Subdivision, 03-140-58, Valley Township; Jeff Nathan Lake Cabin Deck/Porch(Replace damage from June 25 storm) Lot 7 Eggerts Landing, 27-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Garth & Kristen Lindgren Cabin (renewal) Lot 2 Replat lots 1-5 Sandy Beach Subdivision, 25-143-58, SibleyTrail Township

Jenrich let the board know her and Assistant States Attorney Jackson are still working on Data Center Ordinance but are getting close for a first reading public meeting. More information to follow.
Motion by Bishop, seconded by Roorda to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Jessica Jenrich, P&Z Administrator

(November 17, 2026)