EUREKA TOWNSHIP

Dakota County, State of Minnesota

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2026

Call to Order

Vice Chair Heyda called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:03pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners Present: Dan Heyda (Vice Chair)
Dave Wheeler (Commissioner)
Brian Storlie (Commissioner)
Steven Helgeson (Commissioner)

Others present: Amy Liberty (Deputy Clerk), Susan Bachman-West, Ashley Schultze, Georgie Molitor

Zoom participants: Julie Larson, Nancy Sauber, Jeff, Justin

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Vice Chair Heyda moved to accept the agenda as written. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Town Board Meeting Report

Commissioner Wheeler shared items that were discussed at the July 14th, 2026, Town Board meeting. A full summary is provided in the meeting minutes and is available for viewing at the Town Hall and on the website.

Unfinished Business

Chapter 240. Zoning, Article VII. Domestic and Nondomestic Animals,
§ 240-43. Performance standards. (Animal Units)

As directed by the Town Board, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft ordinance presented at the June hearing and discussed potential recommendations to simplify and clarify the ordinance. Ashley Schultze, a citizen residing at 26851 Ipava Ave., was invited to participate in the discussion and share her perspective.

Motion: Vice Chair Heyda moved to recommend to the Town Board changes to Chapter 240 Zoning, Article VII. Domestic and Nondomestic Animals, as follows: The following performance standards shall apply to the keeping of animals within the Township: Section A, one animal unit shall be allowed for the first two contiguous contained acres and one additional animal unit for each additional contiguous acre. Section B, subsection A, shall only apply to parcels of land containing less than 40 contiguous acres. Section C, animals may not be confined in a pen or building within 175 feet of any residential dwelling not owned or leased by the owner of the animals. A site plan shall be filed with the town clerk showing the location of all pens or buildings used to confine the animals. Section D, Minnesota rules regarding feedlots shall apply. And section E, parcels less than two acres, may house up to one animal unit provided the provisions of section C can be met. Commissioner Wheeler seconded. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Indoor Agriculture

The Planning Commissioners discussed their concerns and goals for developing an ordinance that is appropriate for Eureka Township. Susan Bachman-West, a resident of 26347 Galaxie Ave. and CEO/Board Chair of Bachman's, was invited to participate in the discussion and provide input.

Motion: Vice Chair Heyda moved to recommend for the Town Board to set a date for a special roundtable meeting regarding indoor growth facilities. Commissioner Brian Storlie seconded. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Community Event (July 21st)

The Commissioners reflected on the recent community event and completed a retrospective discussion regarding its overall success. They discussed what worked well, including participation, vendor involvement, and community engagement, as well as areas that could be improved.

New Business

North Cannon River Water Management Organization

Chair Melanie Storlie provided a written report from the NCRWMO meeting that was held on July 15, 2026, for all to review

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Heyda made a motion to approve the June 30th, 2026, Planning Commission and Public Hearings meeting minutes. Commissioner Helgeson seconded. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Adjournment

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn. Vice Chair Heyda seconded. *Motion carried 4-0.* Meeting ended at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M. Liberty

Amy Liberty, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved by: Melanie Storlie on: 8/25/2026

Planning Commission Chair Date

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Dakota County, Minnesota

Planning Commission Meeting

Attendance

July 28, 2026

7:00 PM

Printed Name	Address
Susan Bachman West	26347 Galaxie Ave Fgtn
Ashley Schultze	26851 Ithaca Ave
Georgie Molitor	8875 225th St. W.