

Thomas County Planning Commission

August 12, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Thomas County Planning Commission convened in open and public session at 2:01 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Rahn Bek, Carolyn Warren, Mallory Sikes, Miles Maseberg, Royce Jennings. Absent – Ewoldt, Cowdin. Motion made by Bek and seconded by Maseberg to excuse the absent members. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jennings, Bek, Warren, Maseberg, Sikes. Nays – none. Absent – Ewoldt, Cowdin. Motion carried. Also present was Thomas County Zoning Administrator/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman.

Vice Chair Warren stated open meeting guidelines are posted and copies are available, if requested.

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on August 6, 2026.

Motion made by Miles and seconded by Sikes to adopt the August 12, 2026, agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Maseberg, Sikes, Warren, Bek, Jennings. Nays – none. Absent – Ewoldt, Cowdin. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bek and seconded by Jennings to approve May 23, 2023, meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 1, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Maseberg, Warren, Jennings, Bek, Sikes. Nays – none. Absent – Ewoldt, Cowdin. Motion carried.

Election of officers:

Motion made by Warren and seconded by Jennings to elect Bek as Chairman and Maseberg as Vice Chairman. Roll call vote: Ayes – Sikes, Bek, Jennings, Warren, Maseberg. Nays – none. Absent – Ewoldt, Cowdin. Motion carried.

Conservation Easement application from Bob and Connie Broweleit was reviewed. Questions among the board were emergency personnel (fire & rescue) allowed onto the property, solar wells, and the concern that the easement was in perpetuity and S. Seneca Ave future road expansion, if necessary.

Motion made by Warren and seconded by Sikes to recommend approval of the conservation easement application of Bob & Connie Broweleit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bek, Maseberg, Warren, Sikes. Nays – none. Abstain – Jennings. Absent – Ewoldt, Cowdin.

Thomas Count Zoning Administrator Lorissa Hartman gave copies of the scope of work services to be provided by Marvin Planning & Associates, Resolution #2026-11-Moratorium, and Save the Date on upcoming NPZA fall workshop to the board members present. Also advised the board members of the 2 hour per term education requirement.

No public comment.

Chairman Bek adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Thomas County Zoning Administrator
Lorissa Hartman