

MINUTES OF THE  
KEARNEY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
October 14, 2025

Notice of meeting was advertised in Minden Courier, Calendar of Kearney County website. The agenda was kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Zoning Administrator.

A meeting of the Kearney County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Dawn Thompson in the Assembly room of the Courthouse in Minden, Nebraska Kearney County at 7:10 pm on October 14th, 2025. Announced that a copy of the Open Meeting Act was posted on the wall for anyone that wishes to review, and a copy of the board packet was available for review and all proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public and in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff Dawn Thompson Jodi Casper

Members Absent: John Kuehn Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein,

Also, present: Kearney County Zoning Administrator Craig Lupkes, County Attorney Melody Bellamy, and Roads Superintendent Joe Anderson

Chairman Dawn Thompson asked if there was anyone from the public that would wish to talk to the Committee. No comments from the public.

Chairman Dawn Thompson asked if everyone had a chance to look over the minutes from the previous meeting held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. After reviewing the minutes Malcom Dornhoff made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by John Harris.

No Further discussion

Aye: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jodi Casper

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein

Settje Agi Service gave a presentation on The Roller Compacted Concrete project and how it works to reduce smell, dust, and flies.

Motion to go into public hearing was made by Malcom Dornhoff and Seconded by Jodi Casper

Ayes Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jody Casper

Nays: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein

Carroll Davd of 1057 V Road asked about any EPA involvement and the was told not in the licensing process. Kevin Raun Asked about the special use permit stocking capacities in being in Rual Conservation district and 5.24 subsection 5 says expansion is allowed as defined in 3.48 and in accordance with 6.4. John Harris asked if the cattle would be overcrowded. He was told the cattle would not be overcrowded. Carroll Davd of 1057 V also asked about traffic entering and exiting the highway from the feedlot and was told the Number of trucks with cattle would go up and the number of trucks with manure would go down.

A motion was made by John Harris to close the public hearing. A second was made by Jody Casper.

AYES: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jodi Casper

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein.

A motion to approve the expansion of animal units from 58,000 to 85,000 under Rural Conservation Regulation 5.24 subsection 5 with installation of the roller compacted concrete was made by Jody Casper and seconded by John Harris.

Aye: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jodi Casper

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein

Settje Agri Service then gave a presentation about the anaerobic digester

A motion was made to go into public hearing for the anaerobic digester by John Harris and seconded by Malcom Dornhoff.

Aye: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jodi Casper

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein

Joe Anderson asked how the manure will be brought into and leave the digester and it will be hauled in by truck. Kevin Raun asked about the tank being emptied and was told the tank will never be emptied.

Carroll Davd of 1057 V RD asked what the tanks would be made of and was told the would be made out of concrete or steel with a liner to keep from corroding with a life expectancy of 30-35 years Joe Andersen asked about leak detection and was told ground monitoring systems would be put in place to monitor ground water. Ryan Nelson 1402 R rd. asked how the manure will leave the facility and was told it will leave as a fertilizer product to be put on fields. With low odor and more consistent of a product than manure scraped from dirt pens. Dena Beck 1163 32 rd. Thanked the Kissinger's for the project to make the environment better.

A motion to close public hearing was made by John Harris and was seconded by Jody Casper

Aye: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jodi Casper

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein

A motion by Malcom Dornhoff to approve the Anerobic digester using feedlot manure to produce biogas and were advised by Melody Bellamy to state it as Approve the anaerobic digestor using feedlot manure to produce biogas with conditions under AG-1 5.14 subsection 24 and industrial use under 5.62 subsection 40 and to have a any structure setback a minimum of 150 feet off the state right of way. Also to include signage with no less than 4-inch lettering to include site name, address, and emergency contact information as well as a lighted entrance. A new motion accept was made by Malcom Dornhoff and a second was made by Jody Casper.

Aye: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jodi Casper

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein

Next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 Pm in the Assembly room In the Kearney County Courthouse for a Public hearing to receive and consider public input on nuclear power, commercial wind

power generators, and commercial solar farms. Motion to adjourn was made by Jody Casper and seconded by John Harris

Aye: Kevin Raun, John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Dawn Thompson, Jodi Casper

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: John Kuehn, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson, Patty Lundein