

Woodbury County Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: December 22, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Basement, Woodbury County Courthouse, 620 Douglas Street, Sioux City, IA

MEETING AUDIO:

For specific content of this meeting, refer to the recorded video on the Woodbury County Zoning Commission "Committee Page" on the Woodbury County website:

- County Website Link:
 - o https://www.woodburycountyiowa.gov/committees/zoning_commission/
- YouTube Direct Link:
 - o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feAiiwoPeos>

Attendees

- **Commissioners Present:** Chris Zellmer Zant – Chair, Tom Bride, Steve Corey, Jeff Hanson
- **Commissioner(s) Absent:** Corey Meister
- **Staff Present:** Dan Priestley – Zoning Coordinator, Dawn Norton – Senior Clerk
- **Public Attendees:** Jeff Snoozy, Patrick Picket, Taylor Clark

Call to Order

The Woodbury County Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Christine Zellmer Zant at approximately 5:04 PM on December 22, 2025. The Chair noted that the meeting would be audio taped, and minutes prepared for all parties. Attendees were asked to turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate and to complete the attendance sheet. The Chair reviewed the Commission's procedures for the meeting, including handling of agenda items, public hearings, staff reports, applicant presentations, public comments (requiring speakers to state name and address at the microphone, avoid repetitious comments, and remain respectful), closing statements, closing of hearings by motion and vote, deliberation, and disclosure of any ex parte communications prior to deliberation.

Roll Call

Chair Christine Zellmer Zant conducted a roll call, noting that Commissioners Christine Zellmer Zant, Tom Bride, Jeff Hanson, and Steve Corey were present. Commissioner Corey Meister was absent.

Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

No public comments were received on matters not listed on the agenda, either in person or via phone.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting (November 24, 2025). No corrections, additions, or deletions were noted. Steve Corey a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Tom Bride. The motion passed unanimously with all Commissioners present voting "aye" (4-0).

PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED WINGERT & CLARK ADDITION MINOR SUBDIVISION (ONE LOT) APPLICATION ON PARCEL #884607400004 FROM TAYLOR WINGERT / WINGERT FAMILY TRUST. (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Chris Zellmer Zant opened the public hearing on a proposed minor subdivision application: to be known as Wingert & Clark Addition.

Zoning Coordinator Dan Priestley presented the staff report. Taylor Clark has submitted an application for the Wingert Family Trust for this one-lot minor subdivision. The proposed one (1) lot subdivision includes a division of 5.00 acres from Parcel #884607400004, located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 7, T88N R46W (Floyd Township). The property is located within the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District and is not located in the floodplain. The property is located on the north side of 180th Street and is east of Charles Avenue and west of Delaware Avenue and approximately three miles east of Sioux City and approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Bronson. Applicant/Owner(s): Taylor Clark, 1821 180th St., Lawton, IA 51030-9720 / Wingert Family Trust, 1855 180th Street, Lawton, IA 51030-9720.

Applicant representative Taylor Clark approached the microphone and stated the application was "pretty cut and dried," with nothing additional to add. No public comments were received in support or opposition. Commissioners asked questions: Steve Corey inquired about a pipeline easement; Taylor Clark clarified it was nowhere near the area, the company (Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC) did not exercise rights, and the deadline passed—

nothing relevant. Tom Bride asked about the 60-foot right-of-way; Surveyor Patrick Bicket explained it was existing recorded county-acquired right-of-way, likely for a box culvert project east of the site. No further questions.

Close Public Hearing:

Jeff Hanson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Steve Corey. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting "aye" (4-0).

Approval:

Out of the hearing, with no further comments, Jeff Hanson moved to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors of the proposed Wingert & Clark Addition one-lot minor subdivision as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Bride. Discussion confirmed staff would instruct the applicant on coordinating with Secondary Roads/Engineer's office for driveway access, to be resolved before building permits. No further discussion. Jeff Hanson motioned to approve. Tom Bride seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting "aye" (4-0). Dan Priestley noted next steps: Contact applicant about Board of Supervisors review, likely in January; finalize schedule and logistics via phone.

Public Hearing: Consideration of Proposed Snyder's Bend Addition Minor Subdivision (Four Lots) Application on Parcel #874732400009 from Robert B. Ankerstjerne

Chair Chris Zellmer Zant opened the public hearing on the proposed Snyder's Bend Addition, a four-lot minor subdivision application from Robert B. Ankerstjerne.

Zoning Coordinator Dan Priestley presented the staff report. Robert B. Ankerstjerne has submitted an application for a minor subdivision and an application for a Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment to rezone from the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District to the Agricultural Estates (AE) Zoning District. The proposed subdivision includes the division of 7.99 acres into four (4) two (2) acre lots from a portion of Parcel #874732400009, located in Tax Lot B of the Auditor's Plat of part of Sections 32 and 33 in Township 87 North, Range 47 West and part of Sections 4 and 5 in Township 86 North, Range 47 West lying in the South East Quarter of Section 32, Township 87 North, Range 47 West of the 5th P.M., Woodbury County, Iowa. The property is located within the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District. The property is situated north of 280th Street and south of Bigelow Park Road east of Port Neal Road and west of Benton Avenue and is less than two miles west of Salix. Additionally, the property owner/applicant has applied for a Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment to rezone the aforementioned property from the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District to the Agricultural Estates (AE) Zoning District. This rezoning is proposed to accommodate the future development of the lots, which is required under Section 3.01.1 B of the Woodbury County Zoning Ordinance. Applicant/Owner: Robert B. Ankerstjerne, 1401 275th St., Salix, IA 51052.

Surveyor Jeff Snoozy, representing the applicant, had nothing to add. No public comments were received.

Commissioners asked questions: Commissioner Jeff Hanson inquired about nearby Cameron Subdivision (three northern lots approved without frontage); Dan Priestley was unsure of history (pre-dating his tenure), speculated administrative split under common ownership, possibly with easement (to avoid landlocking per Iowa Code); without easement, could lead to conflicts. Further discussion: Proposed Lot 4 would block future southern access to Cameron lots; Dan noted access also from north (Bigelow Park Road); Priestley discussed rezoning entire area vs. specific (chose specific for these lots); emphasized coordinating with Engineer Laura Sievers for driveways (possible shared); terrain relatively flat; transitioning from previous Engineer's approach; new plat certificate language per Engineer's Association. Commissioner Hanson asked about Cameron Subdivision date; using Beacon site, Dan determined it was platted as three lots in 1978, likely administratively split later; now legal non-conforming if split contrary to zoning; Recorder flags potential violations; assumes easements for access as landlocking prohibited. No further questions.

Close Public Hearing:

Steve Corey moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Tom Bride. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting "aye" (4-0).

Approval:

Out of the hearing, with no further comments, Jeff Hanson moved to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors of the proposed Snyder's Bend Addition four-lot minor subdivision as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Corey. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting "aye" (4-0).

Public Hearing: Consideration of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment (Rezone) Application from the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District to the Agricultural Estates (AE) Zoning District on a Portion of Parcel #874732400009 from Robert B. Ankerstjerne

Chair Chris Zellmer Zant opened the public hearing on the concurrent rezone application for the same 7.99-acre portion from AP to AE.

Zoning Coordinator Dan Priestley presented the staff report. Same as previous agenda item. Robert B. Ankerstjerne has submitted an application for a minor subdivision and an application for a Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment to rezone from the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District to the Agricultural Estates (AE) Zoning District. The proposed subdivision includes the division of 7.99 acres into four (4) two (2) acre lots from a portion of Parcel #874732400009, located in Tax Lot B of the Auditor's Plat of part of Sections 32 and 33 in Township 87 North, Range 47 West and part of Sections 4 and 5 in Township 86 North, Range 47 West lying in the South East Quarter of Section 32, Township 87 North, Range 47 West of the 5th P.M., Woodbury County, Iowa. The property is located within the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District. The property is situated north of 280th Street and south of Bigelow Park Road east of Port Neal Road and west of Benton Avenue and is less than two miles west of Salix. Additionally, the property owner/applicant has applied for a Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment to rezone the aforementioned property from the Agricultural Preservation (AP) Zoning District to the Agricultural Estates (AE) Zoning District. This rezoning is proposed to accommodate the future development of the lots, which is required under Section 3.01.1 B of the Woodbury County Zoning Ordinance. Applicant/Owner: Robert B. Ankerstjerne, 1401 275th St., Salix, IA 51052.

No applicant presentation (surveyor present but nothing added). No public comments.

Commissioner comments: Steve Corey noted alignment with South Woodbury housing needs/availability. No questions.

Close of Public Hearing:

Tom Bride moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Jeff Hanson. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting "aye" (4-0).

Approval:

Out of the hearing, with no further comments, Steve Corey moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the rezone from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to Agricultural Estates (AE) on the four two-acre parcels as discussed. The motion was seconded by Tom Bride. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with all present voting "aye" (4-0). Dan Priestley noted next steps: Contact applicant; three public hearings at Board of Supervisors (likely last three weeks of January) before final plat approval.

Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

No public comments were received on matters not listed on the agenda, either in person or via phone.

Staff Update

Zoning Coordinator Dan Priestley provided an update: The next night (December 23, 2025), the Board of Supervisors would hold the third reading on items from the prior Zoning Commission meeting (252nd Overlook Minor Subdivision and AP to AE rezone). Supervisors' meetings have featured public input; readings passed so far. Discussions focused on intended land use, limiting houses (per Commission's recommendation), rezoning necessity vs. subdividing without (density concerns in Loess Hills, soils like Hamburg/Ida silt). Parcel spans quarter-quarters, potentially allowing multiple splits without rezone per Ordinance 3.01.1; tradition is concurrent processes for efficiency (same notifications/fees). Without rezone, future building permits could trigger it if density exceeded. Applicant explored options; Supervisors questioned multi-lot vs. simpler (e.g., two-lot flag); fluid intentions (houses maybe later, lot combinations). Possible outcomes: Approve plat without rezone. Loess Hills scrutiny warranted. Additionally, this was the last 2025 meeting; one seat open per board. Applications open since October; one applicant each: Chris Zellmer Zant for Zoning Commission (2026-2030 term), Pam Clark for Board of Adjustment. On Board agenda early 2026. High likelihood of January 2026 meeting due to activity.

Commissioner Comment or Inquiry

No Commissioners offered additional comments or inquiries.

Adjournment

Steve Corey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Hanson. The motion passed unanimously with all Commissioners present voting "aye." (4-0) The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 PM.

Appendix

None