

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
April 2, 2026
7:00 PM

The monthly meeting was called to order by Chair Dean Holthaus with members, Ron Mehr, Jerry Hemmesch, Shelia Gabel and Clerk/Zoning Administrator Lynn Burg present.

Absent Robin Kaufmann

Minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hemmesch, seconded by Mehr. Motion carried 4-0.

The Planning and Zoning members had discussion about the City of Richmond wanting to annex in Excel. The Planning and Zoning Board would like to have a meeting on this.

Gabel provided information regarding wind and solar and distributed it to the board members.

The board discussed wind turbine regulations. They agreed they would like a minimum setback of 750 feet from all structures and/or 1.5 times the height of the blade from the front, side, and rear property lines, with a maximum of 40 kW per parcel.

A motion was made by Mehr, seconded by Gabel, to require wind turbines to have a minimum setback of 750 feet and/or 1.5 times the height of the blade from the front, side, and rear parcel lines. Motion carried 4-0.

The board discussed solar regulations. Roof-mounted systems are preferred when adequate. For ground-mounted systems, they would like a 500-foot setback from the front, side, and rear property lines or structures.

A motion was made by Hemmesch, seconded by Mehr, stating that solar roof mounts are preferred when adequate, and ground mounts require a 500-foot setback from front, side, and rear property lines or structures. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hemmesch, seconded by Mehr. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Planning and Zoning Board meeting will be held on **June 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**