

Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2026

The Muscatine County Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing at the Administration Building on May 8, 2026, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Zoning Commission Members Present: Brad Akers, Laura Curtis Kramer, Tom Harper, Martha Peterson and Ashley Spitler

Zoning Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Eric Furnas and Morgan Othmer

Others present included: Steve Snider, Anthony Kies, Quinn Riess, Katie Hammond, Brad Bark, Rich Dwyer, and Jeff Jirak

- **Approval of the April 10, 2026 meeting minutes.**
 - A motion was made by Laura Curtis Kramer to approve the April 10, 2026 meeting minutes and was seconded by Martha Peterson.
 - Ayes: Brad Akers, Laura Curtis Kramer, Tom Harper, Martha Peterson, Ashley Spitler
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion approved.
- **Agenda Item #Z26-05-01 – Law Enforcement Shooting Range & Training Facility**
 - Steve Snider explained the request. The request is to place a shooting range near the river along with a training facility. The range will be compliant with all NRA recommendations, including a 20' berm along the back and sides.
 - Next, Eric explained that Iowa Code Chapter 657.9 requires that the Zoning Commission evaluate any land purchased for a shooting range or improvement of an existing range. The Zoning Commission should look at the overall location and proposed design in light of potential surrounding property conflicts. There are no minimum standards that are required per the county ordinance.
 - Tom asked if there were any homes nearby. Eric explained that the closest residential structures are 1.1 miles away from the property the shooting range would be placed on.
 - Martha asked if the nearest residences would be impacted by noise. Eric explained that he believes the noise would be minimal as the range would be 1.1 miles away and oriented away from the dwellings. The surrounding property uses in the area are all heavy industrial.
 - Eric pointed out that the county owns Deep Lakes Park that is nearby as well.

- A motion was made by Laura Curtis Kramer to close the public hearing at 10:37 a.m. Ashley Spitler seconded the motion.
 - Ayes: Brad Akers, Laura Curtis Kramer, Tom Harper, Martha Peterson, Ashley Spitler
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion approved.
- A motion was made by Martha Peterson to approve the law enforcement shooting range and training facility. Brad Akers seconded the motion.
 - Ayes: Brad Akers, Laura Curtis Kramer, Tom Harper, Martha Peterson, Ashley Spitler
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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