

**Helena Township  
Scott County  
Township Planning Area Meeting #1  
Meeting Minutes  
4/15/2026 | Belle Plaine Township Town Hall**


<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was opened by representatives from Scott County at 6 p.m.
<b>Present</b>	Present were Chairperson John Wermerskirchen, Supervisor Edward Nytes, Supervisor DeAnn Croatt, Clerk Heather Taylor DuCharme, representatives from Scott County, representatives from the Town Board for Blakely Township and representatives from the Town Board of Belle Plaine Township.
<b>Meeting</b>	<p>Representatives from Scott County reviewed the prior comprehensive plans, discussed updates and changes for future comprehensive plans, and requested feedback from the Townships. Discussion included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comparison of 2050 to 2040 plans.</li> <li>2. Met Council requirements for updates.</li> <li>3. Forecasting, development, parks and trails, and wastewater management.</li> <li>4. History and need for comp plan as legal foundation for ordinance and zoning.</li> <li>5. Population projections (currently trending lower than 2040).</li> <li>6. Development and building density.</li> <li>7. Cannabis.</li> <li>8. Turn backs and annexation.</li> <li>9. Zoning.</li> </ol>
<b>Adjournment</b>	At 8 p.m. the meeting was closed by Scott County representatives.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Dated: 5-7-2026

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Clerk

  
Chairperson



# AGENDA



## SCOTT COUNTY TOWNSHIP PLANNING AREA MEETING #1 (Blakeley, Belle Plaine, Helena)

Belle Plaine Town Hall  
25130 Hickory Blvd  
Belle Plaine, Minnesota

Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
6:00 PM

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Overview of Process and Timelines**
  - a. Purpose
  - b. Timeline
- III. **Development Trends since 2019**
- IV. **System Statements for Planning Area**
  - a. 2050 Community Designations
  - b. County 2040 Land Use Categories
  - c. Transportation
  - d. Regional Parks and Trails
- V. **Open Forum**
  - a. What is going well with planning and development in the townships?
  - b. What can be improved upon for the 2050 Plan?
  - c. What are some emerging issues on the horizon?
  - d. What specific topics do you want to focus on for the next meeting?
- VI. **Next Steps & Adjourn**