

Sterling Agricultural Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 5th, 2026
Meeting available via Zoom

- I. Call to Order at 6:04 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call: Jack Joslyn, Robin Cousens, & Rebecca Gervais.
- IV. Audience of Citizens: 3 Sterling residents.
- V. Approval of December 2nd, 2025 (Regular Meeting) minutes: R. Cousens made a motion, seconded by R. Gervais, to approve the minutes. Motion Carried 3-0.
- VI. Treasurer's report: \$7,955.27.
- VII. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Educational Programs: Tabled.
 - b. New members: R. Cousens made a motion for the Commission to ask for local Ag students to join our commission. R. Gervais seconded, and motion passed. Local FFA student was present in the audience of citizens. She was invited to fill out an application. Other students are welcome to apply as well.
 - c. Scholarship: K. Patton & R. Gervais updated our application & submitted to schools. Intend to reach out to homeschool children via town website & FB. R. Cousens motioned for the scholarship to be renamed the "Verna Cole Agricultural Scholarship" in memory of Verna Cole, a founding member of the Agricultural Commission & active member of the Sterling Community. R. Gervais seconded, & motion passed.
 - d. Agriculture in the Classroom: Heather Nickerson, Sterling principal, was present & submitted ideas from 4th, 7th, & 8th grade teachers. The Commission remains in favor of supporting Agricultural lessons in the classroom, & open to all creative ideas that were submitted. H. Nickerson & staff will resubmit their 3 chosen ideas with budgeting requests. Ideas included: The "Space Farm" Challenge, a Brand Design (marketing plan), Observation Bee Hive or Ant Farm, Embryology Kits (egg incubators), Digital Soil Testing Kits, Mobile "Garden on Wheels", Preservation Kits, Mobile Cooking Cart, & Hydroponic Microgreen Trays.
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Resignation of Ashley StJean.
 - b. Farm Day: We will reach out to H. Nickerson for a date.
- IX. Any other business:

X. Adjournment: R. Cousens made a motion, seconded by R. Gervais to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion Carried 3-0.

Recording Secretary
Rebecca Gervais