

**FLUVANNA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
The Morris Room, Administration Bldg.
132 Main St., Palmyra, VA 22963
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Special Called Work Session 6:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Bibb, Chair, Cunningham District
Howard Lagomarsino, Vice-Chair, Palmyra District
Kathleen Kilpatrick, Fork Union District
Loretta Johnson-Morgan, Columbia District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Dorsey, Rivanna District

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Fortune, Director of Planning

Kelly Harris, Assistant County Administrator
Noble Pearson, Assistant County Attorney
Jenny Cassell Faulknier, Admin. Programs Specialist

GUESTS:

Chuck Wright, Forester, Rural Preservation Advisory Group
Raghvendra Singh, Rural Preservation Advisory Group
Suzy Morris, Rural Preservation Advisory Group

SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

At 6:00 pm Barry Bibb, Chair called the April 28, 2026, Special Called Work Session to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted a Moment of Silence.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

Commissioners and guests focused on the introduction, vision statement, natural environment, and rural preservation sections of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission reviewed specific content including natural resources, agricultural and forestal districts, conservation easements, and community input, making several technical corrections and suggestions for improvements. Key issues discussed included the need for better ordinances regarding incompatible land uses, the importance of preserving rural and historic character, and concerns about development patterns in certain areas like Route 53. The Commission also addressed formatting improvements and clarifications needed for various sections of the plan, including proper terminology and reference updates.

○ **Specifically:**

▪ **Introduction**

- Commissioners, and guests, discussed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan's introduction section. Removing specific references to data centers in other localities (Prince Edward, Farmville, and Appomattox) was suggested as they don't directly apply to Fluvanna, and it was proposed that adding education as a benefit of historic preservation alongside economic development, recreation, and tourism would be fitting. The group also addressed the need to clarify language about community meetings, adding emphasis to the need for more in the future.

▪ **Vision Statement**

- Commissioners, and guests, focused on clarifying the vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan. There was much discussion regarding the need to distinguish between the Board's overall vision statement and the specific Mission and Vision statements for the Comprehensive Plan. The group discussed whether to use the Board's existing Mission and Vision statements or create new ones for the Plan. Some expressed concern about modifying language that the Board of Supervisors had previously adopted, while others viewed the current statements as specific to the Comp. Plan rather than the County's official Mission and Vision. The group agreed to schedule joint work sessions between the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to discuss the proposed changes and clarify expectations as the appropriate approach.

▪ **Section 1 – Natural Environment**

- Discussion included the needed protection of both natural resources and historical sites. It was emphasized the need for clarity and understanding in the Plan's language, highlighting past revisions and the importance of aligning with current Board direction. The group discussed specific locations for historical markers, including Wilmington and

the Village of Historic Palmyra, and considered distinguishing between different areas within Palmyra. Concerns were raised about the implementation of preserving natural resources during development, with a suggestion that more specific ordinances might be needed to ensure proper preservation of agricultural and forestal areas by addressing incompatible land uses.

- **New Section – Rural Preservation**

- There was some discussion of this section that largely centered around consistency between the goals and strategies; however, due to the time, further discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

The Planning Commission decided to set its next work session on the Comprehensive Plan for **May 26th at 6 PM**. It plans to continue its discussion of the Rural Preservation section then.

- **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Chair Bibb called for a motion to adjourn the April 28, 2026, Planning Commission Special Called Work Session at 9:47 pm.

MOTION:	MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AT 9:57 PM.				
MEMBER:	Bibb	Kilpatrick	Dorsey	Lagomarsino	Morgan
ACTION:				Second	Motion
VOTE:	Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye
RESULT:	4-0 Approved, 1 Absent				

Minutes were recorded by Jenny Cassell Faulknier, Administrative Programs Specialist.



 Barry Bibb, Chair
 Fluvanna County Planning Commission