

McPherson County Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment

February 8, 2022

9:00 AM

Commissioner's Room

Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the McPherson County zoning board was called to order by chairman Jeff Neuharth via phone at 9:01 AM. Members present included Richard Kolb, George Hulscher, Alvin Kallas and Dan Mettler. Also present were Austin Hoffman, McPherson County States Attorney, Lanette Butler, zoning administrator, Shane and Katie Moser, Neil Geffre and Glenn Spitzer, county highway supervisor. Jeff relinquished meeting control to vice chairman Richard Kolb.

Motion to approve the agenda as published was made 1st by George Hulscher and 2nd by Alvin Kallas. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to move into the Board of Adjustment was made 1st by Dan Mettler and 2nd by George Hulscher. Motion passed unanimously. No conflicts of interest were brought forward in regards to variance 22-V-01 Moser shelterbelt setback. Discussion opened up on the 22-V-01 Moser shelterbelt setback. Concerns were raised with snow drifts onto the county road as well as the section line road.

Motion to approve variance 22-V-01 with the stipulation that if snow becomes an issue, the property owner will be responsible for snow removal and potential tree removal per the discretion of the highway department supervisor was made 1st by Alvin Kallas and 2nd by Jeff Neuharth passed unanimously. Motion passed. Shane and Katie Moser and Neil Geffre left the meeting at 9:11 am.

Motion to move out of the Board of Adjustment was made 1st by Dan Mettler and 2nd by George Hulscher. Motion passed unanimously. Jeff Neuharth left the meeting at 9:12 am.

Some discussion took place on airports and the potential of 1 mile jurisdiction as the airport property at Eureka is owned by the city. Is jurisdiction on the city proper or does it include any land owned by the city.

Discussion took place on pipelines. Specifics included protection of county infrastructure and the protection of the citizens of the county. Board recommendations included pipeline depth of 6 feet to top of the pipe, haul road agreements will be done by a 3rd party engineer chosen by the county to do pre and post construction and the cost of the engineer to be paid by the pipeline owner, setback from a residence of 1 mile, setback from a property line of 1,000 ft, setback from a substation/lift station of 1,000 ft from the center of the right of way, boring of the pipeline under county and township roads.

The next meeting of the zoning board will be March 8, 2022 at 9 AM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made 1st by George Hulscher and 2nd by Dan Mettler. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by
Lanette Butler
Zoning administrator