

McPherson County Zoning Board
March 8, 2022
9:00 AM
Meeting Minutes

The McPherson County Zoning Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Neuharth at 9:01 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers. Members present were Richard Kolb, George Hulscher, Alvin Kallas and Dan Mettler. Others present were Austin Hoffman, State's Attorney, Lindley Howard, McPherson County Auditor, Brooke Graves, Zoning Administrator, Bruce Mack and Dan Lederman. In addition, twenty-three people were in attendance.

Dan Mettler made a motion for the agenda approval with a second by George Hulscher. Motion passed. Richard Kolb made a motion to approve the January 11th, 2022 meeting minutes as published and seconded by Alvin Kallas. Motion passed. George Hulscher made a motion to approve the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes and seconded by Alvin Kallas. Motion passed.

Conflicts of interest were discussed. Richard Kolb mentioned that Bruce Mack had asked him how to get on the next zoning board meeting agenda, and he told him. No other conflicts of interest were presented.

Bruce Mack discussed a potential solar farm with the board. Current solar regulations were discussed along with changes that are being considered for the revised ordinance. Concerns were raised on battery-storage, drainage, transmission lines and weed control.

Dan Mettler made a motion to put a moratorium on battery energy storage for McPherson County with a second by Richard Kolb. Motion carried. Jeff Neuharth said that this moratorium will be presented to the commissioners at the April 5th commissioners meeting.

Dan Lederman with Summit Carbon Solutions discussed his companies' plans for a carbon pipeline in McPherson County. The proposed project hopes to construct a pipeline that connects participating ethanol plants, captures the ethanol plant's carbon dioxide emissions, compresses the carbon dioxide into a liquid which is transported through the pipeline network to North Dakota. Here, it is stored underground permanently. Several questions and concerns raised by county residents were heard and discussed.

Eric Odenbach will be contacted to possibly attend a future meeting to discuss South Dakota FAA guidelines.

Additional discussion took place on solar energy. Board recommendations included 1 mile setback from a residence, setback from a property line of 1,000 feet and setback of 1,000 feet from a public road.

The next meeting will be April 7th at 9:00 A.M.

George Hulscher made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Alvin Kallas. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Brooke Graves
Zoning Administrator

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of the Zoning Board