

McPherson County Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment
October 13, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

The McPherson County Zoning Board was called to order by Chairman Jeff Neuharth at 9:05 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers. Members present included Richard Kolb, George Hulscher, Alvin Kallas, and Dan Mettler. Also present were Austin Hoffman, McPherson County States Attorney, Hunter Heinrich and Brooke Graves from Zoning Administration, Glenn Treftz, Alvin Wollman, and Matt Wollman. In addition, eleven people were in attendance.

Mettler moved and Kallas seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Hulscher moved and Kallas seconded to approve the August 4th, 2022 meeting minutes as published with the following correction George Hulscher made a motion to move out of the Board of Adjustment with a second by Alvin Kallas, not Alvin Wollman. Motion passed.

No conflicts of interest were mentioned.

Mettler moved and Hulscher seconded to go into Board of Adjustment. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion was had on Variance Permit 22-V-02 with Mike Mardian for an addition to his existing mobile home. Hulscher moved and Kallas seconded to approve Variance Permit 22-V-02 with the stipulation that if snow becomes an issue from the site, the property owner will be responsible for snow removal per the discretion of the highway department supervisor.

Discussion was had on Manure Haul Permit 22-M-02 with Glenn Treftz for transporting manure beyond the five-mile limit. Treftz had hauled eighteen loads of cow manure before it was brought to his attention that he needed to have a permit to haul manure in the county.

Kallas moved and Hulscher seconded to approve Manure Haul Permit 22-M-02 with the stipulation that his permit will be extended till the end of the year due to extenuating circumstances following the proposed route. In addition, Treftz must pay a bond to the McPherson County Highway Department prior to hauling to cover possible road damage.

Discussion was had on a variance violation with Boulder Hutterian Brethren, Inc. Hoffman made the zoning board aware of the penalty, and Neuharth called Alvin Wollman to explain the situation to him. He agreed to come to the meeting and talk to the board.

Mettler moved and Kolb seconded to move out of the Board of Adjustment. Motion passed.

Discussion was had on permit fees for the county.

Alvin Wollman and Matt Wollman joined the meeting at 9:40 A.M. Kolb moved, and Mettler seconded to go back into Board of Adjustment. Alvin Wollman explained his side of what happened, and the board voiced their concerns. The board recommended a fine for Boulder Hutterian Brethren, Inc. in which the

Commissioners will set the dollar amount at the next Commissioner's meeting on November 9th. Alvin and Matt left the meeting at 10:05 A.M.

Hulscher moved and Kallas seconded to move out of the Board of Adjustment. Motion passed.

Discussion went back to permit fees for the county. Several people in the audience voiced their opinions and each board member stated what he wanted for fees. Chairman Neuharth will give the board's recommendations to the Commissioners at the next Commissioner's meeting. The board is not committing to a number right now. The eleven people in attendance left the meeting at 10:32 A.M.

Brief discussion was had on bond professionals.

Discussion was made on Variance Permit 21-V-02 with William Baker. His variance had expired and had asked the Zoning Administrator for an extension. After the board reviewed his permit, the board decided to grant him an extension with stipulations. William must verify with the Zoning Administrator that the structure be greater than seventy-five feet from the section line, sign, and date the original permit that he will not divert from the original proposal. He will also need to pay the county \$100.00 that includes his building permit.

Building permits 22 – 15 through 22 – 27 were discussed. Building permits were for Mark & David Gruebele – two grain bins, Richard Kolb – shingle house, Jordan Mehlhaff – new siding and windows, Travis Mehlhaff – new house and attached garage, Mike Mardian – detached garage, Chris Sieh – shop, David Hoops – grain bin, Neil Schaar – two sheds, Stan Schaffer – tin roof on house and garage, Mike Kallas – pole shed, Long Lake Colony – wash bay, Chris Sieh – detached garage, and Jolene Waltman – barn.

The next meeting will be November 17th at 9:00 A.M.

Kolb moved and Kallas seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

Brooke Graves
Zoning Administrator

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of the Zoning Board