

McPherson County Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment
Minutes of Proceedings
July 31st, 2023

The McPherson County Zoning Board was called to order by Chairman Jeff Neuharth at 9:06 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers. Members present included Richard Kolb, George Hulscher, Alvin Kallas, and Dan Mettler. Also present was Hunter Heinrich from Zoning Administration, Alvin Wollman, Gary Emineth, and 27 people from the public.

Mettler moved and Kallas seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Kolb moved and Hulscher seconded to approve the July 11th, 2023 meeting minutes as published. Motion carried.

No conflicts of interest were mentioned.

Mettler moved and Hulscher seconded to go into the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried. Discussion was had on Manure Haul Permit 23-M-01 with Alvin Wollman. He wants to haul manure from Boulder and Grassland Colonies beyond the 5-mile limit. Kolb moved and Hulscher seconded to approve Manure Haul Permit 23-M-01 with the stipulation that they stay on the route and call Glenn Spitzer before they start hauling.

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

Gary Emineth gave an update on the data center. He gave some handouts of preliminary sketches of buildings to the Zoning Board and updated the board on the center as well as answered questions the board had.

Public hearing was had on proposed ordinance 23-1: McPherson County Hazardous Material Pipeline Ordinance and 23-2: McPherson County Level of Cultivation Ordinance. Many people from the audience asked questions and expressed their concerns about the pipeline.

Kolb made a motion and Hulscher seconded to add 1-14 on Section 703 of Ordinance 23-1 to under 1A of Section 2611 of Ordinance 23-1 pipeline location with a setback of 1 mile. Motion carried.

Hulscher made a motion and Mettler seconded to eliminate B and C under Section 2703 under Article 27 of Ordinance 23-2 and replace it with: not less than 6 ft below the surface of any non-cultivated agriculture land and all cultivated land and the lowest point of any ditch in a public right of way.

Building permits 23-28 – 23-31 were discussed. Building permits were: 23-28 – Harm Trollip – Moving building on property; 23-29 – Doug Kallas – New house and garage; 23-30 – Jason Fauth – New utility building; and 23-31 – Eric Odenbach – 2 new grain bins.

The next meeting will be determined at a later time.

Hulscher moved and Kallas seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Hunter Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of the Zoning Board