

McPherson County Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment
Minutes of Proceedings
September 10th, 2024

Call to Order

The McPherson County Zoning Board was called to order by Chairman Jeff Neuharth at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers. Members present included George Hulscher, Alvin Kallas, Dan Mettler, and Richard Kolb. Also present was Eric Senger from NECOG, Hunter Heinrich from Zoning Administration, States Attorney Austin Hoffman, and several people from the public.

Agenda

George Hulscher moved and Dan Mettler seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a public comments section under new business. Motion carried.

Minutes

Richard Kolb moved and Alvin Kallas seconded to approve the August 15th, 2024 meeting minutes as published. Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were mentioned.

Public Comments

Bill Connors gave an introduction and short talk about the Leola Data Center.

Board of Adjustment

Dan Mettler moved and Alvin Kallas seconded to go into the Board of Adjustments at 9:09 A.M. Motion Carried.

Discussion was had on Variance Permit 24-V-03 with Aman Brothers Family Limited Partnership. They would like to add a grain bin less than 150 feet from the center of the road. The other grain bins are in a line and this would be the next addition in the line. Richard made a motion and George seconded to approve Variance 24-V-03 with the stipulation that they must remove snow if it becomes a problem. Motion carried.

Dan Mettler moved and Richard Kolb seconded to move out of the Board of Adjustment at 9:11 A.M. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion was had on the zoning book. Jeff Neuharth opened for public comment. Sean Lawler and Chad Peterson were here to discuss zoning on behalf of National Grid Renewables. Topics discussed included setback change proposals and clarifications on wording. Other questions from the public that were discussed included building permits, minimum acreage requirements for plats, and energy battery storage facilities. Dan Mettler made a motion and George Hulscher seconded that the Planning Commission makes a recommendation of approval of ordinance to the County Commissioners. Motion carried.

Building Permits

Building permits 24-38 – 24-40 were listed. Building permits were: 24-38 – Kenneth Vilhauer- Repair pole barn; 24-39 – Fred Hoffman – Garage addition; 24-40 – Floyd Helfenstein – New pole barn.

The next meeting will be October 15th at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment

Alvin Kallas moved and Dan Mettler seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

Hunter Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of the Zoning Board