

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met telephonically in special session on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The call could be heard in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 9AM. Members' present were Mark Opp, Anthony Kunz, Sid Feickert, and Jeff Neuharth.

Opp moved and Feickert seconded to approve the agenda of the October 29th Special Meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Discussion was held on enacting a burn ban due to extremely dry conditions. All open fires including campfires will be included in the ban. Burn Barrels that have a metal grate and are in a 15ft safety zone devoid of all combustible materials will be allowed. Residents are urged to use caution.

**RESOLUTION 24-15**  
**"RESOLUTION BANNING OPEN BURNING"**

WHEREAS, McPherson County passed Ordinance 21-1 Open Burning Regulation Ordinance

WHEREAS, McPherson County is currently experiencing extreme dry conditions but climactic conditions do not meet the Grassland Fire Danger Index requirements for a very high or extreme category danger and/or the National Weather Service has not issued a Red Flag Warning, yet climactic conditions pose a fire threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, McPherson County desires to protect the health and safety of all residents and all property within the county boundary; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation exists:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the McPherson County Commission ban the setting of any open fire, including a campfire, that is not contained within a fully enclosed fire box or structure from which the products of combustion are emitted directly to the open atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney. Open Fire shall not include Charcoal Grill, Liquid Fuel Grills, Outdoor Fireplaces, Branding Iron Burners, or Burn Barrels as defined in Ordinance 21-1 Open Burning Regulations, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that this ban shall remain intact until such time as conditions improve and a subsequent resolution by the McPherson County Commission is enacted removing said ban, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that any violation of this resolution will result in criminal charges against the individual or individuals that initiate the fire outlined in Section III. Penalty of Ordinance 21-1 Open Burning Regulation Ordinance

Dated at Leola, South Dakota this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Kunz moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 24-15, Neuharth seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted in favor. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 24-15 was declared duly adopted.

At 9:15AM Feickert moved, and Opp seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10AM.

ATTEST:

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UNAPPROVED