

McPherson County Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment
Minutes of Proceedings
June 11th, 2026

Call to Order

The McPherson County Zoning Board was called to order by Chairman Mike Mardian at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers. Members present included George Hulscher, Dan Mettler, Mike Lapka in person, and Logan Heupel, who attended over the phone. Also present was Hunter Heinrich from Zoning Administration, and people from the public and on Zoom. The full meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD>

Agenda

Dan Mettler moved, and George Hulscher seconded to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted "aye". Motion carried.

Minutes

George Hulscher moved, and Dan Mettler seconded to approve the April 21st, 2026, meeting minutes as published. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted "aye". Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest

Mike Lapka had a conflict of interest with the Beutler Addition plat.

Public Comments

No Public Comments were heard.

Board of Adjustment

Dan Mettler moved, and Mike Lapka seconded to go into the Board of Adjustments at 9:03 A.M. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted "aye". Motion carried.

Variance hearing was held on 26-V-04 for Craig Bieber who wants to build a shop addition and cement closer than 150 ft from the edge of the right of way line. Jake Harms was present to answer any questions that the board had. Jake explained that the shop addition will not move any closer to the road than the present building. Mike Lapka made a motion and George Hulscher seconded to approve 26-V-04. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted "aye". Motion carried.

Variance hearing was held on 26-V-05 for Jeff Vilhauer who wants to place a detached garage less than 150ft from the edge of the right of way line. He wants the detached garage in line with the existing house. Logan Heupel made a motion and George Hulscher seconded to approve 26-V-05. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted "aye". Motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit was held on 26-CUP-02 for Boulder Hutterian Brethren Inc. who want to move the Echthaft Trailer business to their colony. There is a building already built for this purpose as well as a gravel lot. George Hulscher made a motion and Mike Lapka seconded to approve 26-CUP-02. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted "aye". Motion carried.

Dan Mettler moved and Mike Lapka seconded to move out of the Board of Adjustment at 9:11 A.M. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Plat

2 plats were discussed. The first plat was Kempf First Addition in the NE1/4 of Section 13-T128N-R66W of the 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota. Dan made a motion and Logan seconded to make a recommendation for approval to the County Commission. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted “aye”. Motion carried.

The second plat was Lot 1, Beutler Addition in the NE1/4 of Section 2, T126N, R72W, 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota. George made a motion and Dan seconded to make a recommendation for approval to the County Commission. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Heupel, and Mardian voted “aye”. Lapka abstained. Motion carried.

New Business

The comprehensive plan was discussed. Eric Senger from NECOG sent out the first draft of the plan. He was unable to attend this meeting. A future meeting will be held to further discuss and look over this draft.

Building Permits

Building permits 26-11 – 26-13 were discussed. 26-11 - Anthony Kunz – New house and garage; 26-12 – Mike Mardian – Animal housing and grain bin; 26-13 – Kyler Johnson – New house and garage

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 1st, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment

Logan Heupel moved, and George Hulscher seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote Hulscher, Mettler, Lapka, Heupel, and Mardian voted “aye”. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

Hunter Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

Mike Mardian
Chairman of the Zoning Board