

McPherson County Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment
Minutes of Proceedings
July 1, 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, and Logan Heupel. Also present were Hunter Heinrich from Zoning Administration and members of the public, both in person and via Zoom. The full meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD>

Agenda

Dan Mettler moved, and Logan Heupel seconded to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

George Hulscher moved, and Mike Lapka seconded to approve the June 11, 2026, meeting minutes as published. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were mentioned.

Public Comments

No public comments were heard.

Board of Adjustment

Dan Mettler moved, and George Hulscher seconded to go into the Board of Adjustment at 9:03 A.M. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

26-CUP-03 was held for Christensen Farms & Feedlots Inc. which wants to build a Class A swine feedlot and production facility in that part of the S 1/2 of 15-125N-70W. Adam Barka, Ryan Braulick, Peter Hibma, and Alex Rabaey were all present from Christensen Farms. Topics discussed included the types of buildings planned for the site, manure management plans, permits required by the State of South Dakota, manure storage options, disposal of deceased swine, and required waivers. Dan asked a question regarding road haul agreements. Glenn Spitzer arrived at this time and State's Attorney Austin Hoffman was contacted by phone. Adam Barka stated that on average, two trucks per day would come for feed five days per week. Also, 20-25 live-haul loads would come every three weeks. Glenn suggested a road haul agreement would be necessary as well as proper snow removal training in the wintertime. Adam stated that a third-party contractor would likely be hired for snow removal and they would be in contact with Glenn regarding this. George had a question regarding road maintenance. Dan had a question regarding flies and odor. Upon further discussion, Dan Mettler moved and George Hulscher seconded to approve Conditional Use Permit 26-CUP-03 pending approval from the State DANR and execution of a haul road agreement with McPherson County. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Logan Heupel moved and Mike Lapka seconded to move out of the Board of Adjustment at 9:46 A.M. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Plat

One plat was discussed. This plat was Christensen Farms First Addition in the S ½ of Section 15-T125N-R70W of the 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota. Dan Mettler made a motion and Mike Lapka seconded to make a recommendation for approval to the County Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Building Permits

No building permits were discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment

Logan Heupel moved, and Dan Mettler seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

Hunter Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

Mike Mardian
Chairman, Zoning Board