

ZONING BOARD MINUTES

November 13, 2025 – 12:00pm

The Zoning Board Meeting of the City of Darlington was called to order by Chairman Steve Brunkow at 12:00 PM, November 13, 2025, in the Council Room of the Darlington Municipal Building to consider three (3) variance requests. Present at roll call: Tim Hastert, Keith Nichols, Charles North, Walker Wiegel and Steve Brunkow.

Also present: Building Inspector Mike Reuter, Mayor Mike McDermott, Joe Boll, Adam Standaert from Wisconsin Whey Protein, Dan Dreessens from Delta 3 Engineering, and Heather Bloesch.

A motion was made by Walker Wiegel, seconded by Tim Hastert to approve meeting was properly posted. Voice vote. Hastert, Nichols, North, Wiegel and Brunkow – All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Brunkow, seconded by Charlie North to approve minutes from the previous Zoning meeting. Voice vote. Hastert, Nichols, North, Wiegel and Brunkow - All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Unfinished or Deferred Business from the previous committee meeting - None

Chairman Brunkow read the variance request from Wisconsin Whey Protein; owner of the property located at 160 Christensen Drive. The request is for a variance from the building setback from the South Christensen Drive right-of-way in order to add two (2) additional bays onto the existing intake bay. This will allow for additional milk to be delivered and processed.

Chairman Brunkow reported no objections were received by members of the Zoning Board, and Heather Bloesch reported no objections were received in the City Office.

Adam Standaert explained reasons why variance is needed-company expanding/getting bigger and this would allow Wisconsin Whey Protein to have 3 bays for whey and 1 bay for combination whey/milk, allowing for more whey to be brought in.

Mike Reuter questions Dan Dreessens. Dan Dreessens with Delta 3 Engineering provided further explanation using sketch of building on screen to all zoning members and attendees. Wisconsin Whey is requesting an addition of two (2) bays onto the existing intake bay. Mike Reuter states from the zoning side, he is in favor of the variance.

Following a brief discussion of the variance request, a motion was made by Steve Brunkow and seconded by Walker Wiegel, to grant the variance request to Wisconsin Whey Protein, for the building setback from the South Christensen Drive right-of-way in order to add two (2) additional bays onto the existing intake bay for silo alley expansion for product storage.

Voice vote. Hastert, Nichols, North, Wiegel - All voted Ayes. Brunkow - Abstained. Motion carried.

Adam Standaert wanted to address the zoning board regarding an issue discussed briefly at the last meeting-the smell problem. The problem is with the 2 tanks on the corner of Christensen Drive and Donahoe Drive. Wisconsin Whey is in the process of getting a quote for charcoal filters to possibly alleviate the smell issue.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tim Hastert, seconded by Charlie North, to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 pm.

Minutes by:
Heather Blosch, Administrative Assistant