

**MINUTES  
WHITLEY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 28, 2023  
7:30 P.M.**

**Whitley County Government Center  
Meeting Room A/B**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF</b>
Kelley Sheiss	X		Brent Bockelman
Danny Wilkinson	X		
Doug Wright	X		
Joe Wolf	X		<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>
Jack Green	X		Elizabeth Deckard

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

The list of audience members, in-person and electronic, is attached to these minutes. The signed guest list is kept on record.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bockelman read the roll call; the members present and absent are listed above.

**CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for the February 28, 2023 regular meeting were presented for review. Mr. Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Sheiss seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Ms. Deckard provided the oath to the audience members wishing to speak.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**23-W-VAR-4**

Jarod and Lori Baker are requesting a development standards variance to allow for a second billboard on the property less than 1000 feet apart. The property is located at 5410 South State Road 9, in Section 2 of Washington Township.

Mr. Bockelman presented the staff report. He explained the project and discussed the two options. The proposed option to place a billboard in a location that would have proper zoning and require a variance for distance between signs, and an alternate option that would allow for proper distance and require variance to be placed in an AG zoned area. A chart of development

standards comparisons was provided. Aerial views, and street views, were provided to show the zoning and proposed locations. The design and size of the sign were provided for reference. Review criteria were discussed.

Jarod Baker, 5410 S. State Road 9, addressed the Board. He stated that the preferred location would be at the corner of the woods. Discussion was made about the location and sign design.

Mr. Wilkinson opened the public hearing. Hearing nothing. The Public hearing was closed.

Ms. Sheiss made a motion to approve 23-W-VAR-4 with the staff recommended conditions.

Mr. Green Seconded the motion. Petition 23-W-VAR-4 was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Wright voting against. The petition was approved with the following conditions:

1. The proposed billboard is approved as presented and per the site plan.
2. Replacement of the sign, other than the sign face, will require compliance with the code or another variance approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no other business, Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

**GUEST LIST**

1. Jarod Baker .....964 E. 500 South
2. Lori Baker .....964 E. 500 South

**GUEST LIST – ELECTRONIC**

3. Sonya Emerick .....5865 E. State Road 14