

City of Reedsburg
Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes
April 30, 2026

Present: Walter Luepke, Richard Braun, Jesse Arias and Jerry Zuhlke
Absent:
Others: Max Buckner, Brian Duvall

Brian Duvall called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Motion by Luepke, seconded by Zuhlke to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026, meeting.

Motion approved 4-0

Consider a zoning variance request for the 25' front building setback per §690 Schedule 3 and for the 10' parking setback per § 690-64(B) for new building additions and tanks at Foremost Farms USA- Reedsburg Plant – 633 Booster Blvd; Parcel #276-1140-00000 – Excel Engineering – Eric Drazkowski, P.E.

Duvall reviewed the proposal, which if approved, would be the first step in the process. They would still need Plan Commission review and a city easement agreement.

Lisa Zelt, Foremost plant manager, stated that this project would minimize impacts, and that they would work with the city as needed. Other Foremost reps included Robert Mitcham, Eric VandenHeuvel, and Jim DeSonia. Katherine Hamblett stated that they moved there in 1948 when the plant was a smaller operation. The trucks have increased in size and usage. She questioned the 5th truck bay and if expansion would occur to the east. She is concerned with continued truck traffic and horn blowing, as well as past attitudes of truck drivers. The current boilers have been noisier lately.

Discussion was held on the number of truck bays going from 8 to 5.

Pat Warn stated that he has lived there since 1974, and that he drives trucks and has seen the traffic patterns in the area. He stated concerns about expansion, flooding, truck parking, and noise.

Misty Baker expressed concerns about access to the neighborhood from trucks and construction. She stated she bought her house two years ago and criticized the vibrations.

Zelt responded that access will remain on Booster and that the proposed project would mitigate many of the neighbors' concerns. She stated that they met with the fire dept, use no rail, trucks would not have to wait as long to load/unload, trucking would be more during daylight hours, more effective schedules, no new noise or vibrations, and 11 tanks would be decommissioned with 9 new installed.

Braun asked about future milk production, which they receive consistently but would be better able to handle the spikes. Arias stated that his first house was in an airport and railroad area and had to live with the impacts, as he knew this going into it. Buckner stated that this was a good investment that would help mitigate the concerns.

Motion by Braun, seconded by Luepke to approve the variance request as presented.

Motion approved 4-0

Motion by Arias, seconded by Zuhlke to adjourn at 12:59 pm.

Motion approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvall
Zoning Administrator