

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 8:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(At the beginning of each Committee of the Whole Work Session meeting, the floor will be open to solicit public comments on items on the agenda. Public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes for each person, subject to the discretion of the County Board Chairperson)

II. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

- A. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) was awarded CDC State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program (SPAN) grant funding, with one component a "MEDA" project. There was a competitive application process in June 2021 for local public health departments and their community partners to identify, develop and implement physical activity and/or nutrition strategies to address inequities for specific target populations. Rice applied and was selected to be one of the three funded cohorts with an award of \$82,500 for a two year period of time.

III. PARKS & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Matthew Verdick

- A. Gabriella and Brian spoke on behalf of the Park Plan Kick Off and what the future looks like. They gave a breakdown of what they are hoping to accomplish within the next few months. They plan to bring back this information to the board later in February to give a broader look as to what they are looking at for future development plans.

IV. SOCIAL SERVICES: Mark Shaw

- A. The Department gives periodic updates on its services and activities. Val and Mike from Social Services discussed topics regarding the different programs they work with, like healthcare programs, family assistance, and childcare benefits. They develop partnerships with outside communities. They also work hand in hand with the Healthy Community Initiative.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Galen Malecha, to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst,
NAYS: None