

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Galen Malecha, Chairperson. Members present were: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl, Docken and Hoisington.
- B. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on May 28, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to appoint Gerry Hoisington and Jeff Docken to Rice County Canvassing Board for Primary Election & November General Election.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Temporary On-Sale liquor license application for the Rotary Club of Northfield at Red Barn Farm of Northfield, 10063 110th Street East, Northfield, MN, 55021 on July 11, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Temporary On-Sale liquor license application for the North Morristown Community Club at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10500 215th Street West, Morristown, MN, 55052 on July 4, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the On-Sale Wine license renewal application for Keepsake Cidery LLP dba Keepsake Cidery, 4609 135th Street East, Dundas, MN, 55019 for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the On-Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor license renewal application for Keepsake Cidery LLP dba Keepsake Cidery, 4609 135th Street East, Dundas, MN, 55019 for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the On-Sale & Sunday liquor license renewal application for Willing Partners Inc., dba Willinger's Golf Club, 6797 Canby Trail, Northfield, MN, 55057 for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, contingent on Consent of Town Board form being completed.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- G. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the On-Sale Wine license renewal application for Webster Sports & Recreation Association, 4633 40th Street West, Webster, MN, 55088 for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- H. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the On-Sale 3.2% Malt liquor license application for Webster Sports & Recreation Association, 4633 40th Street West, Webster, MN, 55088 for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry

Hoisington, NAYS: None

- I. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Off-Sale 3.2% Malt liquor license application for Pilot Travel Centers LLC dba Pilot Travel Center #576, 8051 Bagley Avenue, Northfield, MN, 55057 for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- J. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Tobacco license application Lake Country Convenience & Bait, 15090 Shieldsville Boulevard, Faribault, MN for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- K. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the On-Sale & Off-Sale & Sunday liquor license renewal application for The Lodge on Lake Mazaska, 7170 153rd Street West, Faribault, MN, 55021 for the licensing period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

III. SOCIAL SERVICES: Megan Thomas (Virtual) and Tom Gee

- A. Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Southern Minnesota Guardianship Services Contract.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

IV. ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Joshua Schoen

- A. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve a five-year annual contract with Vanguard Appraisals at \$14,500 per year.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

- A. Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve Payment of Invoice 298508 for \$29,644.41 to Civic Plus.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Brian Madigan of RPMN Solar 1 LLC, on behalf of landowners Daniel Thompson and Lynda Thompson. The property is located in Section 18 of Walcott Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- B. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Fritz Ebinger of Nokomis Energy and Wells Garden LLC, on behalf of landowner Hilary Caron. The property is located in Section 26 of Wells Township. The property is located in Section 26 of Wells Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- C. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Fritz Ebinger of Nokomis Energy and Caron Garden LLC, on behalf of landowner Imogene Caron. The property is located in Section 26 of Wells Township. The property is located in Section 26 of Wells Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- D. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Alan Meyer. The property is located in Section 4 of Richland Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry

Hoisington, NAYS: None

- E. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to authorize publishing the Intent to Enact and set a public hearing for 7:00pm July 11, 2024, regarding adopting a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone property from Agricultural to Highway Commercial for John Brick, on behalf of landowner Kenneth Mracek Trust. The property is located in Section 25 of Webster Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- F. PowerPoint Presentation was given to provide a Summary of the Milestone Materials IUP information that was requested.

- G. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to Open the Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

The following names were heard during the public hearing in order.

1. Bill Holmblad-Resident, 2. Gary Haynes-Resident, 3. Erik Sahlin-Resident, 4. Candy Taylor-Resident, 5. Cliff Taylor-Resident, 6. Keith Schrader-Resident, 7. Jim Donkers-Resident, 8. Curtis Ingvaldstad-Resident, 9. Craig Koester-Non-resident, 10. Janine Rosehamer-Resident, 11. Tad Anzion-Resident, 12. John R. Larson-Resident, 13. James Fisher-Resident, 14. Tom Donkers-Resident, 15. Dave Donkers-Resident, 16. David Estrem-Resident, 17. Kathleen Doran-Norton-Resident, 18. Sasha Koren-Resident, 19. Nick Koren-Resident, 20. John Gorder-Resident, 21. Eugene Bakko-Resident, 22. Gary Wagenbach-Resident, 23. James Reudelsterz III-Non-Resident, 24. Anthony Perella-Resident, 25. John Spanczak-Non-Resident, 26. Ron Keller-Resident, 27. Andrew Jorgenson-Resident (Zoom), and 28. Kiara Jorgenson-Resident (Zoom).

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst to Close the Public Hearing at 10:51 a.m.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- H. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adopt Resolution #024-24- Approving Findings of Fact In Response to the Petition Submitted for Milestone Materials Sand & Gravel Mining Operations and Making a Negative Declaration Concerning the Need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: Galen Malecha

- I. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve the Interim Use Permit with 26 conditions amending #6 condition to read only 4 Saturday's annually from 7:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m for Andrew Peters of Milestone Materials, on behalf of landowner Christopher and Anne Donkers Trust. The property is located in Section 26 of Northfield Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: Galen Malecha

- J. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to authorize publishing the Intent to Enact and setting a public hearing for 9:00 am June 25, 2024, regarding adoption of the Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis Flower or Cannabinoid Product in a Public Place.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VII. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

1. Extra Time/ Over Time Report 05-17-2024

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: \$1,038,219.48 Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 11,731.96, Axon Enterprise Inc 85,782.74, BHE Community Solar LLC 22,955.85, Bolton & Menk Inc 3,609.09, Borneke Construction Inc 152,382.75, Central Pension Fund 5,520.00, Cigna Health & Life Insurance Co 2,423.98, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 25,391.10, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 11,849.33, Dem-Con Trucking

41,867.38, Dock & Door 7,545.85, Donnelly Law Office 20,824.18, Egan Company 3,716.79, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 10,376.76, Guardian Fleet Safety 4,026.60, Healthfinders Collaborative Inc 9,346.76, Heyda/Tony 7,000.00, Kilgore/Douglas 2,700.00, KNOWiNK LLC 13,110.00, Lacannes Marine Inc 25,891.40, LaRoche's Sewer Drain & Septic Serv Inc 5,989.08, Martin/James 6,250.00, Matejcek Implement 3,257.28, Metal Culverts Inc 5,538.60, MetLife 29,483.77, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 12,040.00, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 8,670.58, Ohnstad Construction LLC 12,800.00, R C Bliss Inc 56,195.75, Ratwik Roszak & Maloney Pa 3,922.02, Rice Steele 911 Center 4,999.80, Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc 34,973.18, Schneider Geospatial LLC 3,798.00, Sirek Hydraulic Service Inc 12,888.00, Three Rivers Community Action 23,194.97, Townsquare Media Faribault-Owatonna 3,000.00, Verizon Wireless 36,954.19, West Central Regional Juvenile Center 2,450.00, West Central Sanitation 5,152.30, Ziegler Inc 14,979.51, Access On Time Companies Inc 14,700.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 23,753.42, Boughton//Laura 5,598.60, Boyum/Michael 2,511.00, Burnett/Chantal 2,449.00, Cedar Valley Services Inc 18,405.08, Community Living Options 5,111.76, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 6,862.85, Douville/Corey & Jenny 4,034.96, Dungarvin Minnesota LLC 2,085.06, Hahn Douville/Olivia or Samantha 12,638.70, Johnson/Heidi & Peter 2,151.40, Johnson/Scott or Stacy 2,800.54, Jones/Daisha 2,085.06, (BLANK) 2,282.01, Marlar/Glenda 2,316.70, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 24,459.11, Nichols/Celia 2,173.68, Peterfeso/Charlie & Jenna 2,116.68, Schroeder/Robecca A 2,427.30, Schulz/Catherine 4,500.00, Smith/Paula Jo 2,427.30, Village Ranch Inc 2,496.12, Welch/Jennifer or Mark 3,113.22, Zabar/Anesa Marie 2,896.02

3. Personnel Appointments

Justin Austin PT, Radio Communications Specialist, Sheriff's Office at \$28.18/hr., eff. 6/11/2024
 Joan Kindem PT, Elections Judge, Property Tax & Elections at \$17.00/hr., eff. 6/14/2024
 Anthony Lake FT, Seasonal Worker Hwy Maintenance, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 6/10/2024
 Skyler Bertram FT, Seasonal Worker Hwy Maintenance, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 6/10/2024
 Steve Mikula FT, Appraiser, Assessor's Office at \$34.79/hr., eff. 7/8/2024
 Elizabeth Peterson FT, Assistant County Attorney, Attorney's Office at \$45.18/hr., eff. 7/8/2024
 Abdiwali Mohamed FT, Interpreter Office Support, Social Services at \$25.09/hr., eff. 6/10/2024
 Matthew Stitzmeyer FT, Custodial Worker, Facilities Department at \$20.52/hr., eff. 6/3/2024
 Jarett Spitzack FT, County Ditch Manager, Highway Department at \$32.72/hr., eff. 6/24/2024
 Riley Velishek FT, Seasonal Worker Hwy Maintenance, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 6/3/2024

B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Jeff Docken to go into Closed Session Under MN Statute 13D.05 Subd.3 (C)(3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property. The Property ID for discussion is 1819176005.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

No Action Taken at this time.

Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl to go out of Closed Session at 12:17 p.m.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 25th day of June, 2024.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Galen Malecha, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator

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