

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, December 17, 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 Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting December 3, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- D. Retirement Presentations for: Lisa Benson (Social Services), Christine Kern (Social Services), Randy Hanson (Sheriff's Office/Jail), Doreen Lietzau (Recorders Office), and Julie Valento (Human Resources)

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Wavier of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Lisa Yetzer. The property is located in Section 22-of Webster Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Wavier of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Bryan Tupy, on behalf of landowner Scott Pexa. The property is located in Section 6 of Wheatland Township.**
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 Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Xcel Energy on behalf of landowner Northern States Power Co. The property is located in Section 12 of Wheeling Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- D. **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 Daniel Solorzano, on behalf of landowner Jeanette Reuvers. The property is located in Section 12 of Warsaw Township.**
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 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.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Interim Use Permit for grading and filling with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Daniel 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
- G. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Forest Township, on behalf of landowners Mesenbrink Construction & Engineering & Kimberly Gensmer Trust. The property is located in Section 15 of Forest Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry

Hoisington, NAYS: None

H. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to adopt Resolution #24-053, Removal of Conservation Easement for Property Identification Number 15.09.1.25.004.

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 re-appoint Julia Hogan to both the Rice County Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment for the 2025-2027 term.

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

J. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to appoint Jim Cihak to both the Rice County Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment for the remainder of the 2025-2026 term formerly served by Charlie Peters.

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

III. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

A. Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Jeff Docken, Approve agreement renewal with Jena Peterson for financial/accounting services January 2025-December 2027.

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

B. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, approve 2025 agreement with Teya Dahle for professional services - reflective practice supervision, related to evidence-based family home visiting services.

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

IV. SOCIAL SERVICES: Rick Gieseke, Megan Thomas or Chris Sammon

A. To request the approval of the following contracts

*** U of M Child Psychiatric Consultative Contract approved by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst.**

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

*** Alternative Resolutions- Guardianship and Conservatorship approved by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington.**

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

*** CSP Contract-Community Support Grant-this grant funds a portion of our intake position duties, Adult Outpatient Psychotherapy, and a portion of our Adult Mental Health Case Managers approved by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jeff Docken.**

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

*** Contract Amendment to Support Decision-Making Grant approved by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Jim Purfeerst.**

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

V. HUMAN RESOURCE: Carol Kritzer

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the continuation of the Wellness Works Program in 2025 for benefit eligible full-time and part-time employees.

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

VI. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and adopt Resolution #24-051, in support of MnDOT Agreement No. 1058027.

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 award contract # 2570, project SAP 066-598-025, to Minnowa Construction Inc., the low responsible bidder, in the amount of \$691,349.25.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve Final Payment to Crane Creek Asphalt for work completed under contract # 2472, SAP 066-604-007, in the amount of \$33,511.07.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the final payment to Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking, in the amount of \$1,986.51 for work completed under contract # 2474, SAP 066-627-005.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve and adopt MnDOT Agreement # 1056254 and Resolution # 24-054.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VII. **Drainage Authority: Jarett Spitzack**

- A. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl to go into Drainage Authority.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the 2025 Rates from Rinke Noonan on drainage ditch legal services.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst to go out of Drainage Authority.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VIII. **FINANCE: Paula O'Connell**

- A. 2025 Opioid Spending Plan Discussion.
- B. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Adoption of Resolution #24-052 Levying Tax on Taxable Property & Adopting 2025 Budget.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, Approve the 2025 Fee Schedule.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

IX. **ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted**

- A. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Steve Underdahl, 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 11-27-2024
 2. Payment of Bills
Bills totaled: \$2,051,348.62- 321 Fence Inc 7,000.00, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 24,143.26, Amazon Capital Services Inc 2,884.72, Anoka County Corrections 8,295.00, Auto Value Faribault 2,195.75, BHE Community Solar LLC 26,177.49, Bierman Funeral Home Inc 2,270.44, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 8,592.51, Bolton & Menk Inc 2,634.00, Borneke Construction Inc 20,567.64, Braun Intertec Corp 14,400.00, Cagger Trail LLC 29,600.00, Carr's Tree Service Inc 15,500.00, Central Pension Fund 9,256.00, Cigna Health & Life Insurance Co 4,845.59, Community Co-Op General Office 4,182.35, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 4,933.00, Consolidated Management Company 2,050.36, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 4,012.18, Dem-Con Trucking 65,922.82, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 12,585.56, Dick's Sanitation 21,776.62, Dundas City 3,494.45, Egan Company 2,773.54, Emerge

Enterprises 6,600.00, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 4,087.05, Freeborn County Sheriff 2,620.00, Great River Energy 25,000.00, Heartland Girls Ranch 24,967.60, Information Systems Corp 22,741.00, Innovative Office Solutions 2,037.39, Karpel Solutions 20,400.00, Kaufman & Jennifer Fletch Trust/Dale F 15,000.00, Klein Mccarthy Architects 6,504.71, LeadsOnline LLC 3,106.00, Liberty Tire Recycling Llc 2,129.40, Loffler Companies Inc 3,007.71, Martin/James R. 2,550.00, Matejcek Implement 4,059.28, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 45,981.04, MetLife 15,327.37, Minnesota Dept Of Labor & Industry 2,764.77, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 4,436.00, Minnesota State Treasurer 11,513.00, Mvlt Laboratories Inc 6,275.20, Northfield Hospital 5,543.27, Nuss Truck Group Inc 392,038.08, Paape Companies Inc 2,474.50, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 7,341.04, Prevent Child Abuse America 3,500.00, Quadient Finance USA Inc 4,000.00, Ratwik Roszak & Maloney Pa 5,487.03, Regents Of The U of M 36,338.13, River Bend Nature Center 8,250.00, Scott County Treasurer 27,600.00, Snap-On Tools 2,640.00, Steele County Treasurer 450,694.59, Step Saver Inc 5,532.77, Streichers 3,873.74, Summit Companies 2,889.70, Teske/Justin & Gina 16,000.00, Thomson Reuters - West 8,688.20, Three Rivers Community Action 47,509.41, Timms Trucking Inc 6,328.00, Tri City United 2,774.78, United States Postmaster 6,304.35, Veolia Environmental Services 20,911.22, West Central Regional Juvenile Center 23,607.00, West Central Sanitation 5,587.14, Witte Brothers Inc 2,633.85, Ziegler Inc 36,409.33, Access On Time Companies Inc 15,210.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 23,414.37, Benzick/Alyssa or Hannah 2,113.80, Boyer/Onnah 2,508.69, Boyum/Michael 2,648.40, BROWN COUNTY EVALUATION CENTER 2,311.43, Cedar Valley Services Inc 16,802.08, Cummiings Mobility Conversions 2,577.00, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 13,176.16, Dimick/Dan 3,040.09, Douville/Corey & Jenny 4,044.90, Early Childhood Academy - New Prague 2,497.60, Forensic Nursing Home 3,186.80, Gardner/Kendra & Jeremy 2,066.40, Greater Minnesota Family Services 24,532.20, Habilitation Center LLC dba Millcreek 17,400.00, Hahn Douville/Olivia or Samantha 12,834.00, Johnson/Scott or Stacy 2,802.00, Kindercare 3,500.00, Korman & Korman 3,390.00, Moose Lake RTC 7,431.01, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 15,097.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 8,650.50, Nichols/Celia 2,843.70, North Homes Inc 8,898.76, Northfield Community Action Center 27,500.00, Peterfeso/Charlie & Jenna 2,485.80, Smith/Paula Jo 2,673.00, St Peter Rtc 7,154.80, Village Ranch Inc 2,620.32, Zabar/Anesa Marie 3,022.20

3. Personnel Appointments

Iiwad Salex FT, Health Educator, Public Health at \$31.10/hr., eff. 1/6/2025

Larry Stone FT, Sheriff Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$40.51/hr., eff. 11/24/024

B. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to accept and ratify the 2025, 2026 & 2027 union contract for MNPEA (Minnesota Public Employees Association) General Unit; and to authorize the Board Chairperson's signature on the completed contract.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, 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 31st day of December, 2024.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Galen Malecha, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator