

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson. Members present were: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl and Peters.
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on April 22, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, Approval of Renewal Tobacco License for Dennison Depot at 12989 Dennison Blvd, South Dennison, MN from July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request - 2025 Aumentum Technologies Amplify Conference - Jody Wagner, Assistant Property Tax & Elections Director - October 20, 2025, to October 23, 2025 - Albuquerque, New Mexico.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, Approval for Rice County Board Chair to sign the Aumentum Technologies Application Hosting Services Agreement. This agreement will result in the Aumentum Tax System be hosted by Aumentum Technologies instead of Rice County.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Updates will be given to the County Board on the forfeiture process. Court Decision in Tyler v. Hennepin County - The 2024 Minnesota Legislature enacted changes to delinquency and forfeiture laws. See Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 127, article 70. Attached compares the old forfeiture process and new forfeiture process.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approval of Temporary Liquor License for Holy Cross Catholic School for May 22, 2025 at 6100 37th St W Webster MN.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, Approval of Renewal of Malt Liquor License for Keepsake Cidery at 4609 135th St E Dundas MN for the license period of July 1, 2025, through June 30th, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- G. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, Approval of Renewal of Wine Liquor License for Keepsake Cidery at 4609 135th St E Dundas MN for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- H. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Approval of Renewal of Liquor License for Channel Inn at 23219 Farwell Ave in the township of Warsaw MN for the licensing period July 1, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

I. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, Approval of Temporary Malt Liquor License for Veseli Ball Club for June 14, 2025 at Brewsters Bar & Grill 9856 50th St W Veseli MN.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

J. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Approval of Renewal of Malt Liquor License for Winjum's Shady Acres Resort at 17759 W 177th St Faribault MN for the licensing period of July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

K. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approval of Renewal of Wine Liquor License for Winjum's Shady Acres Resort at 17759 W 177th St Faribault MN for the licensing period of July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

L. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, Approval of Renewal of Malt Liquor License for Grandma's Lakeside Resort at 17000 Elmore Way Faribault MN for the licensing period of July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

M. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, Approval of Renewal of Wine Liquor License for Grandma's Lakeside Resort at 17000 Elmore Way Faribault MN for the licensing period of July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for John Carlander and Matthew Carlander. The property is located in Section 3 of Walcott Township.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

B. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Preliminary Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Randy Kubes, on behalf of landowner Endurance Investments LLC. The property is located in Section 3 of Webster Township.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

C. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Paul Budde. The property is located in Section 8 of Walcott Township.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

D. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Novel Energy, on behalf of landowners Dennis and Susan Uittenbogaard. The property is located in Section 19 of Walcott Township.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

E. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Brian Peterson, on behalf of landowners Peterson Brothers LLC and Keith Quinnell. The property is located in Section 4 of Northfield Township.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- F. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Kevin Theirs, on behalf of landowner Apple Creek Orchard LLC. The property is located in Section 20 of Wells Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- G. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Chris Springer. The property is located in Section 15 of Wells Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- H. **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 New Energy Equity, on behalf of landowner Poplar Grove Farms LLC. The property is located in Section 28 of Cannon City Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- I. **Motion by Galen Malecha, 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 and Kimberly R Gensmer Trust. The property is located in Section 15 of Forest Township.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- J. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to authorize purchase of 648 (64-gallon) recycling carts from Rehrig Pacific Company in the amount of \$32,069.92.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, approve renewal of Mitel support and Approve payment of \$25,654.16 to Loffler as invoiced for support of the Mitel system.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

V. FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Chris Kluge

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to accept the PSC Alliance Inc. technology Proposal for Rice/Steele 911 Center Relocation Project in the amount of \$75,800.00.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, be it resolved that the Rice County Board of Commissioners approve the quotes from Dynamic Electric in the amount of \$42,390.00 to install the LED lights in the Courthouse and a motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl to approve the quote from Viking Electric to purchase the LED lights in the amount of \$31,579.30.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, be it resolved that the Rice County Board of Commissioners approve the quotes from Dynamic Electric in the amount of \$24,650 to install the LED lights in the Law Enforcement Center and a motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl to approve the quote from Viking Electric to purchase the LED lights in the amount of \$24,474.75.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

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

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve accepting the donation from**

Duck Cup Memorial in the amount of \$200.00 towards Mental Health Walk for Rice County's mental health awareness month.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Proclamation for May as Foster Care Month.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VII. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to award contract #2573, to ICON, LLC, in the amount of \$5,195,847.78, contingent upon approval from MnDOT's Office of Civil Rights.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and adopt Resolution #25-018 and MnDOT Agreement # 1059451.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VIII. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the updated Donation of Surplus Technology Equipment Policy.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the updated Surplus Property Policy.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IX. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Tabling Personnel Appointment for Administrative Deputy Administrator position until the next board meeting on May 27th.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

1. Extra Time/ Over Time Report 4.18.2025

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: 1,586,698.93 Access On Time Companies Inc 8,000.00, ADP Inc 6,286.25, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 24,007.57, Adventure Specialties Llc 3,635.97, Barr Engineering Co 7,032.20, Bolton & Menk Inc 16,469.00 Cigna Health & Life Insurance Co 7,882.98, Community Co-Op General Office 7,611.89, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 48,004.00, Consolidated Management Company 14,812.08, Deere Credit Inc 25,500.00 Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 6,792.82, Dick's Sanitation 26,750.60, Dynamic Electric LLC 9,903.00, Ecker/Stephen R 6,950.00, Faribault Ace Hardware 2,161.00, Faribault City 4,371.21, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 30,371.63, FREF 128th 15th ST NW LLC 2,550.00, Guardian Fleet Safety 39,304.39, HealthFinders Collaborative Inc. 7,338.87, Herc-U-Lift 24,476.90, Innovative Office Solutions 2,703.86 Interstate Power Systems Inc 4,695.30, Johnson Auto Salvage LLC 2,000.00, Jr's Advanced Recyclers Inc 2,085.00, Kielmeyer Construction Inc 5,061.39, Kilgore/Douglas 2,550.00, Kris Engineering Inc 2,210.00, Law Enforcement Labor Services 2,002.24, Le Sueur County Sheriff 4,622.18, Martin/James R 2,000.00, MetLife 50,790.24, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 2,504.00, Minnesota Dept Of Labor & Industry 2,160.41, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 28,151.93, Minnesota State Treasurer 16,657.00, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,462.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,704.00, North Central 20,873.17, Nuss Truck Group Inc 15,750.90, Office of MN IT Services 3,442.44, Overhead Door Company Of Albert Lea 2,093.32, PowerDMS Inc 3,606.84, Ramy Turf Products 2,135.50, Ratwik Roszak & Maloney Pa 4,168.19, RDO Equipment Co 3,086.03, Rice Steele 911 Center 3,305.00, Ronco Engineering Sales 3,598.08, Saxon Fleet Services 86,864.00, Snap-On Tools 2,136.65, Steele Waseca, Electric Co 2,499.66, Stepp Manufacturing Co Inc 84,072.00, Stericycle Inc 4,855.78, Streichers 6,671.25, Thomson Reuters - West 6,551.33, Three Rivers Community Action 47,417.56, Timms

Trucking Inc 48,260.00, Vantage Point Psychological Consultants 3,500.00, Wold Architects And Engineers Inc 4,927.50, Ziegler Inc, 420,708.19, Access On Time Companies Inc 15,630.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 23,016.45, Capstick Companies LLC 7,935.50, David R Borchardt Attorney At Law 2,850.00, Dimick/Dan 3,155.59, Donnelly Law Office 2,893.47 Faribault Martin Human Services 4,837.09, Faribo Childcare Center LLC 2,702.00, Gardner/Kendra & Jeremy 2,345.40, Hahn Douville/Olivia or Samantha 12,834.00, Heartland Girls Ranch 21,559.80, Jaspers, Moriarty & Wetherille P.A. 2,180.05, Lssmn 3,342.80, Messick Law PLLC 8,177.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 24,236.70, Northfield Community Action Center 12,117.76, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 3,593.75, Village Ranch Inc 14,044.50, Williams/Mikayla 3,276.60, Workforce Development Inc 14,032.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Jonathan Becker-Anding FT Seasonal, Highway Engineer, Highway Department at \$20.00/hr., eff. 5/19/2025

Kyle Ernste FT Seasonal Parks Worker, Highway Department at \$20.00/hr., eff. 5/27/2025

Cloie Arndt Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$20.00/hr., eff. 4/21/2025

Chriztopher Ferris Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$20.00/hr., eff. 4/21/2025

Declan Chappuis Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$18.00/hr., eff. 4/29/2025

Saamiya Ali PT, Community Health Worker, Public Health at \$24.98/hr., eff. 4/28/2025

Nancy Bernal FT, Office Specialist, Public Health at \$26.52/hr., eff. 4/28/2025

Matthew Brunner FT, Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office at \$30.60/hr., eff. 5/5/2025

Tashia St. Martin FT, Office Support Specialist, Human Resources at \$24.98/hr., eff. 5/12/2025

Nicole Shelton FT, Social Worker Guardian, Social Services at \$34.79/hr., eff. 5/27/2025

Naomi Pientka FT, Case Aide-Child & Family, Social Services at \$26.74/hr., eff. 5/5/2025

Ashley Thorne FT, Office Support Specialist, Social Services at \$21.82/hr., eff. 5/5/2025

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve Amendment #3 to SWIFT Contract No. 195686 to provide autopsies for deceased incarcerated persons from the Minnesota Correctional Facility Faribault as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 390.11, subd. 1a.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

C. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, asking the Board to approve starting the auction process.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

D. Legislative Proposal Discussion, Shot Gun Zone Law discussion was brought forward and was not motioned on.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners on the 27th day of May 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator