

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, May 27, 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 regular minutes from May 13, 2025 Board Meeting.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to authorize the Environmental Services Director to sign a Notice of Award to Borneke Construction, Ince for MSW Landfill Cell 4B Construction.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Vintage Escapes Winery at 8950 Dodd Rd, Kilkenny for the licensing period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Boonies Bar & Grill at 3301 Millersburg Blvd, Faribault for the licensing period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Application & Permit for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Rotary Club of Northfield at Red Barn Farm, 10063 110th St., E, Northfield, MN, 55057 for July 10, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the MN Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Ducks Unlimited Northfield Chapter #113 at Willingers Golf Club, 6797 Canby Trl, Northfield, MN, 55057 for July 24, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Application & Permit for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for North Morristown Commercial Club at 10500 215th St W, Morristown, MN, 55052 for July 4, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. HIGHWAY and PARKS: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Detour Agreement between Rice County and the City of Northfield, Mill Towns State Trail (Woodley St. to Waterford Bridge).**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve and adopt Resolution # 25-021, Speed Limit Study, CSAH 4.**

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

C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and adopt Resolution # 25-022, and MnDOT Agreement # 1059588.

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

D. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to accept the donation from the Ackman family to replace the existing Ackman Park Sign in the amount of \$2,171.58.

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

E. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to accept the donation from the Shields Lake Association for a Park Bench to be placed at McCullough Park.

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

F. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to award a contract to Widseth Engineers and Architects, to complete and submit an application for Regional Park Status to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission for the Cannon River Wilderness Park, in the amount of \$25,000.

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

V. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

1. Extra Time/ Over Time Report 5.2.2025

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: \$867,952.57 Accurate Controls Inc 55,904.17, Ahlman's 6,700.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 7,337.15, American Solutions For Business 11,871.14, Anoka County Treasury Office 43,534.75, Beaudry Oil & Propane 3,997.65, BHE Community Solar LLC 26,944.83, Boldt Funeral Home 2,561.23, CivicPlus LLC 5,340.88, Community Co-Op General Office 3,180.83, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 28,688.96, Concrete Specialties Midwest Inc 5,600.00, Consolidated Management Company 15,277.50, Contegritty Group Inc 3,879.23, Crystal Valley Cooperative 18,300.56, Dem-Con Trucking 18,719.16, DJ Medin Architects, Inc. 8,028.00, Faribault City 4,933.90, Glenn's Service Inc 3,048.57, Guardian RFID 16,532.50, Heartland Girls Ranch 11,139.23, I & S Group Inc 8,984.60, Kielmeyer Construction Inc 13,782.24, Kilgore/Douglas 2,300.00, League Of Minnesota Cities 3,240.00, Liberty Tire Recycling Llc 2,125.61, Loffler Companies Inc 25,835.41, Martiarena/Fidencia 4,609.00, Messick Law PLLC 3,270.00, MetLife 16,744.32, Metro Sales Inc 16,314.51, Midwest Machinery Co 2,243.36, Minneapolis Forensic Psychological Serv 3,850.00, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 3,962.00, Moore Engineering Inc 6,462.02, Neogov 10,875.53, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 7,708.02, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 12,480.00, Quadient Finance USA Inc 4,000.00, Quality Power Solutions 2,155.00, Quick Performance 2,245.00, Ramy Turf Products 2,519.00, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,037.50, Rice Lake Fab Inc 6,801.70, Rice Steele 911 Center 4,999.80, Rock Leaf Water Environmental LLC 30,582.75, South Central Community Based Initiative 10,000.00, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP 8,331.60, Thomson Reuters - West 2,650.19, Three Rivers Community Action 4,507.67, Total Tool Supply Inc 2,931.31, Warmington Custom Blast & Paint Llc 3,000.00, Washington County Sheriff 2,400.00, WEX Health Inc 3,163.75, Xcel Energy 13,828.83, 180 Degrees, Inc 14,155.75, Access On Time Companies Inc 24,247.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 25,035.55, Bilotta/Merric 2,258.52, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 4,736.67, Cedar Valley Services Inc 16,764.50, Christensen/David or Anita 2,695.80, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 6,149.74, Forensic Nursing Home 3,084.00, Horizon Homes Inc 78,865.75, Lutheran Social Service 2,349.75, Moose Lake RTC 5,079.68, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 12,662.00, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 4,483.98, Rice County Facilities 4,200.00, Roepke/Katie & Jake 3,333.90, St Peter Rtc 6,924.00, Volunteers Of America 16,775.10

3. Personnel Appointments

Sandra Malecha FT, Deputy Administrator, Administration at \$60.26/hr., eff. 6/23/2025

Dennis Luebbe FT, Director reclassification, Highway Department at \$85.84/hr., eff. 5/27/2025
Delaine Allen PT, Jail Office Support/Records Specialist, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$24.39/hr., eff. 6/2/2025

Remme Bartelt Seasonal FT, Seasonal Parks Worker, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 6/9/2025
August Grubish Seasonal FT, Seasonal Parks Worker, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 5/27/2025

Jarrett Lisowski Seasonal FT, Seasonal Parks Worker, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 5/27/2025

Evan Nigon Seasonal FT, Seasonal Highway Worker, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 5/27/2025

Bennett Silkey Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$18.00/hr., eff. 5/19/2025

Manuel Guadalupe Marquez Seasonal FT, Seasonal Highway Worker, Highway Department at \$18.00/hr., eff. 6/2/2025

Salem Ali PT, Office Support Specialist HRA, Housing Department at \$24.98/hr., eff. 5/27/2025

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, requesting approval and adoption of Resolution #25-019 Performance Measures Program.

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

C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve and adopt Resolution 25-020 Amended and Restated Contract for Private Development with Tru Vue Inc., for Certain Property in Rice County in the City of Faribault.

RESULT: Approved. AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None. Steve Underdahl recused himself from this item.

D. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and adopt Resolution 25-023 Terminate Property Tax Abatement and Void the Contract for Private Development for Certain Property in Rice County, in the City of Faribault.

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

E. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl to un-table this item.

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

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the appointment of Sandy Malecha as Chief Deputy Administrator.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Charlie Peters, NAYS: Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, 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 this 10th day of June, 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator