

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, June 10, 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 Steve Underdahl, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, requesting approval of the Regular Board Minutes from May 27, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to accept and publish the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Anthony Fisher. The property is located in Section 27 of Webster Township.**
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 the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Robert Schema. The property is located in Section 22 of Wells Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Sean Hebel. The property is located in Section 7 of Webster Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Interim Use Plans with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Frank Grazzini. The property is located in Section 9 of Shieldsville Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Mathiowetz Construction Company, on behalf of landowners Robert & Sharleeb Feyereisn Trust. The property is located in Section 21 of Cannon City Township.**
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 approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Pete Bauer. The property is located in Section 5 of Cannon City Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- G. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Nokomis Energy and**

Wells Garden LLC, on behalf of landowner Hilary Caron. The property is located in Section 26 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 Charlie Peters, to approve the purchase of the John Deere 950P Dozer from RDO Equipment Co. for the amount of \$862,262.93.**

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

IV. **PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, set a public hearing to hear comments and suggestions regarding the City of Lonsdale Petition to name unnamed lake 66008100 to Hidden Willow Pond located in Lonsdale, MN. Rice County Board to set a public hearing on Tuesday, July 22nd at 9 am in the Rice County Board Room, Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St NW, Faribault, MN.**

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 Liquor license renewal for Ettlin's Ranchero Supper Club at 4452 40th St W Webster, 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

- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the tax-exempt gambling permit for Most Holy Trinity Church at 4939 N Washington Veseli, MN on Aug. 16, 2025.**

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 Tobacco License renewal for Lake County Convenience & Bait at 15090 Shieldsville Blvd Faribault 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

- E. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Tobacco license renewal for Parkside General Store at 230 Main St Nerstrand for the licensing period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.**

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

- F. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Tax-exempt Gambling Permit for Lakeville Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 115 at 9856 50th St W Lonsdale Brewsters Bar & Grill on June 19, 2025.**

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

- G. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Wine License Renewal for Le Mieux Resort at 7710 Cedar Lake Blvd, Faribault for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.**

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

- H. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the liquor license renewal of on/off sale of 3.2% Malt for Le Mieux Resort at 7710 Cedar Lake Blvd Faribault for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 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, to approve the Renewal of tobacco license for Pilot Travel Centers LLC at 8051 Bagley Ave Northfield for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.**

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

- J. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Renewal of 3.2% malt liquor license for Veseli Ball Club at 5696 Forest Dr Lonsdale for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.**

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

V. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Angela Brewer**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, approval of the contract with Joseph Heinrichs to provide contracted legal defense representation for the Rice County Treatment Court team and program.**

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

VI. **HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve and adopt Resolution #25-024 Supporting application for FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for all Funding (SS4A) Safety Plan Grant.**

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

VII. **ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the consent agenda, which includes extra time/ overtime report, payment of bills and Personnel Appointments.**

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

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 5.16.2025

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: \$699,975.86 Alternative Resolutions Inc 7,322.15, Auto Value Faribault 3,259.69, B&B Pumping & Portables Inc 3,925.00, Barr Engineering Co 6,199.00, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 3,577.49, Boldt Funeral Home 2,882.95, Bolton & Menk Inc 10,756.00, Bruce Harris & Associates Inc 6,027.64, Community Action Center of Northfield 6,780.95, Community Co-Op General Office 19,452.69, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 37,628.04, Dive Rescue International Inc 6,060.34, Emerge Enterprises 11,772.00, Faribault Ace Hardware 13,052.85, Great River Energy 25,000.00, Guardian Fleet Safety 10,806.81, HealthFinders Collaborative Inc. 8,343.66, Heartland Girls Ranch 10,779.90, Institute for Environmental Assessment 3,751.63, Keith Pumper Plumbing & Heating Inc 2,712.52, Kielmeyer Construction Inc 6,553.80, KNOWiNK LLC 12,810.00, Midwest Collision Inc 2,499.50, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 47,119.00, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 14,858.54, Minnesota State Treasurer 16,053.00, Northfield Hospital 2,663.60, Nuss Truck Group Inc 12,792.09, R C Bliss Inc 3,800.87, REO Properties LLC 3,585.00, Reynolds/Harvey 13,848.00, Rinke-Noonan 4,626.00, Scott County Treasurer 13,512.00, Steele Waseca Electric Co 3,026.22, Strengths Wise, Jennifer Ford 3,348.00, Team Laboratory Chemical LLC 5,275.50, Tifco Industries 2,169.04, Van Berkomp Consulting LLC 3,562.50, Vanguard Appraisals Inc 14,500.00, Venture Up Inc 4,150.00, Volunteers Of America 10,923.30, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 53,386.00, Wold Architects and engineers Inc 5,145.90, Ziegler Inc 2,341.12,----- 2,384.49, Cedar Valley Services Inc 17,010.00, Christensen/David or Anita 2,785.66, Counseling Services Of Southern Mn Inc 2,880.00, Dept Of, Human Services SWIFT 4,821.17, Dimick/Dan 2,812.17, Gardner/Kendra & Jeremy 2,543.86, Hahn Douville/Olivia or Samantha 13,261.80, Heartland Girls Ranch 22,278.46, Junk Truck MN 3,413.50, Kindercare 3,222.00, Lssmn 3,319.18, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 25,044.59, Northfield Fencing 2,906.00, Roepke/Katie & Jake 3,273.07, Schoenbauer/Holly or David 2,705.47, Scott County Treasurer 16,890.00, Zumbro Valley Health Center 3,220.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Zoila Noemi Gonzalez FT, Spanish Interpreter Office Support Specialist, Social Services at \$24.39/hr., eff. 6/9/2025

Caleb Matejcek FT, Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$30.60/hr., eff. 6/23/2025

Jesse Lee FT, Sheriff Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$40.50/hr., eff. 6/30/2025

Patricia Heydon FT, Social Worker Guardian-Supported Decision Maker, Social Services at \$37.95/hr., eff. 6/9/2025

Carl Wallager Seasonal FT, Seasonal Highway Worker, Highway at \$18.00/hr., eff. 6/9/2025

Madden Paul Seasonal FT, Seasonal Highway Worker, Highway at \$18.00/hr., eff. 6/9/2025

VIII. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl to go into Closed Session under Minn. Stat. 13.37 Subd. 2 General Nonpublic Data for the Discussion of security information.

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

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl to go out of the Closed Session.

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

IX. 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 24th day of June, 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator