



RICE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

Immediately following the Board of Adjustment meeting.

I. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading of Notice
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - July 10, 2025

II. New Business

1. Preliminary Plat/Willingers - Section 23, Webster Township

Andrea Rand, on behalf of landowners Willingers Development Corp and Willing Partners Inc, has applied for a preliminary plat utilizing Transfer Development Rights (TDRs) to create 6 single-family dwelling lots and to allow for replatting of the existing golf course property. The property is described as: Part of Section 23, Webster Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID#s 02.23.2.51.001 - .031 and 02.23.2.75.001. Property address is: 6797 Canby Trail, Northfield, MN 55021. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

2. Interim Use Permit/Thompson - Section 18, Walcott Township

RPMN Solar 1, LLC, on behalf of landowners Daniel and Lynda Thompson, has applied for renewal of an Interim Use Permit for a 1MW solar energy production facility. The property is described as: Part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 18, Walcott Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 15.18.1.25.001. Property address: 23021 Albers Ave, Faribault, MN 55021. The property is Zoned, A, Agricultural.

3. Zoning Text Amendment/DeGrood

David Watts, on behalf of Joe and Connie DeGrood, has requested an amendment to the text of Chapter 508 of the Rice County Zoning Ordinance to add "Solar Energy Production" as an Interim Use within the URI, Urban Reserve Industrial Zoning district.

III. Adjournment

Planning Commission Hearing Procedure:

The Chair calls the item to be heard and planning staff to present the staff report and answer questions from the members. The Chair asks the applicant to present their information and answer questions of the members. Chair then opens the meeting to the public. Each speaker will have a set number of minutes to present their information. They must come to the speaker stand and state their name and address before presenting their comments. After the public comments, the Planning Commission publicly discusses the information and reviews the findings before making a motion to recommend approval, denial or to continue the item.

**All issues that require County Board approval will be heard
at the August 26, 2025, meeting.**

Remote access for the public includes the following:

Access by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84519203212?pwd=IdUsznmQqWSEhuTm8Ga3m2WzZ6NKEb.1>

Access by phone: (507) 332-6030 or toll-free options -- (877)853-5247, (888)788-0099, (833)548-0276, (833)548-0282

Meeting ID: 845 1920 3212

Passcode: 396093

Anyone wishing to attend virtually or participate in this public meeting and are in need of assistance, please call the County's Environmental Services Office at 507.332.6113 or e-mail RCPlanningZoning@RiceCountyMN.gov Please call 24 hours before the meeting, if possible, if assistance is needed.