

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, July 22, 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 Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the agenda as presented with one minor change to move item B. under Administration up to Environmental Services.**
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 the minutes from the regular board meeting on July 8, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve and adopt Resolution #25-029 - Accepting GreenCorps Host Site Agreement For the 2025-2026 Program Year.**
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 Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Blair Ransom, on behalf of the landowner Jeanette Reuvers. The property is located in Section 12 of Warsaw Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: None, 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 Daniel Pumper. The property is located in Section 20 of Forest Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Vern Swedin. The property is located in Section 36 of Shieldsville Township.**
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 Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for George Wagner. The property is located in Section 32 of Wells Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. SOCIAL SERVICES: Chris Sammon

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, Approval of Rice County Family Services Collaborative Grant Extension and acceptance of additional funds.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, approves the amendment of the Northfield-Faribault Community Action Center-Family Recovery Support Program contract for 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to adopt resolution #25-028 and Agreement No. 1059686 MnDOT Detour Agreement.**

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 a \$93,000 amendment to the existing professional engineering services contract with Widseth for project SAP 66-620-015.

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

V. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to go into the Public Hearing regarding the petition to name an unnamed lake in Lonsdale.

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

Peter Boulay, a non-Rice County resident, spoke as the DNR Representative. Explaining the process of what's taking place.

Joel Erickson, City Administrator, gave a brief overview of the process in order to get to how they came to name this unnamed lake.

James Fisher, a Rice County resident, spoke on behalf of himself and the rest of the property owners. He is concerned about any changes affecting people since this is changing.

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to go out of Public Hearing.

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

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Adopt Resolution # 25-027 Naming Unnamed Lake in the City of Lonsdale as "Hidden Willow Pond".

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 Tax-Exempt Gambling Permit for Ladies of Ducks Unlimited Girls with Guns Chapter 329 at 9525 230th St W, Morristown, on August 23 & 24, 2025.

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

VI. 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 6.27.2025.

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: \$2,394,738.37 Access On Time Companies Inc 8,435.00, Blue Earth County Human Services 20,584.24, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 10,694.42, Dimick/Dan 2,971.37, Donnelly Law Office 2,303.13, Forensic Nursing Home 3,084.00, Gardner/Kendra & Jeremy 2,461.80, Goettl/Catherine 2,452.80, Heartland Girls Ranch 18,685.16, Horizon Homes Inc 73,784.70, Jaspers, Moriarty & Wetherille P.A. 3,121.10, Junk Truck MN 3,086.48, Messick Law PLLC 4,320.00, Michels/Brandy 2,233.00, Moose Lake RTC 5,250.30, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 12,418.50, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 9,383.01, Northfield Community Action Center 16,388.14, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs 5,850.00, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 6,497.95, St Peter Rtc 6,924.00, Village Ranch Inc 10,981.20, ABR Sand & Gravel LLC 16,257.64, Archambault Bros Disposal Inc 2,520.30, Beyond Brink 4,800.00, BHE Community Solar LLC 24,179.26, Bolton & Menk Inc 30,617.50, Borneke Construction Inc 334,036.56, Community Action Center of Northfield 5,724.00, Community Co-Op General Office 13,205.40, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 10,231.56, Contegritty Group Inc 2,362.25, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 5,665.49, Dem-Con Trucking 18,263.38, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 111,575.65, DHS DCT ARC 476 2,436.25, Dick's Sanitation 26,843.94, DJ Medin Architects, Inc. 2,676.00, Emerge Enterprises 8,748.00, Faribault City 25,238.21, Faribault Interiors Inc 5,535.00, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 20,467.69, Healthfinders Collaborative Inc 10,355.32, Imperial Dade 5,385.81, Irwin Law Office 17,183.00, K A Witt Construction, Inc 38,000.00, Keystone Interpreting Solutions, Inc. 2,084.70, Kilgore/Douglas

4,300.00, Law Enforcement Labor Services 2,077.08, LexisNexis Risk Data Management 2,592.80, Liberty Tire Recycling Llc 2,131.29, Loffler Companies Inc 13,289.91, M & W Blacktopping LLC 12,685.00, Malecha's Auto Body LLC 2,065.55, Messick Law PLLC 2,565.00, Metro Sales Inc 35,330.52, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 10,169.46, Minnesota Industrial Tooling Inc 3,784.00, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,462.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,656.00, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 12,874.27, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 12,492.99, Office of MN IT Services 11,570.48, Otis Elevator Company 3,293.02, Paape Companies Inc 3,976.03, Prairie Creek Fence, LLC 5,970.00, Prevent Child Abuse America 2,125.00, Quadient Finance USA Inc 2,000.00, Quality Overhead Door 2,444.25, Scan Air Filter, Inc 5,524.70, Schneider Geospatial LLC 3,987.00, Schroht/Bradley J 2,325.00, Steele County Treasurer 989,743.16, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP 11,110.00, Thomson Reuters - West 2,898.12, Three Rivers Community Action 31,594.88, Veolia Environmental Services 26,786.40, Viking Electric 59,758.70, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 3,971.73, Xcel Energy 22,681.92, Ziegler Inc 2,069.76

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution #25-030 - Resolution Authorizing Application to Federal EDA FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant.

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

VII. COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST:

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to go into Closed Session under MN Statute 13D.05 subd. 3 (C)(3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property for the following parcel: 1836250006.

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

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to go out of Closed Session.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Purfeerst, 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 this 12th day of August, 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administration