



RICE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Thursday, September 4, 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 - August 7, 2025

II. New Business

1. Zoning Text Amendment/DeGrood(Watts)

David Watts, on behalf of Joe and Connie DeGrood, has applied for 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.

2. Interim Use Permit/Ekstrand - Section 27, Webster Township

Eric Ekstrand has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for operation of a home occupation gunsmithing business. The property is described as: Part of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 27, Webster Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 02.27.1.50.002. Property address is: 7375 Chester Ave, Northfield, MN 55057. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

3. Waiver of Plat/Hebel - Section 22, Webster Township

Sean Hebel has applied for a Waiver of Plat to allow for a 5-acre proposed livestock parcel to be separated from the existing 36-acre parcel. The property is described as: Part of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 Section 22, Webster Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 02.22.3.00.004. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

4. Final Plat/Kubes - Section 3, Webster Township

Randy Kubes, on behalf of landowner Endurance Investments LLC, has applied for a final plat for a 5-building lot subdivision, including a cluster of 3 Transfer Development Rights (TDRs). The property is described as: Part of the NW1/4 of Section 3, Webster Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 02.03.2.75.001. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

5. Interim Use Permit/Clobes - Section 12, Wheeling Township

Ella Clobes, on behalf of landowner Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy, has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a temporary equipment placement and material yard for an electrical repair project. The property is described as: Part of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 12, Wheeling Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 12.12.1.00.001. Property address is: 16036 Goodhue Ave, Nerstrand. MN 55053. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

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 September 23, 2025, meeting.**

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

Meeting ID: 870 7759 5290

Passcode: 235128

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