



RICE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Thursday, October 2, 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 - September 4, 2025

II. New Business

1. Interim Use Permit/New Leaf Energy-Poplar Grove Farms - Section 23, Morristown Township

Cole Bearden of New Leaf Energy, on behalf of landowners Poplar Grove Farms LLC and Richard Nielsen, has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a 4.99MW solar energy production facility. The property is described as: Part of Section 23, Morristown Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID#s 13.23.3.00.001 & 13.23.4.25.002. The property is Zoned UR, Urban Reserve.

2. Waiver of Plat/Fossum - Section 3, Northfield Township

Lynn Fossum has applied for a Waiver of Plat to allow for a 1-acre addition to the existing 2.5-acre Transfer Development Right (TDR) parcel. The property is described as: Part of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 3, Northfield Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 08.03.4.50.005. Property address is: 10586 100th St E, Northfield, MN 55057. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

3. Interim Use Permit/Riewe - Section 5, Warsaw Township

Tyler Riewe has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a short-term rental in an existing dwelling. The property is described as: Part of Lots 3, 4, & 11, Anderson Subdivision, Warsaw Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 14.05.4.76.003. Property address is: 5036 Cannon Lake Trail, Faribault, MN 55021. The property is Zoned GDS, General Development Shoreland.

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 October 14, 2025, meeting.**

Remote access for the public includes the following:

Access by computer: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608125271?pwd=5j7OQgrPi8fGd3j7G31QQWdVgxlyFB.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: 160 812 5271 **Passcode:** 319217

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