



RICE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Thursday, November 6, 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 - October 2, 2025

II. Old 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.

III. Public Hearing

1. 7:00 PM Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Solar Energy Production as an Interim Use within the URI, Urban Reserve Industrial Zoning District

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. This item was heard by the Planning Commission on September 4, 2025, and then by the Board of Commissioners on September 23, 2025, where they approved to move forward with a public hearing.

IV. New Business

1. Interim Use Permit/Carver Garden LLC (Carver) - Section 28, Cannon City Township

Angela Becker of Nokomis Energy, on behalf of Carver Garden LLC and landowner Rita Carver, has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a 1-MW(AC) solar energy production facility. The property is described as: Part of The SW1/4 of the SW1/4 Section 28, Cannon City Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 11.28.3.50.005. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

2. Interim Use Permit/Dimension Energy (Reuvers) - Section 12, Warsaw Township

Daniel Solorzano of Dimension Energy, on behalf of landowner Jeanette F Reuvers, has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a 4.95-MW(AC) solar energy production facility. The property is described as: Part of The SE1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 12, Warsaw Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 14.12.4.75.002. The property is Zoned UR, Urban Reserve.

3. Interim Use Permit/Dimension Energy (Reuvers) - Section 7, Walcott Township

Daniel Solorzano of Dimension Energy, on behalf of landowner Paul D Reuvers, has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a 4.95-MW(AC) solar energy production facility. The property is described as: Part of The NE1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 7, Walcott Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 15.07.3.25.001. The property is Zoned UR, Urban Reserve.

4. Interim Use Permit/Timm's Trucking (Medford Properties II LLC) - Section 33, Walcott Township

Zach Timm of Timm's Trucking, on behalf of landowner Medford Properties II LLC, has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a temporary equipment placement permit for a gravel crushing, screening and sorting operation. The property is described as: Part of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 33, Walcott Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 15.33.3.50.001. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

5. Interim Use Permit/Furball Farm - Section 9, Walcott Township

Brett Johnson, on behalf of landowner Furball Farm Cat Sanctuary, 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 the NE1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 9, Walcott Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 15.09.2.00.001. Property address is: 3405 220th St E, Faribault, MN 55021. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

6. Interim Use Permit/Wieme - Section 34, Wells Township

Andrew Wieme has applied for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a short-term rental in an existing dwelling. The property is described as: Lot 4, Block 3 Dels View Subdivision, in the NW1/4, Section 34, Wells Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 10.34.2.26.024. Property address is: 3900 Wells Lake Way, Faribault, MN 55021. The property is Zoned GDS, General Development Shoreland.

7. Waiver of Plat/Kalow (Krenz) - Section 3, Warsaw Township

Kathy Kalow, on behalf of landowners Walter and Elaine Krenz, has applied for a Waiver of Plat to create a 2.6-acre building site through the use of a Transfer Development Right (TDR). The property is described as: Part of Government Lot 3 in the N1/2, Section 3, Warsaw Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 14.03.4.25.001. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

V. 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 November 18, 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: 160 398 6733 **Passcode:** 194933

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