

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, November 18, 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 Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on November 4, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution #25-041/Resolution Adopting & Confirming Special Assessments for 2026 Circle Lake Improvement District.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to table the Interim Use Permit for Cole Bearden of New Leaf Energy, on behalf of landowners Poplar Grove Farms LLC and Richard Nielsen, to the December 2, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting. The property is located in Section 23 of Morristown Township.**
RESULT: Tabled, 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 Interim Use Permit with the following conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Angela Becker of Nokomis Energy, on Behalf of Carver Garden LLC and landowner Rita Carver. The property is located in Section 28 of Cannon City Township.**
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 Interim Use Permit with the following conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Daniel Solorzano of Dimension Energy, on behalf of landowner Jeanette F Reuvers. The property is located in Section 12 of Warsaw Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the following conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Dimension Energy, on behalf of landowner Paul D. Reuvers. The property is located in Section 7 of Walcott Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the following conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Zach Timm of Timm's Trucking, on behalf of landowner Medford Properties II LLC. The property is located in Section 33 of Walcott Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the following conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Brett Johnson, on behalf of landowner Furbal Farm Cat Sanctuary. The property is located in Section 9 of Walcott Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie

Peters, NAYS: None

- G. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the following conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Andrew Wieme. The property is located in Section 34 of Wells Township.**

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

- H. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the following conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Kathy Kalow, on behalf of landowners Walter and Elaine Krenz. The property is located in Section 3 of Warsaw Township.**

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

- I. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to adopt Resolution #25-046 - Resolution Adopting Amendments to the Rice County Zoning Ordinance to allow solar Energy Production as an Interim Use with Standards within the Urban Reserve Industrial District.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: Galen Malecha

IV. **FACILITIES: Chris Kluge**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to award a contract to NCC Builders for the Conservation Building part 1 structure repairs and removal of two lean-to structures in the amount of \$22,510.00. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl to award a contract to WEB Construction for the Conservation Building part 2 roofing repairs and replacement in the amount of \$35,804.00 with a total project cost being \$58,314.00.**

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

V. **CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES: Chris Sammon**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve Rice County Family Services Collaborative-Parent Leadership Training Institute Grant.**

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

- B. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to accept the 2026 Children's Mental Health Screening Grant from DHS.**

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

VI. **HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe**

- A. Dennis provided updates on completed projects and discussed plans for future projects.

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution # 25-044, Supporting Rice County Local Road Improvement Program Grant Application, County State Aid Highway No. 20 (Phase 1)**

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 adopt Resolution #25-045, Support for Bridgewater Township Application for Local Road Improvement Program Funding.**

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

VII. **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 10-31-2025

2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,373,946.54 ABC Bus Inc 4,117.44, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 22,915.93, Allina Health 3,459.57, Association Of Minnesota Counties 2,000.00, Borneke Construction Inc

516,097.39, Bound Tree Medical Llc 2,000.18, Cardinal Health 110 Inc 3,231.52, Carr's Tree Service Inc 2,000.00, Community Co-Op General Office 8,892.30, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 20,832.00, Consolidated Management Company 13,786.08, Dahle Enterprises 30,722.30, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 77,843.42, Dodge of Burnsville Inc 42,043.00, Guardian Fleet Safety 30,657.92, Hallberg Engineering Inc 5,250.00, Hammerschmidt/Jeff 3,400.00, Information Systems Corp 11,800.00, Kielmeyer Construction Inc 15,831.79, Le Sueur County Sheriff 3,012.04, Le Sueur County Sheriff 2,975.94, LeadsOnline LLC 3,230.00, M & W Blacktopping LLC 17,675.00, Matejcek Implement 4,097.04, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc 2,080.98, Metro Sales Inc 10,502.56, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 2,504.00, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 2,308.00, Minnesota State Treasurer 14,679.50, Northland Business Systems Inc 3,024.64, Nuss Truck Group Inc 8,124.99, Poms Tire Service 4,766.80, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,758.01, Scott County Treasurer 10,134.00, SHI International Corp 5,524.95, Stepp Manufacturing Co Inc 206,819.00, Streichers 2,490.91, Thomson Reuters - West 3,525.70, Tibex Technology 3,125.38, Community Living Options 2,358.48, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 11,931.16, Faribault Martin Human Services 6,244.00, Gardner/Kendra & Jeremy 2,728.62, Heartland Girls Ranch 11,139.23, Jaspers, Moriarty & Wetherille P.A. 3,349.79, Koger/Carol L 3,020.02, Lssmn 6,793.96, Messick Law PLLC 3,285.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 21,523.56, Scott County Treasurer 32,344.00, Village Ranch Inc 14,943.55, Workforce Development Inc 21,668.00, Zumbro Valley Health Center 5,980.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Raisa Hashi FT, Somali Interpreter Office Support Specialist, Social Services at \$24.39/hr., eff. 11/10/2025

Taylor Donnelly FT, Financial Officer, Finance at \$41.45/hr., eff. 11/24/2025

B. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and adopt Resolution #25-040 accepting the Transfer of the Henry Mower Rice Statue from the State of Minnesota.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Underdahl, 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 25th day of November 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator