



RICE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading of Notice
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - November 6, 2025

II. House Keeping Items

1. Election of 2026 Board of Adjustment Chair
2. Election of 2026 Board of Adjustment Vice Chair
3. Appointment of 2026 Board of Adjustment Secretary
4. 2026 Meeting Schedule
5. Public Comment Time Limit

III. New Business

1. Variance/Blake (Gunderson) - Section 36, Northfield Township

Beau and Maren Blake, on behalf of landowners Lyle and Nancy Gunderson, has applied for the following variance:

- A 5% variance from the 18% slope limitation to allow for grading of a driveway on an existing slope of 23%.

The property is described as: Part of the SE1/4, Section 36, T112N, R19W, Northfield Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID# 04.36.4.75.001. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

IV. Adjournment

Board of Adjustment 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 Board of Adjustment publicly discusses the information and reviews the findings before making a motion to recommend approval, denial or to continue the item.

Remote access for the public includes the following:

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Meeting ID: 160 208 0335

Passcode: 036452

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