

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Charlie Peters, Chairperson. Members present were: Malecha, Underdahl, and Hoisington.
- B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the agenda as presented.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- C. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on March 10th, 2026.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adopt Resolution #26-009, Adopting Rice County Subdivision Ordinance #550 and repealing Chapter 523 of the Rice County Zoning Ordinance.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution #26-012, Resolution to Amend the Rice County Zoning Ordinance to Allow Contractor's Office & Yard Complex with standards in the Highway Commercial District.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adopt Resolution #26-013, Amending the Rice County Zoning Map in Section 36 of Webster Township.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- D. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Corey Kielmeyer, on behalf of landowner Kielmeyer Construction Inc. The property is located in Section 34 of Webster Township.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- E. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Corey Kielmeyer, on behalf of landowner Paul Donkers. The property is located in Section 12 of Walcott Township.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- F. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Corey Kielmeyer, on behalf of landowner Kielmeyer Construction Inc. The property is located in Section 10 of Wheeling Township.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- G. Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Waiver of Plat and conservation easement with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Kate Biermaier, on behalf of landowner Sherri Wood. The property is located in Section 27 of Walcott Township.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- H. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Waiver of Plat and conservation easement with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Charles Walior, on behalf of landowners Courtney and Ryan Defries. The

property is located in Section 15 of Shieldsville Township.

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

- I. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Jeff and Kyle DeRudder, on behalf of landowner DeRudder Properties LLC. The property is located in Section 16 of Webster Township.**

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

- J. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to deny the Interim Use Permit with the findings of fact and as recommended by the Planning Commission for Michael Rogers. The property is located in Section 15 of Cannon City Township.**

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

- K. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Randy Timm, on behalf of landowner Timm's Trucking Inc. The property is located in Section 23 of Morristown Township.**

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

- L. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the proposed fees associated with the newly adopted subdivision processes.**

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

- M. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to authorize the purchase of 840 (64-gallon) recycling carts from Cascade Engineering in the amount of \$37,758.00.**

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

- N. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the purchase of the BOMAG (BC 873 RB-S) Landfill Compactor from RMS in the amount of \$868,253 after trade-in of the existing Caterpillar 628K Landfill Compactor and including warranty, and to authorize staff to enter into a PM Service Agreement for \$244,460.06.**

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

- O. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the purchase of 2 GMC Sierra 1500 Trucks for the Planning & Zoning department, in the amount of 40,611.60 each + applicable fees.**

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

III. **OUTSIDE AGENCY: Le Sueur County Environmental Services**

- A. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Galen Malecha, approved the Rice County cash match of \$5,000 toward the Cannon River Flood Study led by Le Sueur County.**

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

IV. **PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson**

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Permit for Off-Site Gambling for Elko Baseball Club Inc at Ranchero Supper Club at 4452 40th St W Webster on April 23, 2026.**

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

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Application for Consumption and Display Permit for Jonette Krueger dba Grandmas Lakeside Resort at 17000 Elmore Way, Faribault, for the licensing period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.**

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

- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Application for Consumption and Display Permit for The Barn at Crocker's Creek at 24141 Bagley Ave, Faribault, for the licensing period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.**

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

- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Tax-Exempt Gambling Permit for the Lakeville Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Chapter 115 for April 28, 2026, at Brewsters Bar & Grill at 9856 50th St W, Veseli.**

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

V. **OUTSIDE AGENCY: MN DNR-**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, requesting approval and adoption of Resolution 26-014 DNR Land Acquisition in Northfield Township.**

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

VI. **FACILITIES: Chris Kluge**

- A. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Otis Service and Repair Proposal in the amount of \$73,125.12 for LEC Elevator 2.**

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

VII. **CHILD AND FAMILY: Chris Sammon**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, approval of the proclamation for April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.**

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

VIII. **ADULT SERVICES: Megan Thomas**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve declaring a solar panel and exercise bike from the Friendship House as County Surplus.**

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

IX. **EXTENSION SERVICE: Lisa Dierks**

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve Amendment 1 to the Agreement between the Regents of the University of Minnesota through its Extension and Rice County, Minnesota.**

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

X. **ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted**

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 03-06-2026

2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,080,581.83 180 Degrees, Inc 15,854.44, Alternative Resolutions Inc 7,392.63, Anderson Rock & Lime Inc 2,989.40, Aspen Mills Inc 4,610.00, Avenu Insights & Analytics 7,862.35, Baycom Inc 5,092.00, BHE Community Solar LLC 14,460.15, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 2,643.34, CivicPlus LLC 39,993.77, Community Action Center, Inc 3,816.00, Community Co-Op General Office 16,226.47, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 45,604.80, Consolidated Management Company 14,502.94, County Line Materials Inc 2,852.22, Dakota County Financial Services 17,128.95, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 8,042.06, Dem-Con Trucking 19,131.35, Dick's Sanitation 26,173.44, Ecker/Stephen R 2,550.00, Emerge Enterprises 3,510.00, Environmental Plant Services Inc 18,700.00, Faribault City 22,806.51, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 21,742.28, Goodhue County Health & Human Services 3,717.00, Guardian Fleet Safety 22,762.51, Houston County Sheriff 2,400.00, Interstate Power Systems Inc 2,278.52, iSpace Environments Inc 63,159.92, Kibble Equipment 23,346.52, Kilgore/Douglas 4,450.00, Lenway Law Office 4,830.00, Liberty Tire Recycling Llc 2,531.54, Lonsdale City 4,237.65, Martin/James R 2,700.00, MCIT 12,620.00, MetLife 19,402.54, Minnesota Counties

Computer Coop 11,730.00, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 3,487.25, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,502.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,560.00, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 20,990.93, Northfield Public Schools 10,223.31, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 12,544.00, Office of MN IT Services 3,442.44, Precision Land Title 32,877.00, Quadient Finance USA Inc 4,000.00, R C Bliss Inc 64,188.08, Rice County Soil & Water Cons 24,238.00, Schneider Geospatial LLC 4,265.55, SHI International Corp 219,314.11, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric 5,616.46, Streichers 2,052.09, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 3,300.00, Ziegler Inc 4,271.71, Dorr/Carmen 2,316.00, Access On Time Companies Inc 4,552.00, Community Action Center, Inc 6,656.83, Community Living Options 2,130.24, Dimick/Dan 8,039.88, Heartland Girls Ranch 18,895.50, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,244.28

3. Personnel Appointments

Brittany Corbin FT, Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$31.67/hr., eff. 3/17/2026

Lornette Schmitz FT, Office Specialist, Public Health at \$25.24/hr., eff. 4/6/2026

Yatzari Balderas FT, Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$31.67/hr., eff. 3/30/2026

B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve established temporary modified public business hours for the Government Services Building to be Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting May 18, 2026, through Friday, September 25, 2026.**

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

C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve established temporary modified public business hours for the Government Services Building to be Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting Monday, May 18, 2026, through Friday, September 26, 2026.**

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

D. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, approval of the updated Lease Agreement for Rice County Historical Society.**

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 14th day of April 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator