

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building  
Tuesday, April 14, 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 Peters, Purfeerst, Malecha, and Underdahl. Hoisington was absent.

Today's Board Meeting was also Youth and Government Day for Students. All Commissioners, along with County Staff, introduced themselves to the students present.

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the agenda as presented.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, requesting approval for the Regular Board Minutes from March 24th, 2026.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

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

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Renewal of Consumption and Display permit for Winjum Shady Acres Resort, 17759 W 177th St, Faribault, for the licensing period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Consumption and Display permit for Fireside Orchard & Gardens, 2225 Lonsdale Boulevard E, Northfield, for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

**III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Mitch Dvorak. The property is located in Section 16 of Webster Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Sam Casalenda, on behalf of landowner Casa Properties LLC. The property is located in Section 3 of Webster Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Marc Chmelik, on behalf of landowners Herbert and Janice Thielbar. The property is located in Section 16 of Warsaw Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Preliminary Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Jeffery Jandro. The property is located in Section 12 of Richland Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for David Watts of US Solar, on behalf of landowners Joseph and Constance DeGrood Revocable Trusts. The property is located in Section 11 of Warsaw Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

None

- F. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Ella Clobes, on behalf of landowner Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy. The property is located in Section 12 of Wheeling Township.**

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

- G. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the purchase of six portable litter fences from Metta Technologies in the amount of \$45,400.00.**

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

- H. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to authorize purchase of five roll-off containers from WasteQuip in the amount of \$39,843.64.**

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

IV. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approve purchase of seven copiers from Metro Sales for \$88,671.00 as quoted.**

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

V. **COMMUNITY SERVICES: Rick Gieseke**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Lighthouse Transportation Contract.**

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

VI. **ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Brian Mortenson**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the proclamation for National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25.**

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

VII. **HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebke**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to award contract # 2667 to Gallagher Asphalt Corp. in the amount of \$396,271.30 for project CP 35-23.**

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

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the updated Snow and Ice Removal Policy.**

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

VIII. **FINANCE: Peggy Schaak**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution #26-016 authorizing sponsorship of trails operated by the Faribo Sno-Go Club.**

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

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, approves two-year agricultural lease agreements.**

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

IX. **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, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 03-20-2026

2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$2,544,790.53 180 Degrees, Inc 6,228.53, 3SI Security Systems, Inc 3,600.00, ADP Inc 6,687.95, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 54,236.20, Advanced Septic Solutions Inc 15,052.55, Ahlman's 8,399.88, Amazon Capital Services Inc 2,718.29, Amherst H Wilder Foundation 6,750.00, APG Media of So Minnesota LLC 14,630.88, B&B Pumping & Portables Inc 5,180.00, Carlson/Scott 4,000.00, Central Pension Fund 7,040.00, Community Co-Op General Office 15,880.46, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 35,330.40, County Line Materials Inc 4,288.33, Dennehey/Robert & Key Heaser / Klingberg 18,000.00, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 145,106.25, Dick's Sanitation 26,840.40, Ecker/Stephen R 2,550.00, Egan Company 8,619.00, Election Systems & Software Inc 10,291.76, Esri Inc 58,500.00, Faribault City 77,950.75, Glenn's Service Inc 2,671.07, Great Lakes Salt Company 35,213.30, Guardian Fleet Safety 23,123.68, H&R Construction Co 4,354.47, Houck Transit Advertising 2,100.00, I & S Group Inc 3,750.00, Innovative Office Solutions 3,228.14, Kielmeyer Construction Inc 2,501.40, Kilgore/Douglas 2,550.00, Law Enforcement Labor Services 2,114.50, Lonsdale City 7,437.50, Magnet Forensics LLC 13,345.00, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 257,854.70, Metro Sales Inc 15,565.41, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 11,020.24, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 8,089.75, Minnesota State Treasurer 13,672.50, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,751.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,512.00, Nelson's Agri Structures 16,666.67, Neogov 11,582.44, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 8,328.32, Northfield City 52,661.40, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 14,001.86, Nuss Truck Group Inc 10,763.43, RDO Equipment Co 7,334.11, Regents Of The U of M 46,281.25, Rice County Agricultural Society 5,000.00, Rice County Historical Society 11,250.00, Rice County Soil & Water Cons 62,346.00, State Industrial Products 2,074.39, Steele County Treasurer 525,493.50, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric 3,783.26, T Mobile 8,914.00, Thomson Reuters - West 8,212.47, Tibex Technology 27,268.47, Truck Center Companies 8,921.78, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 11,410.00, Xcel Energy 4,381.98, Ziegler Inc 17,811.91 180 Degrees, Inc 2,993.98, Access On Time Companies Inc 23,468.00, 3,781.80, Alternative Resolutions Inc 25,376.17, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 3,931.93, Blue Earth County Human Services 5,109.20, BROWN COUNTY EVALUATION CENTER 4,002.89, Carlson/Niki Jo 2,199.45, Cedar Valley Services Inc 35,868.08, Christensen/David or Anita 3,858.71, Community Living Options 2,358.48, David R Borchardt Attorney At Law 6,330.00, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 15,309.85, Dimick/Dan 3,847.72, Donnelly Law Office 2,656.67, Ecker/Stephen R 6,000.00, Forensic Nursing Home 3,609.20, GONZALEZ/CYNTHIA & TRINIDAD 2,975.07, Heartland Girls Ranch 13,016.90, Horizon Homes Inc 73,275.87, Junk Truck MN 2,023.50, 2,114.00, Lssmn 6,793.96, Messick Law PLLC 14,593.44, Moose Lake RTC 4,865.00, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 12,614.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 16,976.96, Nicollet County Social Services 4,091.42, Olsem/Lori 4,591.90, Peterfeso/Charlie & Jenna 2,165.66, Sawatzke/Haley Jo 3,274.51, Schoenbauer/Holly or David 2,381.59, Scott County Treasurer 207,784.00, St Peter Rtc 7,011.20, Village Ranch Inc 13,190.03, West Central Regional Juvenile Center 9,100.00, Workforce Development Inc 16,867.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Tatiana Achcar, FT, Crime Victim Services Coordinator, Attorney's Office, at \$33.74/hr., eff. 4/27/2026

**B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, requesting approval of the National County Government Month 2026 Proclamation.**

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 28th day of April, 2026.**

**RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Charlie Peters, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

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Sara Folsted, County Administrator