

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, June 9, 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: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl, and Hoisington.
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 26, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. OUTSIDE AGENCY: Senator Jasinski

- A. Senator John Jasinski gave updates on the 2026 Legislative Session.

III. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Renewal of the Tobacco License for Lake County Convenience & Bait, 15090 Shieldsville Blvd, Faribault, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the renewal of the On Sale, including the Sunday Liquor License for Willinger's Golf Club, 6797 Canby Trail, Northfield, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the renewal of the On & Off Sale, including Sunday Liquor License for Boonies Bar & Grill, 3301 Millersburg Blvd, Faribault, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve to renew the Tobacco License for Pilot Travel Center #576, 8051 Bagley Ave, Northfield, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
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 Temporary On Sale Liquor Permit for North Morristown Commercial Club, at 10500 215th St W, Morristown, for July 4, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Amber Cunningham, on behalf of landowners Glenn and Cynthia Cunningham. The property is located in Section 5 of Warsaw Township.**
RESULT: Approved, 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 Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Byron O'Connor. The property is located in Section 21 of Warsaw Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **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 Gary Lee Johnson, on behalf of Max Johnson Trucking Inc. The property is located in Section 29 of Forest Township.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Mahmood Al Rahawi, on behalf of Landowner Sam Logistic Corporation. The property is located in Section 36 of Webster Township.**

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

- E. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Preliminary Development Plan with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Roy A Winjum. The property is located in Section 21 of Wells Township.**

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

- F. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve publishing the Intent to Enact and setting a public hearing for 6:30 pm July 2, 2026, regarding adopting a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone property from Natural Environment Shoreland to Recreational Development Shoreland for Russ Roe, on behalf of landowners Jeremy Schwartz, Darlene Schwartz, and Dawn Anderson. The property is located in Section 19 of Morristown Township.**

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

- G. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve and adopt Resolution #26-023 - Accepting GreenCorps Host Site Agreement For the 2026-2027 Program Year.**

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

- H. Agreed by all Commissioners to continue with the planning of the Community Engagement and Scope of Trail Planning Connecting Dundas to the Cannon River Wilderness Park.

V. **FACILITIES: Chris Kluge**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, approved the three-year contract for fleet management information system and telematics services with RTA Fleet360 and GPS Insight for \$81,852.60.**

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

VI. **COMMUNITY SERVICES: Rick Gieseke**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, approves the out-of-state travel request for Angela Brewer to attend the 2026 Basic Financial Management Training Seminar in Washington, D.C., from June 24–25, 2026.**

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

VII. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, requesting approval for the 2026 State of Minnesota DNR Annual Water Safety Grant.**

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

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

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, Approval of Grant Contract Agreement Amendment for Crime Victim Services Grant.**

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

IX. **HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe**

- A. Discussion of the next steps in the project. Hoping to bring an updated contract to the next Committee Meeting.

X. **DRAINAGE AUTHORITY: Jarett Spitzak**

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to go into the Drainage Authority.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Adopt Findings and Order Initiating the Redetermination of Benefits for each individual Rice County Ditch, including: COUNTY DITCHES 2, 4, 6, 13A, 15, 26, 29, 11A, 20, 22, 30, 32A, 9, 14, 17, 25, 31, 7, 12, 16, 23, 27, and 33.

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

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to go out of the Drainage Authority.

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

XI. 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, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 05-15-2026
2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,265,838.87 180 Degrees, Inc 2,993.98, Access On Time Companies Inc 2,992.00, Carlson/Jessica 4,124.46, Carlson/Niki Jo 2,199.45, Cedar Valley Services Inc 17,985.04, Danielson/Debbie 2,042.59, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 14,030.81,-----2,320.44, Heartland Girls Ranch 13,016.90, Hunt/Courtney 4,096.65, Messick Law PLLC 3,304.00, Miller/Greg 3,849.89, Muellerleile/Jason 2,547.27, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 20,356.46, Peterfeso/Charlie & Jenna 2,165.66, Rebound Inc 48,950.00, West Central Regional Juvenile Center 9,750.00, Workforce Development Inc 17,648.00, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 25,072.24, Ahlman's 13,650.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 9,085.06, Axon Enterprise Inc 94,410.69, Bierman Benson & Langehough Funeral Home 2,534.00, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 7,171.65, Boostlingo LLC 2,090.01, Braun Intertec Corp 4,070.45, Cdw Government Inc 33,946.51, Central Pension Fund 5,134.98, Community Co-Op General Office 7,262.08, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 2,871.38, Core Professional Services 2,100.00, Courtyard Marriott 5,352.79, Election Systems & Software Inc 6,327.00, Faribault City 7,827.32, Glenn's Service Inc 16,782.51, Great River Energy 25,000.00, Guardian Fleet Safety 9,491.10, H2Over Viewers LLC 17,968.22, Irwin Law Office 17,502.00, Jaak LLC 2,255.00, Jennifer Weigelt, PhD, LLC 3,000.00, Kilgore/Douglas 4,300.00, Loffler Companies Inc 30,271.91, LSQ Funding Group Inc 3,968.45, Lundberg Funeral Home Inc 2,158.00, Martin/James R 3,100.00, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 177,576.21, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 13,083.97, Minnesota State Bar Association 2,900.00, Minnesota State Treasurer 14,078.00, Nuss Truck Group Inc 11,471.98, Olmsted Aggregate 32,914.92, Paape Companies Inc 4,055.00, PSC Alliance Inc 7,580.00, State Industrial Products 2,262.68, Streichers 4,902.72, Thomson Reuters - West 2,729.70, Timms Trucking Inc 70,550.00, Towmaster 210,529.00, Vanguard Appraisals Inc 14,500.00, WMS Weber Multi Services 34,012.95, Wold Architects And Engineers Inc 2,193.80, Ziegler Inc 28,725.70

3. Personnel Appointments

Amber Voegelé FT, Office Support Specialist, Sheriff's Office at \$22.59/hr., eff. 6/15/2026
Julie Valente, Temporary PT, HR Generalist, Human Resources at \$33.11/hr., eff. 6/8/2026
Chris Brekke FT, Heavy Equipment Operator, Environmental Services-Landfill at \$27.02/hr., eff. 6/8/2026

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, 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 23rd day of June 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator