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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair John Weiers called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: John Weiers, Chris Carlson, Deanna Soderberg, Amy Birnbaum, Loren Lueck and Steven Johnson.

Members Absent: Kendal Braun

Zoning staff present: Keenan Hayes, Jessca Sonsteby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chair John Weiers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Loren Lueck makes a motion to elect John Weiers as Chair.

Chris Carlson seconded the motion to elect John Weiers as chair.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Chris Carlson makes a motion to elect Steve Johnson as the Vice Chair.

Amy Birnbaum seconded the motion to elect Steve Johnson as the Vice Chair.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

DECEMEBER 8TH, 2025

Mr. Lueck makes a motion to approve the December 8, 2025, minutes as presented and seconded by Mr. Carlson.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY TONY ROBACK FOR A REZONE

No written comment.

Mr. Hayes states that the applicant would like to change the original request to rezone the property from Industrial to Commercial.

Public comment opens and closes 6:03pm

Mr. Carlson makes a motion to approve the request as presented and seconded by Mr. Lueck.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY BRIAN NELSON FOR A REZONE

Mr. Hayes reads the staff report.

No written comment.

Mr. Weiers asks the applicant to step up for questions. Mr. Johnson asks where the land was coming from. The applicant states from the property to the west of him.

Public comment opens and closes at 6:10pm

Matt Gorshe; 14217 180th St, a property owner that will be selling his land to the applicant, asks about the setback requirement for the agricultural and rural residential zoning district. Mr. Hayes explains that the Agricultural zoning district side yard setback is 100' and in Rural Residential, the side yard setback is 20'.

The board discusses the process for this property to come into compliance with the pole shed that has already been built. Mr. Hayes explains that the rezone has to be completed first, so the applicant can meet the 20' side yard setback; the applicant will be applying for a lot line adjustment once the rezone is approved, bringing the property into compliance with the MLC DO.

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to approve the request as submitted and seconded by Mrs. Birnbaum.

Motions carries 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY TROY DANNER FOR A REZONE

Application withdrawn by applicant and pulled from agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY RYAN GUNDERSON FOR A CUP FOR A TANK FARM

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Mr. Hayes reads the staff report.

Written comment: Lee Silverness; 10953 17th Street, Princeton, MN 55371:

"Hello, my name is Lee Silverness, and I believe I must own property adjacent to the proposed tank farm. I would like to say I am against anything that potentially reduces the value and options I have for my property. I have held my land for a long time now and have not excluded the option of living on it someday. I don't know what a tank farm is but I'm sure it's not something I would want to live next to."

Public comment opens and closes at 6:19pm

No discussion.

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to approve the request as submitted and seconded by Mr. Carlson.
Motions carries 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY JACOB MICKUS FOR A CUP FOR CANNABIS
CULTIVATION

Withdraw application due to property being in violation of Mille Lacs County Development Ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm and is seconded by Mr. Carlson.
Motion carried unanimously 6-0.