



MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFICIAL MINUTES

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VILLAGE RANCH INC	47,052.73
205 VENDORS UNDER \$2,000	84,495.44
TOTAL PAID	\$ 1,348,057.64
TAXABLE MEALS	\$ 90.64
COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$ 301.30

- Approve August 31, 2023 Cash Report
- Approve St. Joseph Catholic Church to hold Bingo and a Raffle on December 3rd, 2023 & March 3, 2024 at St Joseph Parish Hall
- Approve Lincoln Gas Bait Liquor License for new Owner
- Approve Lincoln Gas Bait Tobacco License for new Owner

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by Commissioner LeMieur, seconded by Commissioner Blaine and carried unanimously to proclaim October 2023 as Farm to School Month in Morrison County.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Winscher, seconded by Commissioner LeMieur and carried unanimously to proclaim October 1-7, 2023 as National 4-H Week in Morrison County.

LAND SERVICES

The County Board considered the Conditional Use Permit application for Robin Winscher to Establish a Tier II (301 to 650 animal units) beef/poultry feedlot including condition; located in Section 27 of Buckman Township; per recommendation from the Morrison County Planning Commission on September 19, 2023. A motion was made by Commissioner LeMieur, seconded by Commissioner Winscher and carried unanimously to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, revised conditions and Conditional Use Permit. A copy of the Findings of Fact and Decision are attached to these minutes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Nicole Kern, Director, presented the County Board with the Annual 2023 Community Corrections Update.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Nate Bertram, Director, Amy Waldvogel, Supervisor, and Karen Szczodroski, Supervisor, presented the County Board with the Health and Human Services 2023 Fraud Report, and comparison.

Nate Bertram, Director, Jeff Bowman, Supervisor, and Aaron Stein, Supervisor, reported on Health and Human Services Waiver Services provided to our Residents. This report contained a review of services and processes presenting previous years, costs, and case numbers.

The County Board recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 10:58 a.m.



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ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Blaine, seconded by Commissioner Winscher to approve the 2024 Morrison County 2024 Preliminary Levy at \$21,981,347 with an increase of 3.95%. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Commissioner Winscher, seconded by Commissioner Blaine to approve the 2024 Preliminary Budget at \$58,393,958 with an increase of 2.9%. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Commissioner LeMieur, seconded by Commissioner Winscher to approve the 2024 Preliminary Levy for the Morrison County Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) of \$70,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting 'aye'. This is a \$30,000 increase from the 2023 Final Levy.

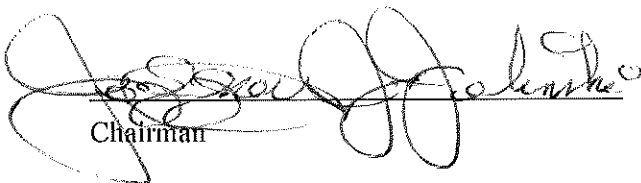
A motion was made by Commissioner Winscher, seconded by Commissioner LeMieur to set Public Hearing for December 7th at 6:00 pm for the 2024 County Fee Schedule, and 6:15 pm for the 2024 Final Levy and Budget (Truth in Taxation). Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting 'aye'. Hearings need to be held between November 25th and December 28th, after 6:00pm.

COUNTY BOARD REPORTS AND SCHEDULE

Members of the County Board reported on various meetings they have attended and on their upcoming schedule of meetings with various organizations.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jelinski adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.



Chairman



Clerk to the County Board



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The meeting was held in the County Board Room, Government Center, Little Falls MN, and was called to order at 9:00a.m. by Chairman Jelinski.

Members present: Commissioners Mike LeMieur, Jeffrey Jelinski, Randy Winscher, Greg Blaine and Bobby Kasper.

Staff present: Matt LeBlanc, Tabitha Maher, Amy Middendorf, Jenny Sanders, Shannon Coyle, Nate Bertram, Tony Hennen, Amy Kowalzek, Curt Bryniarski, Carmen Backowski, Amy Waldvogel, Karen Szczodroski, Jeff Bowman, Aaron Stein, Emily Loomis, Nicole Kern, Denise Vogl.

Others present: Joseph Stanichar, Becky Moe, Samantha Barron, Sheila Watercott, Brenda Rudolph, Marsha Krebs, Everett Rudolph, Jake Virnig, Ben Rudolph, Daniel Gunderson, Bryce Roerick, Dillon Krebs, Vivian Rudolph, Antonio Becker, Megan Fellbaum, Josie Roerick, Alicia Holtz, Madison Holtz, and Landon Krebs.

AGENDA CHANGES

A motion was made by Commissioner Winscher, seconded by Commissioner LeMieur and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner LeMieur, seconded by Commissioner Kasper to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting 'aye'.

- Approve County Board Minutes 9.12
- Approve Warrants

SEPTEMBER 28'23 COMMISSIONER

WARRANTS	AMOUNT
180 DEGREES	12,893.50
BEN'S STRUCTURAL FABRICATION	33,523.60
CARE CAB LLC	3,163.20
CARGILL INC	6,886.56
CENTRAL MN MENTAL HEALTH CTR	6,600.00
CHOSEN VALLEY TESTING	2,764.00
CIRCUITWORKS	2,990.00
CONTEGRITY GROUP, INC	24,132.35
DALE'S FARM REPAIR	5,060.58
DHS - MAPS	71,768.24
DHS - MOOSE LAKE 462	2,599.65
DHS-MN SEX OFFENDER 462	11,879.20
DISCOVERY HORSE	3,113.75
EAGLE CONSTRUCTION, INC	2,280.00
ECM PUBLISHERS INC	2,149.80



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EL-JAY PLUMBING & HEATING INC	198,849.25
EVERBRIDGE INC	9,555.00
GOTVALD ENTERPRISES	4,106.00
GRANITE ELECTRONICS INC	11,860.00
GREATER MN FAMILY SERVICES	2,113.02
HERZOG ROOFING, INC	203,287.65
JOHNSON CONTROLS	26,719.69
KAPUS EXCAVATING LLC	14,875.00
KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION	42,748.53
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	27,424.80
LASH'S AUTO REPAIR	8,918.58
LITTLE FALLS CITY	85,189.33
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE-ST CLOUD	2,595.25
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY INC	5,380.12
MCDOWALL COMPANY	10,674.20
MID MN DRUG TESTING	3,651.00
NEXUS - KINDRED FAMILY HEALING	10,408.42
NORTH HOMES INC	15,593.10
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH,INC	10,750.00
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	2,773.29
PIERZ SANITATION INC	4,796.80
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	5,927.82
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	3,452.02
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	2,611.25
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	2,581.38
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	2,500.00
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	2,444.10
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	2,192.94
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	2,186.93
PRIVATE CLIENT VENDOR	2,097.57
RANGE INC	4,377.98
REM-CENTRAL LAKES, INC	2,085.06
RODEN IRON INC	72,675.00
SAEHR BACKHOE & GRAVEL INC	2,482.50
SCHOOL DISTRICT - 482	3,555.82
SW INC	3,260.00
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	2,095.60
TODD COUNTY	200,000.00
TRI-COUNTY ACTION PRGM INC	2,500.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	3,410.04

DATE: 9/26

MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY BOARD MEETING

PLEASE SIGN IN

NAME	ADDRESS/REPRESENTING
Ben Rudolph	4-H
Jake Virnig	4-H
Landon Krebs	4-H
David Gundersen	4-H
Bryce Roerick	4-H
Josie Roerick	4-H
Marsha Krebs	4-H
Dillon Krebs	4-H
Alicia Holtz	4-H
Antonio Becker	4H
Maddie Holtz	4H
Megan Fellbaum	4H
Brenda Rudolph	4H volunteer
Everett Rudolph	4H
Vivian Rudolph	4H
Samantha Barron	Extension/SNAP-Ed
Carmen Baekawski	HHS
Emily Loomis	HHS

RESOLUTION #2023-045

APPROVING MINNESOTA EXEMPT PERMIT FOR LAWFUL GAMBLING FOR ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH TO HOLD BINGO AND A RAFFLE ON DECEMBER 3RD, 2023 & MARCH 3RD, 2024 -LOCATED AT ST JOSEPH PARISH HALL; 33018 NATURE RD FOLEY, MN 56329

WHEREAS, St Joseph Catholic Church has submitted an application to the Morrison County Auditor-Treasurers office requesting Morrison County Board of Commissioners approval of a Minnesota Gambling Exempt Permit. The event location will be held at St Joseph Parish Hall; 33018 Nature Rd Foley, MN 56329; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that the organization is collecting gambling monies for lawful purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Morrison County Board of Commissioners approve of the local gambling application for the St Joseph Catholic Church to hold Bingo and a Raffle on December 3rd, 2023 & March 3rd, 2024 located at St Joseph Parish Hall; 33018 Nature Rd Foley, MN 56329.

Adopted this 26th day of September 2023.

STATE OF MINNESOTA }
COUNTY OF MORRISON }

I, Matt LeBlanc, County Administrator, Morrison County, Minnesota hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office of Morrison County in Little Falls, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on this 26th day of September 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness by hand and seal this 26th day of September 2023.



Matt LeBlanc, County Administrator

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abs	Mot	2nd
Jelinski	✓				
Blaine	✓				
Winscher	✓				
Kasper	✓				✓
LeMieur	✓			✓	

October is Farm to School Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Farm to School enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools; and,

WHEREAS, Farm to School supports students' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and,

WHEREAS, Morrison county local farmers, farm workers, and school nutrition professionals are key components of our state's vibrant food system, with many expanding their efforts to provide food to our students and families; and,

WHEREAS, Farm to School efforts in Morrison County involve state agencies, community partners, academia, farmers, and school food service programs across the region working together to lift up children, families, and communities in an equitable and inclusive way; and,

WHEREAS, Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we should show our support and appreciation for our local food and farming heroes and celebrate Farm to School Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, Now, therefore, we, the Morrison County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October as Farm to School Month.



Jeffrey Jelinski, Chairman
Morrison County Board of Commissioners

9-26-2023

Date



WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

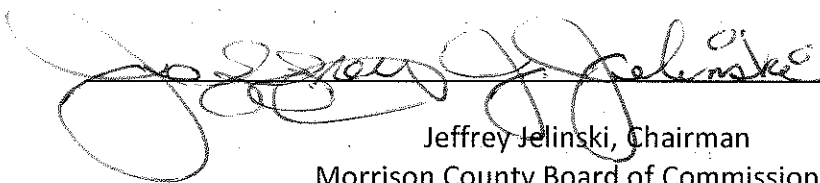
WHEREAS, 4-H has helped over 200 youth in Morrison County to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Morrison County who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey Jelinski, do hereby proclaim October 1–7, 2023 as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Morrison County and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.



Jeffrey Jelinski, Chairman
Morrison County Board of Commissioners

9-26-2023

Date

In the Matter of an Application
by Robin Winscher for a Conditional Use Permit:
PID 04.0425.000

The above application came on for consideration before the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on September 26, 2023. Based upon the application, information received at the public hearing held on September 19, 2023 the recommendations of staff and all files and records relating to the application, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

This is a 150-acre parcel. There is a home on site, but it is not occupied by the landowner. A small beef cow/calf operation exists on the property. Although about 100 animal units are on the property, this is mainly a pasture operation so registration as a feedlot is not required.

The applicant is proposing to establish a Tier II (301 to 650 animal units) beef/poultry feedlot through the addition of two 60' x 624' poultry broiler finishing barns. The total number of animal units would increase to 580.2.

The two barns are proposed on the northeastern part of the property. A new driveway entrance off 63rd Street (County Road 234) to serve the barns.

The proposed driveway entrance has been reviewed by the Public Works Department. The entrance must be permitted, and the existing access off County Road 234 must be removed for this access to be granted.

For manure application, the applicant will utilize 533.2 acres. Most of this acreage is secured with manure transfer agreements. 135 spreadable acres is needed to utilize nitrogen and 496 acres is needed to utilize phosphorous.

The current OFFSET rating for the feedlot is 98%, and the rating for the proposed expansion is 97%.

The applicant has submitted the following plans:

- Morrison County Good Neighbor Plan –The plan identifies that manure will be applied onto the owner's 75 acres and incorporated within four days and the remaining manure will be transferred to other owners. Mortality disposal indicates composting as the primary method and burial as the secondary method.
- Odor Minimization Plan – The plan identifies development of a neighbor relations plan, prompt clean up of spilled feed, reduction of feed waste/water losses, maintenance of exhaust fans and avoiding dust and manure build up, management of mortalities as required by the MN Board of Animal Health, composting of mortalities within an enclosed building, reduced length of time stockpile/manure pack is maintained and consultation with the Feedlot Officer to identify changes for odor minimization.
- Stormwater Plan – The plan calls for check dams, use of berms to control onsite for temporary erosion and sediment control.

The applicant has been made aware that a water appropriation permit may be needed from the DNR.

Agriculture zoning is the only district where new feedlots are allowed. The Morrison County Land Use Ordinance states the purpose of the Agriculture zoning district is to promote and protect areas which have high quality agriculture lands and are essentially rural in nature. Within this district agriculture activities shall be given preference over other uses.

An Environmental Review was conducted by the SWCD. Comment and recommendations were:

- This is an adequate site for a new poultry operation, however many trees must be removed for barn and driveway construction
- There is a small Type I wetland that must be avoided and the barns must meet county setback from it
- Burial of cattle mortalities should discontinue due to a perched water table
- There should be some sort of storage, preferably on a concrete slab, for poultry litter and mortality composting

Applicable Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives:

Agriculture

A1: Ensure that the County provides and protects areas most suitable for a strong and stable agricultural industry, including, but not limited to crop production, animal husbandry, dairy and meat production, pasturelands or other similar uses.

Objective 1: Ensure that County policies and ordinances do not restrict farming practices except as necessary to ensure compliance with law or to protect public health and safety.

Objective 4: Encourage the use of odor reducing technology to minimize the impacts of feedlots on the natural and human environment

Objective 8: Recognize efforts by local and regional organizations to support a local agricultural economy that is sustainable into the future and take action to implement their recommendations when deemed appropriate and consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Goal A2: Achieve an appropriate balance between the continued and growing desire of people and certain businesses to locate in rural settings and the need to accommodate agricultural and other rural land uses in these same areas.

Goal A3: Understand the positive and negative impacts of emerging agricultural practices and uses for agricultural products or lands.

Goal A4: Recognize the importance of agricultural practices, including manure management, tiling, application of fertilizers and pesticides, and clearing of new lands for agricultural uses being done in a responsible manner that protects the County's ground and surface waters, nearby property owners and important wildlife habitats.

Objective 1: Work with local farmers and other landowners, SWCD, state agencies and other interested parties to protect and enhance water quality in an orderly, effective and consistent manner while respecting private property rights. Prioritize the installation or enhancement of vegetative buffers or other best management practices in areas particularly susceptible to erosion or surface water pollution.

Objective 3: Recognize the issues of feedlots and animal confinement areas with other land uses such as residential and commercial development and utilize new and existing controls to minimize conflicts and issues.

Applicable Morrison County Comprehensive Water Plan Goals and Objectives:

Groundwater

Goal 1: Protect and provide high quality groundwater resources for the citizens and visitors of Morrison County.

Goal 2: Preserve and ensure adequate quantity of the groundwater resources for the citizens and visitors of Morrison County.

Surface Water

Goal: To protect, enhance, and maintain the quality of all surface waters in Morrison County (lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands)

Objective A: Reduce impacts of agricultural run-off from feedlots and farming practices by implementing the MN Buffer law on all protected waters and public ditches.

Land Use and Development

Goal: To ensure that land use decisions are compatible with natural resource protection

Objective A: Reduce impacts of agricultural run-off from feedlots and farming practices

A plat map, site drawings and aerial photos were presented.

27 notices were sent out regarding this item; no comment was received.

The Planning Commission had discussion with staff, each other and the applicant about the following:

- One Planning Commission member received a call from a property owner with concern about removal of trees and the desire to keep a tree buffer between the barns and the road to the north
- Only the trees needing removal for the driveway and north barn will be removed; the rest will remain
- Applicant has access to more acreage for manure application if needed
- Clean out of the barn will be stored on the concrete aprons at the end of the barn until it is transferred or spread
- Planning on Class 5 around the barns; discussion of a 50-foot wide permanent vegetative buffer around the barns
- Existing entrance onto 63rd Street will be removed in exchange for the new entrance

The Planning Commission found:

- 1. The use will not put an excessive burden on roadways, utilities and public facilities such as parks and schools.** No excessive burden will be placed on the road with the addition of two poultry barns. Utilities to serve the barns are available.
- 2. The request will not be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.** The closest barn is over 900 feet away from the nearest non-feedlot residence. There will be a buffer between the barn and that residence provided by the remaining trees on the property.
- 3. The use in the opinion of the Planning Commission is reasonably related to the existing land use and the environment. Groundwater, surface water and air quality in the surrounding area will not be adversely affected by the proposed use.** The permanent vegetative buffer around the barns will address any surface water concerns. The Environmental Review indicated this is a good site for barns. A 97% OFFSET rating was calculated.
- 4. The use is consistent with the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance and the purposes of the zoning district in which the applicant intends to locate the proposed use.** No comment was received from any of the neighbors. The proposal exceeds the feedlot setbacks and meets all the performance standards.
- 5. The use is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan or Water Plan of the County.** The Soil and Water Conservation District had some recommendations within the Environmental Review, and the applicant will be implementing those suggestions. All the goals and objectives within the staff report are met.

Motion was made by Marvin Trettel and seconded by John Kunelius to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit application with one condition. The vote was “5” in favor, “0” opposed.

Conditions:

1. A 50-foot-wide grass buffer shall be planted and maintained around both poultry barns.

DECISION

WHEREFORE, the Morrison County Board of Commissioners hereby approves these findings of fact and moves to approve the Conditional Use Permit request to:

Establish a Tier II (301 to 650 animal units) beef/poultry feedlot through the addition of two 60' x 624' poultry broiler finishing barns, located in Section 27, Buckman Township. This permit is granted with two (2) conditions:

1. A 50-foot-wide grass buffer shall be planted and maintained around both poultry barns.
2. The property owner shall keep and maintain the tree buffer between the northern most poultry barn and the road that is remaining after construction of the driveway and barns.



Chairman
Morrison County Board



Clerk
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