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Dodge County to Enact Cannabis Ordinance

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW USES OR THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING USES RELATED TO SALES, TESTING, MANUFACTURING, CULTIVATING, GROWING, TRANSPORTING, DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing for input on the proposed interim ordinance on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Conference Room B, Government Services Building, 721 Main Street North, Mantorville, MN 55955. WHEREAS, the County of Dodge recognizes significant public interest in changes to state law that took effect on August 1, 2023, that will make it legal to use, possess, and sell cannabis and other products containing THC. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Dodge County, Minnesota that the Dodge County Board adopts the following interim ordinance: *(continued on page 9)*

July Dodge County Commissioners Meeting

The Dodge County Commissioners met in regular session July 11, 2023, in the Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 9:30 a.m. Also present: Jim Elmquist County Administrator Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk Paul Kiltinen County Attorney Establish Agenda Agenda Approved Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Toquam to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. It was noted that on page 4 of the minutes, under the authoriza-

tion to advertise for proposals item, any reference to advertising in the DCI will be removed. The project advertising will be sent to Quest.

The Zoning Administrator presented for the Board's consideration the July 5, 2023 Planning Commission recommendations. IUP #23-02 West Reviewed Ms. Grondin discussed IUP #23-02 West. Motion by Toquam seconded by Allen to approve of the following action of the Planning and Zoning Com-

mission as reviewed on July 5, 2023 with the reasons, recommendations and conditions as found in the individual permit IUP #23-02 West The first public hearing to consider an application for Interim Use Permit #23-02 for a request to establish a dwelling on less than 53 acres. The property is located in the Agricultural District on approximately 40 acres, Section 16, Vernon Township. The property owners and applicants are Bryan and Sally West. *(continued on page 2)*



Faith in Action volunteers serving soup at the 2022 Soup and Pie Dinner

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Environmental Services Staff recommends approval of the Interim Use Permit (I.U.P.) as the request meets the ordinance requirements and criteria. The following conditions are recommended: 1. An Ag Covenant shall be signed and recorded prior to issuance of the Zoning Permit. 2. A Septic Permit shall be required prior to issuance of the Zoning Permit. 3. A Dodge County Zoning Permit shall be obtained before construction. 4. An address shall be obtained from the Dodge County Road Authority. 5. Any new access drive shall meet the requirements of the road authority. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

IUP #23-03 Pine Ridge Siberians Reviewed Ms. Grondin reviewed IUP #23-03 Pine Ridge Siberians. Commissioner Toquam wanted to know why recommendation 7 was struck. Ms. Grondin reported that the Planning Commission members voted to remove said condition as they didn't believe it was necessary. The Zoning Administrator noted that said condition was proposed because the commercial kennels that currently operate within the County are inspected, per condition, on an annual basis. Since this is the first private kennel, it was proposed to conduct inspections every 2 years. Ms. Grondin didn't have any issues with the removal of condition #7 and voiced that the review process of all CUPs and IUPs would still apply, which is done every 3 years. Commissioner Toquam questioned why they had to come in for a permit? The Zoning Administrator informed the Board that her office was requested to look into this property. The owner of the kennel does a lot of educational type posts regarding the Siberians on Facebook and someone that read her posts asked that Environmental Services look into this kennel. Environmental Services staff reviewed the property and found that it met the criteria for a private kennel and needed an Interim Use Permit. Ms. Hron is aware that the review was prompted by her Facebook posts, but plans to continue doing educational posts on Facebook. Ms. Grondin voiced that doing so is permitted. Ms. Grondin clarified that a complaint generated this request for a review of the property. Commissioner Allen expressed frustration with allowing individuals that aren't willing to come a meeting to discuss concerns or aren't willing to sign a complaint form to trigger an inspection on a property. Mr. Allen felt we are potentially addressing things that we don't necessarily need to be dealing with due to these types of complaints. It was pointed out that someone may have a neighbor that they don't care for and this type of complaint could be used as a way to create problems for neighbors who don't get along.

Commissioner Toquam stated now this kennel is there on the property, and wondered if the property is sold at some point, would this permit carry over to the new property owners. The Zoning Administrator reported this permit doesn't transfer to a new owner; it is only granted to this applicant. Motion by Toquam seconded by Kenworthy to approve of the following action of the Planning and Zoning Commission as reviewed on July 5, 2023 with the reasons, recommendations and conditions as found in the individual permit: IUP #23-03 Pine Ridge Siberians The second public hearing is to consider an application for Interim Use Permit #23-03 to allow the establishment of a Private Kennel. The property is located in the Agricultural District on approximately 5.52 acres located in Section 9, Vernon Township. The property owner is Derek Severson, and the applicant is Cassandra Hron. RECOMMENDATIONS The Zoning Staff recommends approval of the Interim Use Permit (I.U.P.), as the request meets the ordinance requirements. The following conditions are recommended: 1. The use shall comply with Minnesota Statutes 346.39 and the Best Management Standards for Dogs and Cats, and Section 16.32.2 of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance. 2. An Ag Covenant shall be signed and recorded. 3. All pet waste generated on site shall be properly collected and disposed of in a manner that is protective of groundwater and human health. 4. All waste generated on site shall be properly disposed of in accordance with the Dodge County Solid Waste Ordinance, MPCA rules and USDA Guidance. 5. The indoor kennel area shall be cleaned and maintained in a healthful manner. If drains are installed in the structure, no feces or urine shall enter the drains without proper containment in a holding tank 6. Every animal located on site shall be current on all vaccinations. 7. The site shall be inspected on a biennial basis by Environmental Services staff. 8. Any change involving the addition of new kennel related structures, activities or dogs beyond that specified in the findings on file with the IUP, enlargement, intensification of the use or similar changes not specifically permitted by the IUP shall require an amended IUP to be issued by the County Board. 9. A Dodge County Zoning Permit shall be obtained before any construction. 10. The outdoor kennel area shall be cleaned and maintained in a healthful manner. Maintenance shall prevent nuisances from arising and keep an orderly appearance. 11. The business shall comply with Section 17.19 (Nuisance Standards). Nuisance complaints shall result in review of the IUP by the Planning Commission. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

CUP #23-02 Derby Reviewed Ms. Grondin discussed CUP #23-02 Derby. It was Commissioner Peterson's opinion that this type of business would be better served within a commercial district, not a township. Motion by Allen seconded by Kenworthy to approve of the following action of the Planning and Zoning Commission as reviewed on July 5, 2023 with the reasons, recommendations and conditions as found in the individual permit: CUP #23-02 Derby The third public hearing

is to consider an application for Conditional Use Permit #23-02 to allow for the establishment of an agricultural sales business, in the form of a sawmill operation. The property is located in the Agricultural District on approximately 24.02 acres located in Section 7, Milton Township. The property owner is Stanley Streiff, and the applicant is David Derby. RECOMMENDATIONS The Zoning Staff recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit (C.U.P.), as the request meets the ordinance requirements. The following conditions are recommended: 1. The business hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. A second work shift will operate from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., Monday through Friday. Work on the weekend may be performed on an occasional basis. 2. Any complaint received regarding noise levels shall result in the review of the business' hours of operation and possible revocation of the CUP if concerns cannot be mitigated. 3. Operation will comply with all local, state, and federal regulation regarding the proposed use of the property. The business shall obtain and maintain all necessary licenses, registrations and/or other approvals for activities taking place at the site. 4. Verification that the site and buildings comply with the Minnesota Accessibility Code, State Building Code and Fire Code shall be provided to be included with a copy of the CUP on file in the Environmental Services Department. 5. Any change involving the addition of new business-related structures or employees beyond that specified in the business plan on file with the CUP, enlargement, intensification of the use or similar changes not specifically permitted by the CUP shall require an amended CUP to be issued. 6. The business shall comply with the conditions of this permit and the information provided in the business plan and details provided in the emails on file. 7. Any sign proposed for the business shall meet the performance standards of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance. 8. The business shall comply with the Nuisance Standards of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance. Nuisance complaints shall result in review of the CUP by the Planning Commission. 9. Zoning Permits shall be required prior to any structures subject to permitting under the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance. 10. If the applicant connects to his neighboring property well, a well agreement will be needed for the business. Any new well or modifications to the other well would need to meet Minnesota Department of Health requirements. 11. All waste generated on site shall be properly disposed of in accordance with the Dodge County Solid Waste Ordinance and MPCA rules. Chemical, flammable and hazardous substances shall be properly stored on site. Any contaminated chemical shall be properly disposed of. 12. Proof of compliance with MPCA's Construction/Industrial Stormwater Permitting requirements and a copy of the SWPPP shall be provided to the Environmental Services Department to include with the CUP. 13. Lights on the property shall comply with section 17.16 of the Ordinance and installed so as to deflect light away from adjacent properties

and public roads. 14. The applicant may be requested to install a privacy fence if complaints are received regarding the outdoor storage area. 15. The applicant shall meet the recommendations of the Dodge County SSTS Program manager. 16. A complete septic permit shall be submitted prior to start of business activities on site. An operating permit and contract with an MPCA Licensed Maintainer will be required to be submitted prior to approval of the holding tank septic permit. 17. Prior to start of business activities on site, a primary and secondary site for a septic soil dispersal area (drainfield) shall be located and identified by a licensed designer and protected throughout the life of the business. Motion Adopted [3 to 1]

CUP #23-03 Midcontinent Communications Reviewed Ms. Grondin reviewed CUP #23-03 Midcontinent Communications. Commissioner Peterson questioned what value this fiber optic request would have for the county. The Zoning Administrator reported this same question was asked at the Planning Commission meeting and the applicant wasn't able to provide information on any value added to the county for this project, this is just a fiber optic line going through the county. Commissioner Toquam wondered why is this request was any different than any other fiber optic that was coming through the county. Ms. Grondin informed the Board that station to station lines are handled differently than a line intended for enroute consumption. Commissioner Peterson wanted to know if the county would have the authority to deny this request. The Zoning Administrator reported the County Board would have the authority to say no to this request. Commissioner Allen suggested that they get more information regarding the request.

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Mr. Allen stated all we know is it's going through the county and has no benefit to the county. Commissioner Peterson asked the County Attorney for input on the request. Mr. Kiltinen reported that he'd have to look at the statute again in order to provide additional input. Commissioner Peterson stated he'd like to table the request and ask the applicant to provide information on what benefit it is to Dodge County to approve this request. Motion No Vote

On December 7th, 1994, the Environmental Grant and Loan Fund was created for the purpose implementing the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan utilizing unspent and unencumbered funds from the Minnesota BWSR Planning Base Grant. The Resolution (94-65) creating this fund indicates that the Dodge County Technical Water Planning Committee will recommend to the County Board, protocol and procedures for administering grants and loans from the fund. Over the past several years, the Dodge County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan has been replaced by adoption of the Cedar, Root and Zumbro Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans. In addition, the Dodge County Technical Water Planning Committee is no longer an active advisory group. It was noted the resolution is currently outdated and Environmental Services staff is recommending that it be updated to reflect current watershed planning conditions and goals. The Environmental Grant and Loan Fund will continue to be utilized solely for the purpose of providing grants and loans to eligible actions which satisfy the goals and objectives of the different Comprehensive Watershed Based Plans which will be administered by the Environmental Services Department. The Comp Plan/Land Use Manager recommended that the Board approve the pro-

posed Environmental Grant and Loan Fund resolution to reflect current comprehensive watershed planning and implementation efforts and administration of the Environmental Grant and Loan Fund. Commissioner Allen offered the following resolution (#2023-27), seconded by Commissioner Toquam: WHEREAS, Resolution No. 94-65 adopted on December 7th, 1994, established the Dodge County Environmental Grant and Loan Fund with unspent and unencumbered Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resource's Planning Base Grant dollars; and WHEREAS, the purpose of this fund is to help implement the Dodge County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and WHEREAS, new comprehensive watershed management plans (Cedar, Zumbro, Root) have been adopted by Dodge County which supersede the previous local water plan; and WHEREAS, the protocols, procedures, goals and allowable uses originally established by the Technical Water Planning Committee require updating to reflect current watershed based priorities; and WHEREAS, Dodge County Environmental Services currently administers the Environmental Grant and Loan Fund program; and WHEREAS, consistent with Resolution No. 94-65, the funds will be used solely for the purpose of providing grants and loans to eligible Dodge County applicants for actions which satisfy the goals and objectives of the larger adopted comprehensive watershed management plans; therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the administration and use of the Dodge County Environmental Grant and Loan Funds shall be revised to reflect the current goals of the comprehensive watershed management plans adopted by Dodge County. Resolution Adopted [Unanimous]

Catherine Grondin, Zoning Administrator CUP #23-03 Midcontinent Communications Request Discussion Continued The Board further discussed CUP #23-03 Midcontinent Communications. Commissioner Kenworthy reported that it would be nice to know what their intent is instead of just occupying a space in the right of way that would prevent someone else from using this right of way. Commissioner Toquam wondered if there wasn't another route that they could use. Motion by Toquam seconded by Allen to table

CUP #23-03 Midcontinent Communications for more data. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Lauren Cornelius, Environmental Services Director & Rita Cole, Waste Management Administrator Harter's Disposal MOA Ms. Cornelius and Ms. Cole met with the Board to discuss their request to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Harter's Disposal of MN. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to state that the Dodge County Transfer Station will accept single stream recyclable material for a fee from Harter's Disposal of MN and transfer it to the Allied/Republic Services Inver Grove Heights Recyclery in Inver Grove Heights, MN. The MOA was included in the Board packet and outlines this one-year agreement, with one automatic one-year renewal option. It also outlines that if the amount of recycling grows due to increased customer base and the Dodge County Transfer Station is unable to handle the recycling capacity, arrangements will be made with a licensed 3rd party hauler, at the expense of Harter's Disposal of MN. Motion by Allen seconded by Kenworthy to approve and authorize the Environmental Services Director to sign the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Harter's Disposal of MN, effective July 1st, 2023. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Ms. Hager informed the Board that the Minnesota Legislature passed several changes this year that required updates to our policy manual. All the changes are highlighted within the manual that was included in the Board packet. The Employee Relations Director pointed out a few of the changes where just items that moved to different locations within the document. Ms. Hager shared the following summary information: 1. Equal Employment Opportunity protected class changes. 2. Trial Worker Period clarification about temporary, seasonal and interim positions. 3. Payroll Procedures just putting current practice in writing. 4. Bone Marrow leave added no penalties for using. 5. Pregnancy and Parenting Leave available for all employees, must provide notice and no penalties for using. 6. School Activities Leave available for all employees. 7. Voting Leave language changes. Motion by Toquam seconded by Allen to approve and authorize the amended Employee Relations Manual as presented. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Ms. Hager presented the Personnel Agenda for the Board's consideration. Motion by Toquam seconded by Kenworthy to approve the following personnel actions: A. Highway A.1 Timothy Beinhorn - Equipment Operator Authorization to hire at B23 step 2 \$26.37 to fill approved vacancy. Effective Date: 7/20/23 A.2 Stephen O'Brien - Equipment Operator Authorization to hire at B23 step 2 \$26.37 to fill approved vacancy. Effective Date: 8/14/23 A.3 Part-time Highway staff review of FTE status. The following changes need to be made according to average hours worked. The next audit will be 1/2024. Ashley Larson - Administrative Assistant Increase FTE from .80 to .85. Effective Date: 7/1/23 B. Environmental Services B.1 Samantha Johnson - Environmental Administrative Technician Regular status and step

increase from B24 step 9 \$22.83 to B24 step 8 \$23.61. Effective Date: 7/1/23 C. Public Health C.1 Mayra Monarrez - Community Health Worker Regular status and step increase from B23 step 9 \$21.54 to B23 step 8 \$22.26. Effective Date: 7/18/23 C.2 Part-time Public Health staff review of FTE status. The following changes need to be made according to average hours worked. The next audit will be 1/2024. Jill Otterbein - Administrative Assistant Decrease FTE from .65 to .60. Effective Date: 7/1/23 D. Sheriff's Office D.1 Miranda Wintheiser - Records Support Specialist Authorization to hire at B21 step 5 \$21.59 to fill approved vacancy. Effective Date: 7/10/23 D.2 Zachary Kasper - Deputy Sheriff - On-Call No longer employed. Effective Date: 5/19/23 E. Administration E.1 Part-time Administration staff review of FTE status. The following changes need to be made according to average hours worked. The next audit will be 1/2024. Sarah Johnson - Account Technician Increase FTE from .90 to .95. Effective Date: 7/1/23 Motion Adopted [Unanimous] Paul Kiltinen, County Attorney Mr. Kiltinen provided the Board with a legal update. Motion No Vote

Mr. Harbaugh reminded the Board that after June's meeting it was agreed to advertise for a design build event space that will comply with Minnesota Statute 326B.108 for places of public accommodation. The team at AB Systems is understanding of this and would be fully capable of completing this project. The additional cost for engineering, fire suppression, building energy codes and monitoring exceeded the original estimate, but Mr. Harbaugh noted we are truly building this event space by statute as well as trying to lead by example for other event spaces. The Facilities & Fleet Manager is recommending that the Board accept and authorize him to sign this construction agreement with AB Systems to get this project started. AB Systems submitted a preliminary schedule and they have indicated this build will be completed before the end of November which will allow us to get the water main for the entire grounds into this heated building before winter. The Board discussed setting a site visit for the building site on Friday, July 28th, after the retreat. Brief discussion took place regarding the orientation of the building. The Facilities & Fleet Manager informed the Board that the building orientation was based off the Fair Board's request and the fact that they'd need 4 feet of fill, if not more, in order to get the correct elevation for the building project if it was aligned with the other buildings. This change would add additional cost to the project. Commissioner Toquam reported if we could, she'd like to find a way to switch the orientation of the building, if possible. Commissioner Kenworthy stated he likes the building orientation the way it is, he likes the elevation and the access to it. Commissioner Allen reported that he doesn't like it the way it is proposed, he felt the building sits too far back from the other buildings and will get missed or not used during the fair because of its proposed location.

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Commissioner Kenworthy believes they would have a better chance to use the parking lot with the proposed orientation, and a space for residents of Dodge County to use throughout the year. Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Toquam to approve and authorize the Facilities & Fleet Manager to sign a construction agreement with AB Systems at a cost of \$707,735.00 for the Event Center design build

at the fairgrounds as presented. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]
Mr. Harbaugh reported that back in July of 2021 Benike Construction was awarded the rework of the south entry of the Annex. Since then, there have been multiple attempts to get this work done as well as other issues within the GSB and Courthouse stemming from the remodel project. The Facilities & Fleet Manager is recommending they send a failure to perform and void the approved proposal with Benike Construction. Mr. Harbaugh would then recommend that we re-advertise for this project in the DCI and bring proposals back in August for approval. Commissioner Allen reported that he would like to make a decision on the south Annex entry issue after they've had a chance to talk about the reconstruction and improvement issues during the closed session. Motion No Vote
Pending Litigation Relating to Courthouse

and Government Services Building Reconstruction and Improvement from 2015 Motion by Toquam seconded by Allen to close the meeting to the public at 10:29 a.m. to discuss pending litigation relating to the Courthouse and Government Services Buildings reconstruction and improvements from 2015. Motion Adopted [Unanimous] Meeting Recessed The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Meeting Reconvened The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Closed Session Closed Motion by Allen seconded by Kenworthy to close the closed session at 11:08 a.m. Motion Adopted [Unanimous] Closed Session: Pending Litigation - Courthouse and GSB Reconstruction & Improvements Discussion Motion by Toquam seconded by Allen to open the meeting to the

public at 11:08 a.m. Motion Adopted [Unanimous] S
The Board further discussed the south Annex entry item. Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Allen to revisit the south Annex entry discussion item in August.

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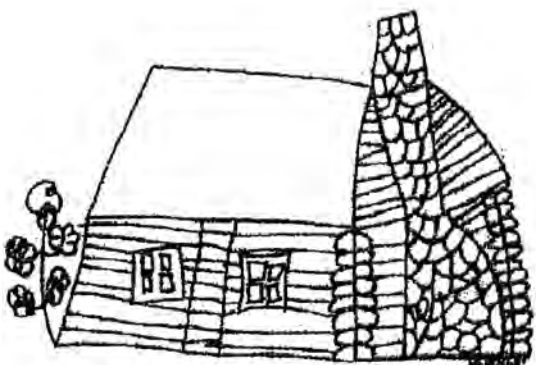
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Dodge County to Enact Cannabis Ordinance

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Section 1. Purpose, Authority, and Findings. A. This ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, morals, safety, and welfare because of the inherent risk of injury to persons related to the recent amendments to Minnesota Statute Chapter 152, allowing for the use and possession of cannabis and other products containing Tetrahydrocannabinol, commonly known as THC, and Minnesota Statute §151.72, allowing the sale of edible and nonedible cannabinoid products that contain no more than 0.3% of THC. A prohibition on the establishment of new uses or the expansion of existing uses related to the sale of such products is necessary to ensure that Dodge County has sufficient time to study potential regulations that will protect the health and safety of the residents of the County. Due to recent legislative changes there is insufficient time to complete the ordinary process and procedure for introduction and adoption of a County ordinance. B. Minnesota Statute §342.13 Subd. E provides that if a local unit of government is conducting studies or has authorized a study to be conducted or has held or has scheduled a hearing for the purpose of considering adoption or amendment of reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of the opera-

tion of a cannabis business, the governing body of the local unit of government may adopt an interim ordinance applicable to all or part of its jurisdiction for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. Before adopting the interim ordinance, the governing body must hold a public hearing. The interim ordinance may regulate, restrict or prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within the jurisdiction or a portion thereof until January 1, 2025. C. Minnesota Statute §394.34 provides that if a county is conducting, or in good faith intends to conduct studies within a reasonable time for the purpose of considering adopting an official control or an amendment, extension, or addition to an official control, the board, in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, may adopt as an emergency measure, a temporary interim zoning ordinance. The purpose of the interim ordinance is to provide the county with the opportunity to study its comprehensive plan and official controls so that it can, in a meaningful way, consider potential amendments to its ordinances. An interim ordinance may regulate, restrict, or prohibit any use within the County for a period not to exceed one year from the effective date of the interim ordinance. Many jurisdictions have adopted interim ordinances to study the impacts of certain uses and determine whether regulations are appropriate for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of their residents. D. The County Board finds there is a need to conduct a study regarding the types of uses

that involve the sales, testing, manufacturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery and distribution of Cannabis Products to evaluate the regulatory options available to the County and is for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of county residents. E. The time will allow for the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to provide model ordinances which will further aid the County Board in studying and considering restrictions on the operation of a cannabis business. F. Due to the effective date of the new legislation, the lack of adequate time to evaluate the situation and enact appropriate controls, and the potential negative impacts on the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, a situation that justifies a temporary interim ordinance exists. Section 2. Study. The County Board hereby authorizes and directs County staff to study the need for local regulation regarding the sales, testing, manufacturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery or distribution of Cannabis Products within Dodge County. Staff must also study the need for creating or amending zoning ordinances, licensing ordinances, as allowed by the state, or any other ordinances, as allowed and not preempted by the state, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the Dodge County residents. Upon completion of the study, staff shall make a recommendation to the County Board about whether the County should amend its zoning, business-licensing, or other ordinance provisions related to these types of uses to better protect county residents. Section 3. Conditions of the Interim Ordinance. A. No business, person or entity may establish a new use or expand an existing use that includes or involves the sale, testing, manufacturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery or distribution of Cannabis Products until this ordinance is repealed by the County Board or January 1, 2025, whichever comes first. B. During the term of this interim ordinance, County staff shall not issue any license or permit, nor will it accept or process any applications for uses related to the sale, testing, manufacturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery, or distribution of Cannabis Products unless required by the MN OCM. C. Planning or zoning applications related to any Cannabis Products from businesses, persons, or entities involved in the proposed sale, testing, manu-

facturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery and distribution in Dodge County shall not be accepted or considered until January 1, 2025 unless required by the MN OCM. D. This interim ordinance does not apply to the sale, testing, manufacturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery or distribution of Cannabis Products related to Medical Cannabis Program as administered by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) provided that such activity is done in accordance with regulations and laws of Minnesota regarding Medical Cannabis. E. This interim ordinance does not apply to the continued sale of THC products allowed under MN Statute §342, which includes edible and nonedible cannabinoid products that contain no more than 0.3% THC, by retailers in existence before August 1, 2023. Section 4. Enforcement. In addition to any criminal penalties allowed by law, the County may enforce this interim ordinance by injunction or any other appropriate civil remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction. A violation of this Ordinance is also considered a violation of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance and shall be subject to the County enforcement pursuant to provisions set forth in Chapter 19 of the Zoning Ordinance. Section 5. Severability. Every section, subsection, provision, or part of this Ordinance is declared severable from every other section, subsection, provision, or part. If any section, subsection, provision, or part of this interim ordinance is adjudged to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not invalidate any other section, subsection, provision, or part. Section 6. Term. It shall be effective until the earlier of the following events: (a) January 1, 2025 per MN Statute §342 or (b) the date upon which the County Board repeals this Ordinance. Section 7. Effective Date. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute §375.51, this interim ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Board; however, no prosecution based on the provisions of this Ordinance shall occur until the Ordinance has been filed with the County Auditor, unless the person charged with violation had actual notice of the passage of the Ordinance prior to the act or omission complained of. ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2023.

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TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD STUDY SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN -Meeting Proceedings-

Chair Lloyd Henslin, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Wendy Kenworthy, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Duane Bartel, Jim Jensen, Dale Jensen, and Rebecca Knutson; absent: Brian Ginder. Also present: Superintendent Craig Schlichting, Principal Shane Van Beek, Dean of Students Tricia Johnson, and Building, Grounds, and Transportation Director Dave Hagen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Items discussed were: Facilities Planning & Looking Ahead (Site Logiq)

Look at existing debt & future planning timelines

Review building needs Handbook (Staff & Student) Review

Redefining Ready Discussion (5th & 8th Grade Report Card Layout)

Policy Review (New & Changes for August School Board Meeting)

ZED Joint Powers Review Fundraising

Other Future Agenda items. Chair Henslin adjourned the meeting 7:55 p.m.

School District Clerk

TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN & ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING -Meeting Proceedings-

Chair Henslin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Rebecca Knutson, Wendy Kenworthy, Jim Jensen, Dale Jensen, and Duane Bartel; absent: Brian Ginder. Also present: Superintendent Craig Schlichting, Principal Shane Van Beek, Principal Luke Lutterman, Dean of Students Tricia Johnson, A.D. Corey Black, Tina Kozisek, 1 visitor and 0 visitors present via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bartel/D. Jensen motioned to approve the revised agenda, with the addition to item 6.11 Approve Resignation for Kimber Harbeck as Varsity Boys Soccer Coach,

item 7.8 Discuss/Approve Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship for Boys Soccer Team, and item 7.9 Discuss/Approve Application for Cooperative Sponsorship for Boys Soccer Team. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Campbell was recognized and congratulated as the Cobra Pride honoree.

Knutson/Kenworthy motioned to approve the consent agenda including the June 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's report; designate Heritage Bank of West Concord/Dodge Center, Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund and Bremer Bank as official depositories for ISD #2125 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year; Board stipends, paid quarterly, \$40.00 per full Board meeting, \$25.00 for other related meetings, \$80.00 for full day meetings, \$250.00 additional yearly stipend for Board Chair; authorize the use of Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney, P.A. as our designated legal counsel for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The following positions are authorized to contact the legal counsel: Board Chair, Superintendent, and Administrators who have received prior approval from the Superintendent; district staff authorized to make elec-

tronic fund transfers; donations; open enrollment agreement for #071723A, #071723B, #071723C, #071723D, #071723E, and #071723F; contracts for Stefanie Maas as School Social Worker, Amber Fieck as EL Teacher, Morgan reuvers as Triton Elementary Teacher, Anna Blakesley as TES Music Teacher, Geoffrey Schlicher as Special Education Paraprofessional, Sarah Allen as THS Library Aide/Paraprofessional, and resignation for Kimber Harbeck as Varsity Boys Soccer Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenworthy/Knutson motioned to designate the Dodge Center Messenger as the official newspaper for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenworthy/D. Jensen motioned to table policy updates. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-2024 calendar revisions were discussed, including decreasing the number of Flex Fridays and changing Graduation from Sunday, June 2 to Friday, May 31.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen motioned to approve calendar revision-Flex Friday/Graduation. Motion carried unani-

mously.

Reinstating a tech user fee of \$40 for grades 6-12 was discussed.

Kenworthy/J. Jensen motioned to approve tech user fee of \$40 for grades 6-12. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, J. Jensen, Bartel, Knutson, Henslin. Voting against: D. Jensen. Motion carried.

J. Jensen/Knutson motioned to approve the Resolution Adopting Independent School District No. 2125 FY 25 long-term facilities maintenance ten-year plan. Voting in favor: Knutson, Kenworthy, D. Jensen, Bartel, J. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

D. Jensen/Knutson motioned to approve the Food Service Agreement with Taher. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen motioned to approve the SRO Memorandum of Agreement for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Knutson/J. Jensen motioned to approve the Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship for Boys Soccer Team. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jensen/Bartel motioned

to approve the Application for Cooperative Sponsorship for Boys Soccer Team. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Henslin reported ZED has passed their budget and hired a new birth-3 coordinator.

A.D. Corey Black reported on the Booster Club Reboot, activity registrations, Gopher Conference Student Activity Leadership Team, fall sports, and fall sports eligibility August 9.

Principals Luke Lutterman, Shane Van Beek, and Dean of Students Tricia Johnson reported on policy changes, facility maintenance, first day of school changes, August 31 open house, Redefining Ready updates, and staffing.

Superintendent Craig Schlichting reported on the August 2 Study Session, Custom Alarm updates, classified staff negotiations July 19, Standard Response Protocol training, and updating handbooks.

D. Jensen/Bartel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

School District Clerk

DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 14, 2023

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the August 14, 2023 Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us.

Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson, AJ Gengler, Jeremy Dostal, Mark Barwald, Deputy Tyler Vermeersch, Amy Arnold, SMIF; Kathy Freeman and others.

The City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda as amended;
- Meeting with City Attorney regarding building at 102 Central Ave North;
- Deny request of Dallas Jensen to purchase portion of City property;
- Authorize staff to waive water fees for carwash fundraiser benefitting Fire Relief Fund; Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

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The event's presenters include farmers Martin Larsen, Landon Plagge, and Tom Pyfferoen; Saddle Butte Ag representative TJ Kartes; and Soil Scientist Steve Lawler.

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- Looking at a root soil pit.
- Cover crop seeding equipment.

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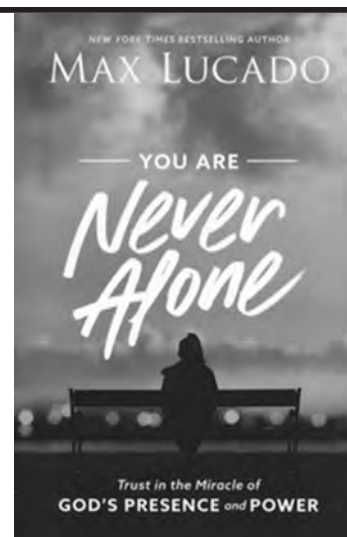


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