



AITKIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025	GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM
1. CALL TO ORDER	
The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.	

2. ROLL CALL					
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Charlie Christensen	Dave Lange <i>Vice-chair</i>	Michael Kearney <i>Chair</i>	Steve Kulifaj	
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT					Dennise Sonnee
STAFF PRESENT	Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kevin Turnock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission Secretary, Shannon Wiebusch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant County Attorney, Mark Lageson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

3. APPROVE AGENDA						
MOTION TO:			APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		APPROVE AS AMENDED <input type="checkbox"/>	
1 ST	Charlie Christensen <input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Lange <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Kearney <input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Kulifaj <input type="checkbox"/>	Dennise Sonnee <input type="checkbox"/>	
2 ND	Charlie Christensen <input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Lange <input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Kearney <input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Kulifaj <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dennise Sonnee <input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE TO APPROVE AGENDA		YES	NO			
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RESULT:		APPROVED 4.0				

NEW BUSINESS	
4. INTERIM USE PERMIT APP# 2024-000047	
APPLICANT/ REPRESENTATIVE	Richard Pexa/Tom Meixell, 7097 Upper 139th Street W, Apple Valley, MN 55124
CORRESPONDENCE	94 Notices were sent out; one comment was received from Shamrock Township.
STAFF REPORT	Inspection report and updated memo by Zoning Officer, Connor Plagge. The applicant was not present. The board and Assistant County Attorney discussed the lodging tax ordinance by Shamrock Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT		There was none.			
MOTION TO:		APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS <input type="checkbox"/>		DENY <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1ST	Charlie Christensen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Lange <input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Kearney <input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Kulifaj <input type="checkbox"/>	Dennise Sonnee <input type="checkbox"/>
2ND	Charlie Christensen <input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Lange <input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Kearney <input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Kulifaj <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dennise Sonnee <input type="checkbox"/>
VOTE:		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christensen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lange <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kearney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kulifaj <input type="checkbox"/> Sonnee		NO <input type="checkbox"/> Christensen <input type="checkbox"/> Lange <input type="checkbox"/> Kearney <input type="checkbox"/> Kulifaj <input type="checkbox"/> Sonnee	
RESULT:		TABLED 4.0			
ACTIONS:		1. PROVIDE COMPLIANCE WITH SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP LODGING TAX BY NEXT MEETING. 2. APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO BE PRESENT AT NEXT MEETING.			

5. INTERIM USE PERMIT APP# 2025-000052					
APPLICANT/ REPRESENTATIVE	Joshua Steinke, 3063 Quartz Hill Rd, Redding, CA 96003				
CORRESPONDENCE	42 Notices were sent out; No comments were received.				
STAFF REPORT	Inspection report and updated memo by Zoning Officer, Connor Plagge.				
PUBLIC COMMENT	The applicant was present. He stated he does have a local contact person to respond and will share that with Connor Plagge. Patrick Murphy- 33029 Nuthatch Ave, Aitkin spoke in opposition.				
FINDINGS OF FACT	Christensen	Lange	Kearney	Kulifaj	Sonnee
1. <i>The proposed use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the environment or of other property in the immediate vicinity, nor impair property values within the surrounding neighborhood.</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
2. <i>The proposed use will not increase local or state expenditures in relation to costs of servicing or maintaining neighboring properties.</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
3. <i>The location and character of the proposed use are considered to be consistent with a desirable pattern of development for the locality in general.</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT

4. The proposed use conforms to the comprehensive land use for the County.		YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
5. Proper notice has been given to those people required under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394, of the proposed use and of the hearing before the Planning Commission.		YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
6. That other applicable requirements of this ordinance, or other ordinances of the County have been met.		YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
7. The proposed use is not injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare.		YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
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RESULT:		APPROVED WITH 14 CONDITIONS 4.0				

6. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES					
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025			APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		APPROVE AS AMENDED <input type="checkbox"/>
1ST	Charlie Christensen <input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Lange <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Kearney <input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Kulifaj <input type="checkbox"/>	Dennise Sonnee <input type="checkbox"/>
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RESULT:	APPROVED 4.0		

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE AT 4:33PM

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<i>Shannon Wiebusch</i>	4/21/2025
Shannon Wiebusch, Planning Commission Secretary	DATE APPROVED
<input type="checkbox"/> DRAFT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINAL	