



AITKIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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	Dennise Sonnee
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT					
STAFF PRESENT	Environmental Services Director, Andrew Carlstrom Planning Commission Secretary, Shannon Wiebusch				

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christensen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lange <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kearney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kulifaj <input checked="" 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:		APPROVED 5.0			

NEW BUSINESS	
4. INTERIM USE PERMIT APP# 2025-000521	
APPLICANT/ REPRESENTATIVE	Robert Kelash/RBK Ventures LLC, PO Box 293, Milaca MN 56353
CORRESPONDENCE	44 notices were sent; Two comments were received.
STAFF REPORT	Inspection report by Andrew Carlstrom. Proposed conditions were read into the record. Mr. Kelash was present and stated no concerns or questions. Mr. Kelash showed there is parking for about 8 cars.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Jerry Thompson 40650 310 th Lane, spoke in neutral to the application and asked who to contact if a complaint were to arise.

BOARD DISCUSSION		There was none.				
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	YES
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	YES
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	YES
4. <i>The proposed use conforms to the comprehensive land use for the County.</i>		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5. <i>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.</i>		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6. <i>That other applicable requirements of this ordinance, or other ordinances of the County have been met.</i>		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7. <i>The proposed use is not injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare.</i>		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
MOTION TO:		APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DENY <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLE <input type="checkbox"/>	
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VOTE:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christensen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lange <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kearney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kulifaj <input checked="" 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:	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 5.0					

5. DISCUSSION ABOUT LAND USE TRAINING AND SHORELAND ORDINANCE WORKSHOP**MOTION TO SCHEDULE AN OPEN MEETING FOR A SHORELAND ORDINANCE WRITING WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.**

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RESULT:		MOTION CARRIED 5.0			

6. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2025****APPROVE ☒****APPROVE
AS AMENDED ☐**

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7. ADJOURNMENT**MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE AT 5:08: PM**

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<i>Shannon Wiebusch</i>	9/15/2025
Shannon Wiebusch, Planning Commission Secretary	DATE APPROVED

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