Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 9:00 AM on June 16, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on June 9, 2026. Commissioners present were: Beninga, Bleyenberg, Heisey, Karsky, and Kippley . Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

City Council Members present were: Ruesink, Nelson, Jones, Ronshaugen, Cavigielli, and Mayor Symens. City Council members absent were: Hanzlik, and Hein.

Chair Karsky called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Routine Business

Consider a Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Approve the Agenda. 5 ayes. The City concurred.

Regular Business

Public Hearing and Second Reading for Zoning Text Amendment 26-08

Mason Steffen, Senior Planner, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading for zoning text amendment 26-08 to amend the 2001 Revised Joint Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Dell Rapids to update Article 23.00 Building Permits. The Joint County and City of Dell Rapids voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed amendment.

Chair Karsky asked for the proponents and opponents to speak on the topic; there were no proponents and opponents in attendance to speak on the topic.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Approve Ordinance MC28-26-26 An Ordinance of Minnehaha County, SD, Amending the 2001 Revised Zoning Joint Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Dell Rapids by Amending Article 23.00, Building Permits. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Public Hearing and Second Reading on Rezoning 26-05

Kevin Hoekman, Senior Planner, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading for rezoning 26-05 to consider an amendment to 2001 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Dell Rapids to rezoned from the RR-5 Rural Residential District to C Commercial District. The property is legally described as Overvaag Tracts 10, 11, 12, and 13 SW1/4 Section 8 and N1/2 Section 17 all within T104N-R49W Dell Rapids Township and is located three quarters of a mile west of Dell Rapids along South Dakota Highway 115. The Joint County and City of Dell Rapids Planning Commission approved the Rezoning 26-05 request unanimously.

Chair Karsky asked for the proponents and opponents to speak on the topic. The following proponents spoke: Bryan Breitling, Kathy Fiegen, Brian Phelps, Dan Klein, Thomas Earley, and Dennis Daugaard. Melissa Denoon and Sheba Schlaikjer spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Approve Ordinance MC28-27-26. An Ordinance of Minnehaha County, SD, Amending the 2001 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Dell Rapids by Rezoning Certain Property, Rezone #26-05 on Property Legally Described as Overvaag Tracts 10, 11, 12 and 13 SW1/4 Section 8 and N1/2 Section 17 all Within T104N-R49W Dell Rapids Township. By roll call vote:5 ayes. The City concurred.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Bob Kolbe, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about concerns regarding water quality in Minnehaha County.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Adjourn at 9:53 a.m. 5 ayes. The City concurred.

The Commission adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder