POPE COUNTY
MINNESOTA

MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, November 21, 2024

The Planning Advisory Commission convened in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at the Pope County Courthouse, 3rd floor Meeting Room.

Members Present: Roger Isdahl, John Messenger, Ivie Cooley, Ted Kannegiesser, Russell Barkeim, Mark Halls, Paul Gerde (County Commissioner) and Paul Wildman (County Commissioner)

Other Officials Present: David Green (Director, Land & Resource Management)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Messenger at 6:22 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda noted. Gerde made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Hall. Motion carries unanimously.

Review minutes of October 24, 2024

The minutes of the Planning Advisory Commission meeting held on Thursday October 24, 2024 were submitted for approval. Motion by Cooley to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Isdahl. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing:

Cannabis Ordinance

Director Green presented a draft of proposed amendments to sections 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the Land Use Controls Ordinance. The proposed amendment of the ordinance is for purpose of identifying where cannabis businesses may be permitted to operate in Pope County as well as defining the appropriate permitting process. At 6:25 pm, Chairman Messinger declared public hearing open for comments. There were no members of the general public in attendance. However, the members of the Planning Advisory Commission did review the proposed amendments, posed questions and offered comments. In particular, there was conversation regarding the provisions made in the ordinance that address Cannabis Special Events which include sections 6.2.O, 6.4.H., 7.2.O., and 7.4.I. It was determined that all Cannabis Special Events should require Board approval. There are a few edits that need to be made to ensure that this provision is clearly stated in each of sections 6 and 7 of the Land Use Controls Ordinance. There was also discussion regarding waste products, odor and setback provisions between

cannabis businesses. The amended text indicates 100' between business however, that is not consistent with Ordinance 202405 which requires a 500' setback between business operations. The proposed text will be edited to be consistent between both ordinances. A motion is made by Cooley recommending adoption of the amended ordinance with edits to be made as were discussed. The motion is seconded by Halls. Motion is passed unanimously

Adjournment At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Gerde to adjourn the Planning Advisory Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Barkeim. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green, Director
Pope County Land & Resource Management