POPE COUNTY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2026
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

III. MINUTES

A. August 27th, 2026

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Update/Comments, Land & Resource Management Director

B. Board Concerns

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTIONABLE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. **OLD BUSINESS**

B. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Variance** hearing on the application by Douglas Staehnke (VAR-26-020, Parcel#20-0100-000), if granted would allow applicant relief from a septic system to the ordinary high water level setback standard in a Shoreland-Natural Environment (S-NE) zoning district per section 4.6.5.A.1 and 10.20 of the Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance. Parcel is described as being located in: Part of Government Lot 1, Section 19, Township 123 (Lake Johanna), Range 36, Pope County, Minnesota.
2. **Variance** hearing on the application by Jerry Kerkvliet, Starbuck Construction on behalf of Scott & Michelle Northuis (VAR-26-023, Parcel#07-0345-000), if granted would allow applicant relief from the property line and road right-of-way setback standards in a Shoreland-General Development (S-GD) zoning district per section 4.6.2.B of the Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance. Parcel is described as: Lot 32 of Tharaldson's First Subdivision of Government Lot 3 and 4, Section 36, Township 125 (White Bear Lake), Range 39, Pope County, Minnesota.
3. **Variance** hearing on the application by Jerry Kerkvliet, Starbuck Construction on behalf of Scott & Michelle Northuis (VAR-26-024, Parcels#07-0345-000 & 07-0429-000), if granted would allow applicant relief from the septic system to property line and septic tank to occupied building setback standards per section 10.20, Subdivision 3, Subsection 3.30 of the Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance. Parcels are described as: Lot 32 of Tharaldson's First Subdivision of Government Lot 3 and 4, and Lot 15 of Suckstorff's Addition, Section 36, Township 125 (White Bear Lake), Range 39, Pope County, Minnesota.
4. **Variance** hearing on the application by Ross Kopel (VAR-26-022, Parcel#07-0488-000), if granted would allow applicants relief from the road centerline setback standard in a Residential (R) zoning district per section 5.6.D of the Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance. Parcel is described as: Lot 1, Block 2, Plat of Sunny Hills, Section 24, Township 125 (White Bear Lake), Range 39, Pope County, Minnesota.

5. **Variance** hearing on the application by Jordan Johnsrud on behalf of Patrick & Donita Ascheman (VAR-26-021, Parcel#08-0227-000), if granted would allow applicant relief from the non-conforming structure standard in a Shoreland-General Development (S-GD) zoning district per section 10.16.4 of the Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance. Parcel is described as: Lot 18, Silver Beach, Section 21, Township 125 (Minnewaska), Range 38, Pope County, Minnesota.

VI. ADJOURNMENT