

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47
(SAUK RAPIDS-RICE), MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 47 (Sauk Rapids-Rice), Minnesota, on February 11, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions:

**School District Question 1
Approval of School Building Bonds
Early Childhood Center**

YES Shall the board of Independent School District No. 47 (Sauk Rapids-Rice), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$37,190,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, construction of an early childhood center?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

**School District Question 2
Approval of School Building Bonds
Outdoor Activity Complex**

YES Shall the board of Independent School District No. 47 (Sauk Rapids-Rice), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,710,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, construction of an outdoor activity complex?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The polling places and the precincts served by the polling places for this special election are as follows (**note**: please check your polling place carefully as the polling locations have changed for some voters):

Combined Polling Place:	Precincts Served:
The Sauk Rapids Government Center 250 Summit Avenue North Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 2; • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 4; • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 5; and • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 6 In Benton County, Minnesota.
Riverside Terrace 195 River Avenue South Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minden Township, Precinct 1; • Minden Township, Precinct 2; • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 1; • St. Cloud, Ward 2-Precinct 1; and • St. Cloud, Ward 2-Precinct 4 In Benton County, Minnesota.
Discovery Church 700 18th Street North West Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 3; • Sauk Rapids Township; and • City of Sartell, Precinct 2 In Benton County, Minnesota.
Watab Town Hall 660 75th Street North East Rice, MN 56367	This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watab Township; and • Mayhew Lake Township In Benton County, Minnesota.
Rice City Hall 205 Main Street East Rice, MN 56367	This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Rice; • Langola Township; and • Graham Township In Benton County, Minnesota.

All qualified electors residing in the School District may cast their ballots at the polling places listed above during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: November 25, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Risa Heidt
School Board Clerk

R-2-2B

**PROBATE NOTICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BENTON
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Case No: 05-PR-25-24**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND
INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In Re: the Estate of
Neil P. Henry,
AKA Neil Paul Henry,
Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated JULY 11, 2017. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed SHARON C.

HENRY, whose address is 2047 HIGHVIEW DRIVE, SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379, to serve as the Personal Representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Any objection to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the Personal Representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber,

lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: January 6, 2025
/s/ *Lea Hippe*
Registrar

LUND ROSS, P.A.
Betsey Lund Ross
(#0389061)
1139 Franklin Ave. NE
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Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
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R-3-2B

**PROBATE NOTICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BENTON
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Case No: 05-PR-25-20**

**NOTICE AND ORDER ON
HEARING ON
PETITION FOR PROBATE
OF WILL APPOINTMENT
OF CO-PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of:
Kathleen L. Corrigan,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the February 24, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in the Court at the Benton County Courts Facility, Foley, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated Octo-

ber 13, 2011, under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Todd Corrigan, whose address is 11061 Woodhaven Court North, Champlin, MN 55316 and Mark Januschka, whose address is 2415 Field Court, St. Cloud, MN 56301, as co-personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the co-personal representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors hav-

ing claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the co-personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held administratively and you are not required to appear.

Dated: January 3, 2025
/s/ *Carl Ole Tvedten*
Judge of District Court

Dated: January 3, 2025
By *Megan Bergman*
Court Administrator

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**HEARING NOTICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
BENTON COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Court File Number:
05-CV-25-71
Case Type: Civil Other/Misc.

**Notice of Remote
Zoom Hearing**

KELLY ANN SPRINGER
WILLENBRING, DAHL,
WOCKEN &
ZIMMERMANN, PLLC
PO BOX 417
318 MAIN ST.
COLD SPRING, MN 56320

Marcel J Kelash,
Cheryl A Kelash
vs
City of Rice

You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be in person at the courthouse.

Hearing Information
March 19, 2025
Motion Hearing
9:00 AM

The hearing will be held via Zoom and appearance

shall be by video unless otherwise directed with Judicial Officer Karl L. Schmidt, Benton County District Court.

The Minnesota Judicial Branch uses strict security controls for all remote technology when conducting remote hearings.

You must:
• Notify the court if your address, email, or phone number changes.

• Be fully prepared for the remote hearing. If you have exhibits you want the court to see, you must give them to the court before the hearing. Visit <https://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings.aspx> for more information and options for joining remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.

• Contact the court at (320)968-5205 if you do not have access to the internet, or are unable to connect by video.

• If you need an interpreter, contact the court before the hearing date to ask for one.

To Join by internet:
1. Type <https://zoomgov.com/join> in your browser's address bar.

2. Enter the **Meeting ID** and

Meeting Passcode (if asked):
Meeting ID: 160 134 9480
Passcode: 368446

3. Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.

4. Click the **Join Audio** icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen.

5. Click **Share Video**

Para obtener más información y conocer las opciones para participar en audiencias remotas, incluido cómo enviar pruebas, visite www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings.

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Dated: January 13, 2025
Megan Bergman
Benton County Court
Administrator
615 Highway 23
PO Box 189
Foley, MN 56329
(320) 968-5205

R-3-2B

REGULAR MEETING
SAUK RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL
SAUK RAPIDS GOVERNMENT CENTER,
250 Summit Ave N.
Monday, December 09, 2024
6:00PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kurt Hunstiger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

Ross Olson requested to add Approve Well #4 Rehab as agenda item 9-O. Todd Schultz also requested to pull agenda item 9-D.

3. Approve the Agenda

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Thronson and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve Minutes

A. 11-25-2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Seamans and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to approve the 11-25-2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Receive and File

A. 10-7-2024 Special EDA Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Thronson and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to receive and file the 10-07-2024 Special EDA Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mayor's Communications

• Thank You to Jingle & Mingle Volunteers-Mayor Hunstiger thanked Marla Elness and Heidi Sertich, event directors and founders, along with the numerous other Jingle & Mingle volunteers for all that they did to make the 2024 Jingle & Mingle festivities a success yet again this year. He noted that a full listing of all of the individuals that helped with the 2024 Jingle & Mingle events can be found on the City's Facebook page as well. Mayor Hunstiger also thanked the Public Works, Fire Department, and Police Department for all of the extra time that they put in to ensure that things went smoothly this past weekend.

7. Audience Items/Visitors Total Time Limit 2 Minutes for Items NOT on the Agenda

NONE

8. Public Hearings

A. Applicant

City of Sauk Rapids

Purpose

To Discuss the City's Proposed Budget and Property Tax Levy for 2025

- 1. Open Public Hearing
2. Close Public Hearing

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Consider Action

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Seamans to approve the Resolution Adopting 2025 Property Tax Levy, approve the Resolution Adopting the 2025 General Fund Budget, and to adopt the 2025 Enterprise Fund Budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Applicant

City of Sauk Rapids

Purpose

To Consider Updates of Certain Fees in the City's Fee Schedule

- 1. Open Public Hearing
2. Close Public Hearing

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Consider Action

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Seamans and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to approve the Ordinance Amending and updating the City's Fee Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Ellering and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Summary of Publication of this Ordinance Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Applicant

City of Sauk Rapids

Purpose

To Consider an Ordinance That Would Regulate the Density of Rental Homes in the Residential 1 Zoning District of Sauk Rapids.

- 1. Open Public Hearing
2. Close Public Hearing

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Seamans to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Consider Action

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Section 9.03 of the City Code Relating to the Licensing of Rental Properties with the grandfathering in of

current licenses included, and the City participating in a working group of rental housing stake holders to see if there is a better solution, and bring this item back to the City Council for further review along with short term rentals and block definitions in a timely matter. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Applicant

City of Sauk Rapids

Purpose

To Consider a Proposed Renewal of the Existing Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation By and Between the City of Sauk Rapids and the Town of Minden

- 1. Open Public Hearing
2. Close Public Hearing

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Thronson and seconded by Councilperson Seamans to continue the public hearing to December 16th at 4:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Consider Action

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Purchase of Rifle Rated Ballistic Shield
B. Approve Change Order No. 1 to the 2023 Overlay Improvements Project
C. Approve Change Order No. 4 to the 2023 Division Street Improvements Project
D. Authorize SEH to Prepare CATEX and Plans and Specifications for the 2026 Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project—Pulled from Agenda
E. Approve 2024 Plumbing and Mechanical Contractor Licenses
F. Approve SEH 2025 Hourly Rate Schedule
G. Authorize SEH to Complete the Environmental Review Process for the PFAS Abatement Projects
H. Approve Finance Director Vacation Carryover and Cash-Out
I. Approve Proposed Joint Powers Agreement Between Benton County and the City of Sauk Rapids for the Enforcement and Regulation of Cannabis
J. Approve the Ordinance Adopting County of Benton's Cannabis Regulations
K. Approve the Ordinance Regulating Temporary Cannabis Events
L. Approve Resolution Supporting ISD #47 Engaging the Public in Calling for the Referendum to Construct A New Early Childhood Education Building and Expand Recreation and Athletic Spaces
M. Approve Contract for Cleaning Services
N. Approve Personnel Policy Updates
O. Approve Well #4 Rehab
Motion: Moved by Councilperson Ellering and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to approve consent agenda items 9A-9C and 9E-9O. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Regular Agenda

NONE

11. Other Staff Items

A. Utilities Department Update-Craig Nelson, Utilities Director

Craig Nelson provided an update pertaining to the on-goings of the Utilities Department over the last year. Nelson stated that there was 379 million gallons of water pumped through November of this year, which was less than last year at this same time. He noted that the first two steps of the City's PFAS plan have been completed. Nelson stated that his staff cleaned 19 miles of sanitary sewer lines over the last year. He also discussed the plan to continue to switch out galvanized pipes.

B. Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks

Chief Beise noted that the Sauk Rapids Police Department recently conducted alcohol and tobacco compliance checks. Beise said that he was happy to report that all establishments in the City passed their compliance check.

12. Other Council Items and Communications

A. Mayor's Statement

Mayor Hunstiger stated that after serving the residents of Sauk Rapids for 30 years, including 18 years on the City Council, the last 8 years as Mayor, tonight's meeting will be his last regularly scheduled meeting as Mayor. Mayor Hunstiger reviewed some of the accomplishments and improvements that were made in the City over the last 30 years.

Mayor Hunstiger expressed his gratitude toward each City Department and its staff. He also thanked his wife and family for their support and encouragement, all the past/present City Council members, board members, and City staff that he served with over the years. Mayor Hunstiger noted that he enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to represent the residents of Sauk Rapids.

13. Approve List of Bills and Claims

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Ellering and seconded by Councilperson Seamans to approve the List of Bills and Claims. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hunstiger adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

R-3-1B

SPECIAL MEETING
SAUK RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL
SAUK RAPIDS GOVERNMENT CENTER,
250 Summit Ave N.
Monday, December 16, 2024
4:30PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kurt Hunstiger called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

2. Public Hearing

A. Applicant

City of Sauk Rapids

Purpose

To Consider a Proposed Renewal of the Existing Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation By and Between the City of Sauk Rapids and the Town of Minden

- 1. Continue Public Hearing from December 9, 2024
2. Close Public Hearing

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Consider Action

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Ellering and seconded by Councilperson Seamans to authorize the execution of the joint resolution of orderly annexation portions of Minden Township. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Resolutions in Support of a Transportation Alternatives Grant Application For the Mayhew Lake Road NE (CSAH 3) Trail Extension Project

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Seamans and seconded by Councilperson Ellering to approve consent agenda item 3-A.

4. Regular Agenda

A. Land Swap with ISD #47

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Sauer and seconded by Councilperson Seamans to approve and authorize the execution of the Land Exchange Agreement with ISD #47. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Ellering and seconded by Councilperson Thronson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hunstiger adjourned the meeting at 4:50pm.

R-3-1B

CITY OF RICE
COUNTY OF BENTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Rice City Council at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 3rd, 2025 at the Rice City Hall, 205 Main Street East, Rice, MN 56367 for the purpose of hearing from the public, considering, and making recommendation to the City Council regarding: Rezoning PID #150084300 from R-1 Single Family Residence to B-1 Neighborhood Business. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment, testify, or present evidence at the hearing.

Dated: January 18th, 2025.

Julie Fandel
City Clerk
City of Rice, MN
R-3-1B

CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

You are invited to attend a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Sauk Rapids Government Center, 250 Summit Avenue North, to consider the following matters that require a public hearing.

APPLICANT

Nicholas Bischoff 1749 15th Street NE.

PURPOSE

To consider a variance request that would allow the applicant to construct a 3,600 square foot shed. Ordinance only allows sheds up to 900 square feet. And to vary from the building material requirements. located in the plat known as the Mayhew Lake Preserve, Block 5, Lot 17, Sauk Rapids, Mn.

Please contact Sauk Rapids Community Development Director Todd Schultz at (320) 258-5315 or tschultz@ci.sauk-rapids.mn.us with questions or stop by City Hall to obtain a copy of the application.

Any person desiring to comment on these matters is invited to do so in writing or orally at the time of the public hearing.

Published in the Sauk Rapids Herald on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

R-3-1B

Notice of Public Hearing

The Benton County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on February 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Benton County Boardroom, 531 Dewey Street, Foley, for the purpose of taking public testimony on an Ordinance establishing a Local Housing Trust Fund. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Individuals unable to attend the public hearing can make written comment by writing to the Benton County Administrator, Benton County Courthouse, 531 Dewey Street, Box 129, Foley, Minnesota 56329. Written comments must be received prior to the public hearing. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the Benton County website (www.co.benton.mn.us) or by calling the Benton County Administrator's Office at 968-5000.

R-3-1B

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
Minnesota Statutes
Chapter 333

ASSUMED NAME: Lotus Augusta.
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 24876 COUNTY ROAD 7, SAINT AUGUSTA, MN 56301 USA.
NAMEHOLDER(S): Lotus Business Inc., 5987 STATE HIGHWAY 70, PINE CITY, MN 55063 USA.

(4) By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be

required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

/s/ Viral Desai
01/13/2025
R-3-2P

PUBLIC NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
Minnesota Statutes
Chapter 333

ASSUMED NAME: Lotus Rice.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 2378 PINE RD
NW, RICE, MN 56367 USA.

NAMEHOLDER(S): Lotus Business Inc., 5987 MN-70,
Pine City, MN 55063 USA.

(4) By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

/s/ Viral Desai
01/13/2025
R-3-2P