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TO: Goodhue County Board

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SUBJECT: Five Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registrations

DATE: October 20, 2026

Background:

Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342, was established by the State Legislature in 2023 and has been updated multiple times. The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) is the state regulatory office created to oversee the implementation and regulation of the adult use cannabis market, the medical cannabis program, and the consumer hemp industry. OCM governs the application and licensing process, specific requirements for each license type and their respective business activities and conducts enforcement and inspection activities.

Discussion:

Per statute, the number of lower-potency hemp edible (LPHE) retail registrations cannot be limited. In other words, the LPHE registration type does not count against the four cannabis business registrations as established by the County's Ordinance. The following three companies submitted complete LPHE retail registration applications.

MN Tobacco Plus
421 Main Street
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Kwik Trip #463
100 Jefferson Drive E.
Zumbrota, MN 55992

Kenyon Tobacco and Vape
211 Red Wing Ave.
Kenyon, MN 55946

Zumbrota Tobacco Inc.
2101 180th Ave.
Zumbrota, MN 55992

Kenyon Municipal Liquor Store
641 2nd St.
Kenyon, MN 55946

The cities of Cannon Falls, Kenyon, and Zumbrota all perform their own zoning duties but have delegated retail registration authority to the County. City staff have provided statements that the locations are suitable for LPHE retail establishments. The number of Lower-potency hemp edible retail registrations cannot be limited.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the County Board approve the Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Applications.

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