

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
July 24th, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting of the Goodhue County Board of Adjustment was called to order at 5:00 PM by Vice Chair Jeff Traxler at the Goodhue County Government Center Board Room.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Dennis Tebbe, Scott Breuer, Richard Miller, Jeff Traxler, and Daniel Knott.

Commissioners Absent: Randy Rechtzigel

Staff Present: Land Use Director Megan Smith and Zoning Assistant William Lenzen.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

¹Motion by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Knott to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion carried 5:0

3. Conflict/Disclosure of Interest

There were no conflicts or disclosures.

4. Approval of the previous month's meeting minutes

Commissioner Tebbe stated that the vote of 6:0 needs to be corrected to 5:0 because there was only 5 Commissioners present

Lenzen stated that the change will be incorporated into the final minutes.

²Motion by Commissioner Tebbe and seconded by Commissioner Breuer to approve the previous month's meeting minutes as amended.

Motion carried 5:0

5. Public Hearings:

Variance to Bluff Land Setback Standards

Submitted by Peggy A. Simonson (Applicant/Owner) for the construction of a new retaining wall to replace the existing retaining wall that is within the Bluff Impact Zone. Parcel 43.210.0460 is zoned R-1 (Suburban Residential). Address: 31383 Lakeview Ave Red Wing MN 55066. Wacouta Beach Lot-001 Block-004 in Wacouta Township.

Lenzen presented the staff report and attachments.

Peggy Simonson stated that the soil is settling and eroding down the bluff and into the river.

Vice Chair Traxler opened the Public Hearing.

Lenzen read a letter from Ben Dvorak with the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District. (see attached letter)

No one from the public spoke at the public hearing.

Commissioner Knott asked the applicant if he contractor has been in contact with the GC SWCD?

Simonson stated that she doesn't know if their contractor has.

Commissioner Traxler asked if their contractor has done this type of work before?

Simonson stated that he has.

³**After Vice Chair Traxler asked three times for comments, it was moved by Commissioner Tebbe and seconded by Commissioner Miller to close the Public Hearing.**

Motion carried 5:0

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Commissioner Tebbe stated that the plans looked well put together. Mentioned that the Zoning Administrator for Wacouta Township is a well-versed builder.

Commissioner Traxler stated that he agrees with Commissioner Tebbe that the plans are well put together.

Commissioner Knott stated this will stabilize the bluff. Would also like to see a condition that the contractor consult with GC SWCD on best management practices.

⁴Motion by Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Tebbe, for the Board of Adjustment to:

- adopt the staff report into the record;
- adopt the findings of fact;
- accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and

Approve the request for variance, submitted by Tyler Andrist (Applicant/Owner) for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit to be 340 feet from the primary dwelling with the following conditions.

- 1) That the contractor consults with the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District on best management practices to use when constructing the retaining wall.

Motion carried 5:0

6. Other/Miscellaneous Discussion

7. Adjourn

⁵Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Breuer, to adjourn the BOA meeting at 5:17 pm.

Motion carried 5:0

Respectfully submitted by:
William Lenzen, Zoning Assistant

MOTIONS

¹ Motion to Approve agenda

Motion carried 5:0

² Motion to Approve the previous month's meeting minutes as amended

Motion carried 5:0

³ Motion to Close the Public Hearing

Motion carried 5:0

⁴ Motion to APPROVE the Variance to Bluff Land Setback Standards

Motion carried 5:0

⁵ Motion to Adjourn

Motion carried 5:0