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TO: Goodhue County Board

FROM: Lucas Dahling, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Tilion Brewing Company LLC Lower Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Application

DATE: June 16, 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.

Local units of government cannot outright ban cannabis business; however, they can limit the number of active cannabis retail registrations for cannabis retailers, cannabis microbusinesses with retail endorsements, and cannabis mezzobusinesses with retail endorsements to one (1) per every 12,500 residents. The Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance follows these limits as authorized by statute. Additionally, the County's Ordinance does not include municipal stores or retail stores operated on land held in trust for the Prairie Island Indian Community in the limitations noted above.

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.

Discussion:

Tilion Brewing Company LLC submitted a complete registration application form on April 16, 2026. The application indicates the business will sell lower-potency hemp edibles. The location is in the City of Cannon Falls, which performs their own zoning duties but has also delegated registration authority to the County. City staff have provided a letter stating that the location is suitable for a LPHE retail establishment. The number of Lower-potency hemp edibles retail registrations cannot be limited.

Recommendation:

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

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