

## Request for Board Action Details

**File #:** 2023-114  
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**Status:** Passed  
**In control:** Board of Commissioners  
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**Title:** Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee Vice Chair  
**Sponsors:** Community & Economic Development  
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/21/2023	1	Board of Commissioners	approved	Pass

**Sponsor:** Community & Economic Development

**Title**

Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee Vice Chair

**Recommendation**

Affirm Commissioner Frethem as the Vice Chair of the Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee.

**Background and Rationale**

A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Ramsey County and the city of Arden Hills to redevelop the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, now known as Rice Creek Commons, was approved on November 27, 2012, for the period of December 31, 2012, to December 31, 2038. Under the JPA, a Joint Development Authority was created to describe the city and county's intention to exercise "their respective authority granted by Minnesota Statutes 471.59. The powers of this JDA include but are not limited to, "remediation of contamination and elimination of blight, infrastructure construction and financing, comprehensive planning and zoning, and redevelopment and economic development" on the Rice Creek Commons site. Article II describes the structure of the JDA in detail. Two salient points of the JDA:

- The JDA Board consists of five members; two each from the city and county, and one member appointed by the city who is a suitable non-elected official member who shall serve as the Chair.
- The Vice Chair is appointed by the county.

The JDA started meeting on February 6, 2023. More information can be found [HERE](https://www.cityofardenhills.org/367/Joint-Development-Authority)  
<<https://www.cityofardenhills.org/367/Joint-Development-Authority>>.

This request is for Ramsey County to reaffirm the JDA vote taken at the Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2023.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being ☐ Prosperity ☐ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

### **Racial Equity Impact**

Affirming Commissioner Frethem's appointment as the Vice Chair of the Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee will enhance Ramsey County's ability to fulfill its vision of a vibrant community where all are valued and thrive and to serve our diverse communities.

### **Community Participation Level and Impact**

A motion was made by Arden Hills Commissioner Fabel, seconded by Arden Hills Commissioner Monson to appoint Commissioner Frethem as Vice Chair. The motion carried. In the absence of the Chair, Commissioner Frethem will run the Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee Meeting.

☒ Inform      ☐ Consult      ☐ Involve      ☐ Collaborate      ☐ Empower

### **Fiscal Impact**

None.

### **Last Previous Action**

None.

### **Attachments**

None.