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Lunde plans to give up his resort

Delafield — There are too many problems connected to the operation of the Velkommen Lodge ski resort, according to the owner, Douglas Lunde, and he plans to sell it.

Velkommen Lodge is immediately south of Hwy. I-94 and west of Hwy. 83. Lunde said Wednesday that he is attempting to sell the resort and has a prospective buyer.

Lunde said that he has decided that if he doesn't sell the resort by April 1 he will deed it back to the man he is purchasing it from, Bud Zinn. He cited problems he has had with the city of Delafield as the reason for giving up the resort.

At the present time the stock of Velkommen rental skis is on sale. Lunde has 200 pairs at the resort.

The appraisal value of the Velkommen Lodge resort is $340,000, including all equipment, Lunde said.

The equipment, including ski tows, snow making machinery and ather items, is valued at $80,000. Lunde said that he will sell it with the property if the new owner wants it, but that it can also be sold separately.

The present skiing season is almost over at Velkommen. Lunde said that the latest he has ever remained open is March 3.

Lunde complained about restrictions placed on the operation of the ski hill by the city plan commission and council. Because of this, he stated, he wasn't certain for a time that he could open last fall and this cut down on the sale of season tickets and prevented him from getting ski hill insurance.

Lunde hopes to develop another ski resort in an area with fewer restrictions. He is considering starting a resort on a 220 foot hill near Jefferson. "It's in the early planning stage," he said.

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