

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Allen Remick  
Andy Moran  
Tony Gerardy  
Eric Mickelson  
Anthony Flage

**General Business:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

Commissioner Flage moved to approve March 19, 2025, Social Service's board meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Administrative Bills:**

Commissioner Moran moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Gerardy seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Informational Items:**

Director Nelson asked for constituent concerns to be brought forward. No concerns were raised.

Director Nelson provided a director's summary since the previous board meeting.

Director Nelson reported that the County Inspection Report was due to DCYF by June 1, 2025.

Peggy Nord, Penny Grove and Kristi Nelson are compiling responses for this report and updating all relevant policies.

Director Nelson reported that an additional supplemental data request was received from the USDHHS Office of Civil Rights by the MN Department of Human Services (MN DHS). MN DHS is requiring counties to provide further supplemental data by April 21, 2025.

Director Nelson provided an update on the contract process with Infinity Health to provide a summer pilot program for parents and caregivers. A draft flyer was provided for review.

Director Nelson reported that Megan Klamar's last official day of employment with RLCSS was April 11, 2025.

Director Nelson reported that grant funds were spent down in the amount of \$1000 that was put toward gas cards that would be reserved for program participants. This was a suggested and allowable purchase with FPSA grant funding per MN DCYF. The remainder of the grant program funding will go toward administrative planning costs. The grant must be fully expended by June 30, 2025.

Director Nelson held a discussion on proposed House Human Services Omnibus Bill changes that would be an unsustainable detriment to county lead agencies. Over the course of many years, DHS has ignored concerns raised by counties over the fiscal sustainability of policies that DHS had put forth. These inappropriate decisions have now caused the impending crisis that had been predicted by the county lead agencies for close to a decade. Their solution now is to pass on the debt created by their fiscal irresponsibility back to local taxpayers. This is an unacceptable solution to a problem which DHS created and has the real potential for bankrupting county lead agencies. Copies of the specific bill proposals were provided to the members present.

#### **Discussion/Decision Items:**

Director Nelson reported that RLCSS was recruiting for 2 open child protection positions. One position from the recent resignation, and one position that was previously left unfilled to determine the necessity of a second position. At this time the management team had decided that both positions are needed for coverage and staffing purposes. The position is currently advertised.

Director Nelson provided information on a data breach that was reported to the Director by staff which involved a handful of clients. The County Attorney had been consulted. All affected parties were notified timely, and all required processes and procedures were followed. The matter is now closed.

Director Nelson reviewed the Transportation Agreement for School District #630 with the members present. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the Transportation Agreement for School District #630 as presented.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Director Nelson reviewed the Transportation Agreement for School District #2906 with the members present. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the Transportation Agreement for School District #2906 as presented.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Agency Unit Reports:**

Handouts reviewed.

BE IT RESOLVED, the foregoing record is a true and accurate re-cording of the official actions and recommendations of the county welfare Board and as such, constitutes the official minutes thereof. Payment of assistance relief and claims indicated in those minutes is hereby ordered. The question was on the adoption of the resolution; and the roll being called there were 5 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

Allen Remick	YEA
Andy Moran	YEA
Tony Gerardy	YEA
Anthony Flage	YEA
Eric Mickelson	YEA

**Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Social Services Building.

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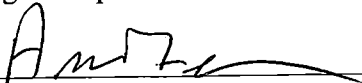
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