

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 4:40 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Eric Mickelson  
Andy Moran  
Anthony Flage

**General Business:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Mickelson 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 Moran moved to approve October 15, 2025, Social Service's board meeting minutes.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

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

**Administrative Bills:**

Commissioner Mickelson moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

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**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 licensing corrective action response from RLCSS had finally been accepted by DCYF. The matter is now closed. RLCSS will have another audit within a year.

Director Nelson reported that the NW6 members had been informed of RLC's intent to withdraw from the NW6 alliance. The state had also been notified of the change. Continued conversations will be occurring in the future to work out the details of the split.

Director Nelson reported that an offer was made for one of the vacant social work positions. Nelson reported that the second vacant position was being put on hold until the changes resulting from UCARE ending care coordination agreements were clear. If changes result in a loss to county revenue and reduction of case load, the second vacant position may not be refilled. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Director Nelson reported that the Children’s Mental Health Screening grant between RLCSS and DHS had been fully executed.

Director Nelson reported that the Child Support Cooperative Agreement had been initiated and was due back to DCYF by March 2026.

**Discussion/Decision Items:**

Director Nelson discussed the potential need to regrade one of the supervisory positions- Income Maintenance Supervisor. Nelson would like to move the direct supervision of the child support program over to this position. The updated numbers had not yet been received from Human Resources. Director Nelson sent all the required information to Human Resources for the request. Decisions regarding this change would need to be tabled until the fiscal implications for the change were known.

Director Nelson reported that the Zion Lutheran contract was expiring and would not be renewed for 2026 due to lack of community support.

Director Nelson provided an Ai Usage policy that was created to use internally at Social Services. Director Nelson encouraged the county to implement a similar or more substantial Ai Usage policy county-wide. Director Nelson reported that the SS policy had been shared with the County Attorney, County Auditor and Human Resources.

**Agency Unit Reports:**

Handouts reviewed.

BE IT RESOLVED, the foregoing record is a true and accurate recording 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 3 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

Andy Moran	YEA
Anthony Flage	YEA
Eric Mickelson	YEA

**Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Social Services Building.

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Acting Chairperson

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Secretary

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