

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 4:40 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Tony Gerardy  
Allen Remick  
Andy Moran  
Anthony Flage

**General Business:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Gerardy 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 November 19, 2025, Social Service's board meeting minutes.

Commissioner Flage seconded the motion.

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

No December 2025 meeting was held.

**Administrative Bills:**

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Moran 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 agency was still awaiting further information about the UCARE transition. UCARE's letter to delegates dated 12/31/2025 was shared with members present.

Director Nelson reported that the final UCARE audit had been scheduled. Audit materials were due to UCARE by February.

Director Nelson reported a vacant child protection social work position had been filled by Katelyn Stephens. Ms. Stephens first day was January 5, 2026.

Director Nelson provided a letter to the members from MN DHS regarding a MNCHOICES State Data Breach that had occurred. DHS was responsible for handling the data breach.

Director Nelson reported that the Revenue Recapture Audit occurred in December. The audit went well. All recommendations were implemented by January by Supervisor Grove.

Director Nelson reported that one of the agency's ICWA cases had been pulled for audit. Supervisor Hanson was working with the state to provide them with the required information to complete the audit.

Director Nelson shared that MN DHS was planning to proceed with Red Lake County separating from the NW6 Alliance. Future meetings to finalize the change were scheduled for February.

**Discussion/Decision Items:**

Director Nelson reviewed contracts due for renewal. RTC Transportation, Children's Collaborative and HSL Consulting Contracts were executed for the CY2026.

Director Nelson reported that the Child Support Agreement between the Sheriff's Office, County Attorney's Office, Red Lake County Social Services and DCYF had been fully executed.

Director Nelson reported that the Services Level Agreement-Administration of Revenue Recapture (SLA) had been fully executed with DHS.

**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 4 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

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

**Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 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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