

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 10, 2026

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on February 10, 2026, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eric Mickelson called the meeting to order. Commissioners present: Al Remick, Chuck Flage, Andy Moran and Eric Mickelson. Tony Gerardy was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Remick and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the following additions:

-Kurt Casavan re: Joint County Ditch Redetermination of Benefits

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer Taylor Amiot presented the board with the 2026 spring road restrictions for the county. Commissioner Moran moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage and carried unanimously to approve the road restrictions as presented.

MINUTES

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Commissioner Moran, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 27th, 2026.

EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Moran moved, seconded by Commissioner Remick, and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Midstates Equipment & Supply	\$ 56,232.80
North Central International LLC	\$ 8,543.96
NW MN Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 5,093.00
RDO Equipment Co.	\$ 2,302.67
Red Lake County Co-op	\$ 3,872.51
Schafer Electric	\$ 2,200.00
Ziegler Cat	\$ 4,606.79
23 Payments less than \$2000	<u>\$ 9,716.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ 92,567.95

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Remick—Alluma, Otter Tail Courthouse energy audit, Tri-County Community Corrections, Safety Committee

Flage—Minnesota Rural Counties

Moran—Tri-County Community Corrections

Mickelson—None

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ENVIRONMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan informed the Board that he had been contacted by Attorney John Kolb of Rinke Noonan regarding a potential redetermination of benefits for multiple joint county ditch systems. At a previous meeting, the Board indicated that Red Lake County was not interested in proceeding with a redetermination of benefits, while Polk County had expressed interest. According to Attorney Kolb, a redetermination of benefits cannot proceed without unanimous consent from all counties involved. In advance of the joint county ditch meeting scheduled for February 17, Casavan requested confirmation that the Board's position had not changed. The Board confirmed that, at this time, Red Lake County is not interested in proceeding with a redetermination of benefits for Joint County Ditches 60, 64, and 71.

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Deputy Auditor Kyle Thibert informed the Board that the Park Board checking account is no longer in use, as bills are now paid through the County's general fund checking account. As of January 2026, the account balance is \$2,336.91; however, no current County employees are authorized signers on the account. Thibert requested a motion to add Auditor Kelsey Gervais as an authorized signer for the purpose of closing the account and transferring the remaining funds to the general fund checking account. A motion was made by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Commissioner Moran, and carried unanimously to add Auditor Kelsey Gervais as an authorized signer on the Park Board checking account.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Eric Mickelson, Chairman
Board of Commissioner