

# RED LAKE COUNTY

## Board Reorganization Meeting Held January 8, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in reorganizational session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 357.07 at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Commissioners Chuck Simpson and Ron Weiss and Commissioner's Elect Delane Dudycha, Anthony Flage and Allen Remick. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

County Auditor Robert Schmitz called the meeting to order. Deputy Court Administrator Sherry Largis administered the Oath of Office to the following elected county officials: Commissioners Delane Dudycha, Anthony Flage, and Allen Remick, Attorney Mike Lacoursiere, Auditor Robert Schmitz, Recorder Joyce Paquin, Sheriff Mitch Bernstein and Treasurer Nick Knott. The officials were presented with their Certificates of Election.

Auditor Schmitz then called for nominations for the position of County Board Chairperson for 2019. Commissioner Simpson nominated Commissioner Weiss. Auditor Schmitz called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Remick that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Weiss as the 2019 Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Weiss assumed the Board Chair and then called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Simpson nominated Commissioner Remick. Chair Weiss called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Remick as Vice-Chairperson to the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Schmitz conducted bid opening for the legal county newspaper for 2019. The Oklee Herald and the Red Lake Falls Gazette submitted the following bids per column inch:

	<u>Gazette</u>	<u>Herald</u>
1) First Publication-Financial Statement	\$ 4.25	\$ 3.00
2) Second Publication-Financial Statement	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.00
3) Board Proceedings and Miscellaneous	\$ 4.25	\$ 3.00
4) Two Publications of Delinquent Taxes	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.00

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dudycha to accept the bid from the Oklee Herald as the official county newspaper of record for 2019 to publish bid items (1), (3), and (4). Motion carried by unanimous vote. There was discussion and agreement to begin displaying board proceedings on the county web site in addition to publishing in the official county newspaper.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha to approve the Red Lake Falls Gazette as the secondary publication for 2019 to publish bid item (2), the second publication of the financial statement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and duly adopted to establish the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. as the 2019 regular board meeting dates and times.

Tanya Hanson SWCD Administrator was present to provide an update of 2018 year end activities. Hanson mentioned that the SWCD received two Enbridge grants to complete installation of side water inlet pipes on Joint Ditch 60 and Joint Ditch 66. Enbridge granted a 6 month extension to complete the projects.

Hanson also inquired if the County Board would again consider additional funding to the SWCD in 2019 as Local Capacity Matching funds to be eligible for BWSR program funding. The program funding will allow the SWCD to complete additional erosion control projects. The board discussed increasing the county allocation to the Red Lake County SWCD by \$30,000.00 which will allow the local SWCD to receive matching funds in the same amount (\$30,000.00) from the Board of Water & Soil Resources. Commissioner Remick moved to increase the county allocation from \$55,000.00 to \$85,000.00 in 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and unanimously adopted.

County Attorney Lacoursiere provided a follow-up to the question at the previous meeting regarding dissolution of the local County Human Services Board. Lacoursiere referred to MN Chapter 402(1A) that states that the county may dissolve the local Human Services Board by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to dissolve the present County Human Services Board and replace it with the local County Board of Commissioners.

HR Director Lundeen was present to request that County Social Services Director Kristi Nelson be approved for her annual step increase. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve a salary increase from \$43.97 hourly (Step 7), to \$44.81 hourly (Step 8), with an effective date of January 14, 2019.

Lundeen informed that there will be an additional cost of \$625.00 for Bjorklund Consulting to complete the compensation study for elected officials. The board had previously approved to include elected in the compensation study in addition to the other county employees. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the \$625.00 added fees for the compensation study costs for elected officials.

Lundeen questioned whether the county will provide for re-location expenses if asked by prospective applicants as part of the compensation package for hiring a County Engineer. The board concurred that the county would be willing to negotiate with the individual selected for the position. Lundeen mentioned the current agreement with Norman County for shared Engineer services expires on February 15, 2019 and it might have to be extended if the county has not hired a County Engineer by that time.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the period as follows:

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Association of MN Counties	\$5,664.00
Garden Valley Telephone	3,047.37
Headwaters Rdc	5,000.00
Insight Technologies	3,072.00
IUOE Local No. 49 Health-Welfare Fund	13,640.00
MN Sheriffs Association	2,285.37
Ottertail Power Co.	2,825.69
Thibert Chev-Buick	25,660.73
35 Vendors less than \$2,000.	<u>11,386.06</u>
FINAL TOTAL	\$72,581.22

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$2,950.00 to Bjorklund Compensation Consulting; \$104.40 to First Lab; \$20.00 to the Gazette; \$300.00 to MACO, and \$37.06 expenses to Ron Weiss. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held December 24, 2018.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following county appropriations for 2019, with any appropriation over \$20,000.00 to be made in quarterly installments: \$8,435.00 Committee on Aging; \$107.00 Red River Basin Commission; \$7,500.00 Red Lake County Fair Board; \$85.00 each to the Plummer, Oklee, and Red Lake Falls American Legions; \$6,835.00 Friends of the Library; \$800.00 Red River Valley Development Association; \$22,457.00 Inter-County Nursing Services; \$12,500.00 Oklee Ambulance; \$29,000.00 Red Lake Falls Ambulance; \$26,732.00 NW Regional Library; and \$7,000.00 Red Lake County Parks.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to send a letter to Governor Walz to join counties in their support of the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project; to direct state agencies to finalize the permitting processes promptly, and to rescind the previous administrations lawsuit against the Line 3 Certificate of Need.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve a letter to the Plummer Snowmobile Club acknowledging that portions of the Riverland and the Riverland East Trail system will be closed on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> for the USXC Seven Clans Casino Snowmobile Race.

The County Board reviewed a request from Inter-County Community council. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 01-01-19** "Application for MN Housing Finance FHPAP Program". The resolution is needed for Inter-County's proposal to the MN Housing Finance Agency to operate the Family Homeless Prevention/Assistance Program (FHPAP) in Red Lake County. A copy of the Resolution is on file at the County Auditor's office.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and duly adopted to approve the legally constituted annual county board assignments and public interest positions for 2019:

County Board Assignments:

Board of Health, County Law Enforcement, County Zoning and Ordinance, Ditch, Finance, Job Evaluation, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Union Negotiations - The Board.

Advisory Board to Red Lake Watershed District - Dudycha (alternate) and Weiss (delegate)

Area Agency on Aging - Dudycha (alternate) and Weiss (delegate)

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) - The Board, Auditor, Engineer, and SS Director

AMC Policy Committees: Environment/Natural Resources - Remick

General Government - Weiss

Health & Human Services - Dudycha

Public Safety - Simpson

Transportation - Flage

Citizen Advisory Committee (RLWD) - Weiss

County Economic Development Board - Flage and Simpson

County Extension - Dudycha and Remick

County Fair Board - Dudycha and Simpson

County Parks - Flage

County Roads Committee - Simpson and Weiss

County Safety Committee - Remick

County Water Res. Advisory Committee (SWCD) - Remick

County Weed Advisory Committee - Weiss

Courthouse Purchasing and Maintenance Committee -Weiss  
Emergency Management Committee - Remick  
Household Hazardous Waste - Dudycha (alternate) and Simpson (delegate)  
Inter County Community Council - Dudycha  
Inter County Nursing Service - Flage  
Joint Counties Watershed Board - Flage (alternate) and Weiss (delegate)  
Joint Ditch Board - Remick, Simpson, and Weiss  
Law Library – Weiss  
Law Enforcement Committee - Remick and Weiss  
Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus - Flage (delegate) and Simpson (alternate)  
NW Mental Health - Remick  
NW Apartments Board - Flage  
NW Regional Development Board (appt' by 31 member NW Board) - Weiss  
NW Regional Development Commission - Dudycha  
NW Regional Development RTCC - Flage  
NW Regional Development - Dudycha (Loan Enterprise); Flage (TAC) and Weiss (Area Aging)  
NW Regional Emergency Radio Board - Remick (delegate) and Simpson (alternate)  
Personnel Committee - Remick and Weiss  
Quin County Board of Health (CHS) - Simpson (alternate) and Weiss (delegate)  
Red Lake County Affordable Housing Committee - Remick  
Regional Corrections - Dudycha and Weiss  
River Safety Committee - Dudycha and Flage  
Red Lake River Corridor Workgroup - Flage (alternate) and Remick (delegate)  
Red River Basin (Int. Coalition) - Remick  
RLWD One Watershed/One Plan (1W1P) - Remick (alternate) and Weiss (delegate)

Public Interest Positions:

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) JPA – reappoint Deputy Sheriff Brad Johnson as delegate and Sheriff Mitch Bernstein as an alternate for 1-year terms commencing January 1, 2019.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until January 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Schmitz, Auditor

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Ron Weiss, Chair, Board of Commissioners