

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Ron Weiss
Al Remick
Anthony Flage
Tony Gerardy

General Business:

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Flage seconded the motion.

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

Reading of the Minutes:

Commissioner Remick moved to approve the May 15, 2024 Social Service's board meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Gerardy seconded the motion.

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

Administrative Bills:

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Remick seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a 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 home and community-based waiver (HCBS) audit had been completed. RLCSS was not found to be out of compliance in any area. An upcoming report will be released sometime this fall for public view. The report will be shared with the Commissioners when it is made available.

Director Nelson proposed the possibility of future local grant planning committees when receiving various funding from state or federal grant sources rather than seeking regional committees for collaboration and planning. Discussion was held on how to move forward with local committees.

Director Nelson provided an update on the LTC Housing Complex in Oklee, MN. It appears MN DHS made an error which they reportedly are working to correct. No services are being provided at the Oklee location and this was approved in error. The Oklee apartment complex is not a housing with services facility/homeless shelter.

Director Nelson gave background information on the NAACP complaint that had been filed against the State of MN. All 87 counties are now needing to provide response to the complaint.

MN DHS has given counties until 7/29/2024 to upload the required information to DHS so they are able to provide response to the federal investigation.

Director Nelson reported that Sarah Kollin, Adult Service Team Lead, was nominated and selected to participate in a MNCHOICES BlueZone testing workgroup through MACSSA.

Discussion/Decision Items:

The Annual Board Reorganization: July 17, 2024. Director Nelson requested the election of officers. Board Member Gerardy nominated Allen Remick for the board chair position. Further nominations were called for. No other nominations were put forward. Board Member Gerardy asked that all nominations cease and made a motion that members cast their ballot by a show of hands for the candidate and that the majority ballot be cast for Allen Remick as chairperson. Commissioner Flage seconded the motion. Roll being called there were 4 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

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| Tony Gerardy | YEA |
| Ron Weiss | YEA |
| Allen Remick | YEA |
| Anthony Flage | YEA |

Board Member Remick nominated Tony Gerardy for the vice board chair position. Further nominations were called for. No other nominations were put forward. Board Member Remick asked that all nominations cease and made a motion that members cast their ballot by a show of hands for the candidate and that the majority ballot be cast for Tony Gerardy as vice chairperson. Commissioner Flage seconded the motion. Roll being called there were 4 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

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| Tony Gerardy | YEA |
| Ron Weiss | YEA |
| Allen Remick | YEA |
| Anthony Flage | YEA |

Board Member Remick nominated Anthony Flage for the secretary position. Further nominations were called for. No other nominations were put forward. Board Member Gerardy asked that all nominations cease and made a motion that members cast their ballot by a show of hands for the candidate and that the majority ballot be cast for Anthony Flage as secretary. Commissioner Remick seconded the motion. Roll being called there were 4 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

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| Tony Gerardy | YEA |
| Ron Weiss | YEA |
| Allen Remick | YEA |
| Anthony Flage | YEA |

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 4 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

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| Tony Gerardy | YEA |
| Ron Weiss | YEA |
| Allen Remick | YEA |
| Anthony Flage | YEA |

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Social Services Building.



Acting Chairperson



Secretary