



Legals

City of Red Lake Falls Public Hearing June 9, 2025 - Minutes

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Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Neil Knaack, Cheryl Matzke, Kyle Thibert, Joyce Kalbakdalen Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert, Matt Swendra, John Kleven

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing was for The City Council of the City of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota to consider the making of an improvement on Evergreen Avenue and Lindbergh Drive between the south line of Evergreen Avenue and its intersection to the North with Lindbergh Drive and that part of Lindbergh Drive East of a line extended that is located on the

East line of Block 2 and the East of Lot 2, of Block 4 in C & E Kandel Addition, by installation of bituminous pavement, pursuant to MN Stat §§429.01 to 429.111.

The meeting was open to public comments and questions. There was no one in attendance, however a letter was sent from Cory Bushee of NorthStar Neighbors Land Trust and read by Administrator Schmitz. Mr. Bushee wrote that they are not opposed to the paving and felt it would help with the sale of their homes.

Attorney Sparby announced that there will be a final hearing to adopt the assessment role after the project's completion.

The meeting adjourned at 6.06 pm. Respectfully submitted, Allen Bertilrud, Mayor Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, PUBLIC INFORMATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John Kleven addressed the council with his interest in the Council Member At Large open position.

Administrator Schmitz reported that Red Lake County received a \$34,000 Local Affordable Housing Aid Grant for new development and will be giving \$10,000 to the two new homes being built by NorthStar Neighbors to help reduce the cost

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert, to approve the amended agenda. Item 6.04 changed to include the hiring of pool employees, and the addition of Item 6.08 Planning & Zoning - Lindbergh & Evergreen Improvements

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the Consent Agenda. 5.01 Approval of May 28, 2025 Council Minutes 5.02 Approval of the Bills and. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

6.01 Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve Resolution #06-01-2025 Resolution to ratify prior actions of the Mayor and City Clerk related to certain real property. **For: Kalbakdalen, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud. Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None. MOTION WAS PASSED**

6.02 Council at Large applicants for

the open position included Lynn Vathhauer and John Kleven. Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Knaack to accept the application of John Kleven as the new Council Member At Large with term expiring on December 31, 2026. **For: Kalbakdalen, Knaack, Matzke, Bertilrud. Absent: None. Against: Thibert. Absent: None. MOTION WAS PASSED** Mr. John Kleven was sworn into the oath of office by Attorney Sparby.

Thibert moved, seconded by Knaack to approve the Swimming Pool pricing as it is listed in the current 2025 Fee Chart. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert proposed to hire Sebastian Groo for the Park & Rec position at starting wage of \$22.75, with six-month probation and training. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Thibert moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the hiring of 11 lifeguards for the 2025 season. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to accept the quote of \$24,525.00 from H & S Construction of TRF, Inc. for the curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs for homeowners and the City of Red Lake Falls. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to approve Resolution # 06-02-2024 ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans of proposed improvement on Evergreen Ave & Lindbergh Drive. **For: Kalbakdalen, Knaack, Matzke, Kleven, Bertilrud. Absent: None. Against: Thibert. Absent: None. MOTION WAS PASSED WITH SUPER MAJORITY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm. Respectfully submitted, Allen Bertilrud, Mayor Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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City of Red Lake Falls Special City Council Meeting June 16, 2025 - Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota was duly held at the Red Lake Falls Swimming Pool, 812 Chicago Ave SW of said City on the 16th day of June 2025.

Members Present: Neil Knaack, Cheryl Matzke, Kyle Thibert, John Kleven, Allen Bertilrud Members Absent: Joyce Kalbakdalen Others Present: Kathleen Schmitz, Matt Swendra, Jane Thibert, Ryan Brumwell, JoAnn Zutz The meeting was called to order at 8.03 a.m.

Business: The purpose of this meeting

was for the council to view the condition of the pool and to determine if the new areas of concern are repairable in time for the 2025 season.

It was the consensus of those present to contact pool experts Olson Pool & Aqua Logic to have them come and inspect the pool to help make the determination if it is repairable and if so, provide us with an estimate and time-line.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. Respectfully submitted: Allen Bertilrud, Mayor Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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Minutes of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 630. Red Lake Falls, MN June 18, 2025

The Board of Education held their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 Members present: Mike Swendra, Linda Schultz, Andy Knott, Josiah Hoefer, Beth Keller, Chris Cardinal and ex officio Superintendent Gutterer. Absent: Lacey Konickson. Also in attendance: Principal Brad Kennett, Principal Chris Bjerklie, Kayler Knott, Tony Greene, Aubrey Knott, Matt Knutson.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Keller moved, Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the June 18, 2025 agenda as presented. MC

Schultz moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting be approved as presented. MC

Hoefer moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the money transfers, the total Payroll and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$523,433.49, the Treasurers Report \$2,595,326.30, the Student Activity Account \$190,488.79, and approve the payment of checks 77146-77202 in the amount of \$340,103.45. MC

Cardinal moved, Schultz seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to call for bids for bread and milk products for the 2025-2026 school year to be received in the superintendent's office by July 11, 2025. MC

Knott moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to get bed prices for vehicle fuel and gas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. MC

Hoefer moved, Schultz seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the preliminary 2025-2026 District Budget as presented. MC

Cardinal moved, Knott seconded the

following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve Superintendent Anthony Greene as the District's LEA for the 2025-2026 school year. MC

Keller moved, Hoefer seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve RAM and Red Lake County Insurance for Worker's Compensation Insurance for the 2025-2026 school year. MC.

Hoefer moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment of the MSBA Membership dues and renewal of Policy Services for the 2025-2026 school year. MC

Schultz moved, Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2025-2026 renewal for the MREA membership. MC

Knott moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the local literacy plan as submitted. MC

Hoefer moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation from Randy Sauve as a custodian at J.A. Hughes Elementary School with his last day on August 29, 2025. MC

Principals Reports:

Principal Kennett gave his report on the honor roll, literacy plan, FCCLA- 2 students going to Nationals, baseball season, and the speech champion.

Principal Bjerklie gave his report on Title and Literacy plan, and Skip to My Lou making \$18,000.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Gutterer gave his report on inflation increase, summer unemployment funded, LTFM approved, on-line meeting for board members- 3 day notify window, Title 2a-funding cut, high school gym roof completed, softball road, gravel and grader to be finished after summer traffic is completed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40p.m.

Mike Swendra - Chairman
Linda Schultz - Clerk

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Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, Formal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

Estate of Brady Dean Phillips, also known as Brady D. Phillips Decedent

Court File No.: 63-PR-25-109
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RED LAKE
DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FORMAL PROBATE DIVISION

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 27th, 2025, at 1-30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, via remote meeting, on a petition for the formal probate of decedent's estate, and for the appointment of Dean Phillips , whose address is 14744 Maple Inn Rd SE, Mentor, MN 56736 as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to thehearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

ZOOM COURT HEARING: You may attend said court hearing, if you so chose:

To join by internet:

1. Type <https://zoomgov.com/join> in your browser's address bar.
2. Enter the Meeting ID and Meeting Passcode (if asked): Meeting ID: 160 783 0487 Password: 536669
3. Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.
4. Click the Join Audio icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen.
5. Click Share Video

To join by telephone (if you are unable to join by internet):

- Be sure you know how to mute your phone when you are not speaking and unmute it again to speak.
1. Call Toll-Free: 1-833-568-8864
 2. Enter Meeting ID and Password as indicated above.

Zoom Hearings: Please connect at the time of the hearing. Do not connect early as other hearings are taking place. You may have to wait for a period of time before the Zoom host allows you to join the hearing. When you join the hearing, please join with your audio on mute, wait for your case to be called, and unmute when speaking.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 7/25/25
/s/ Anne Rasmusson - CM
Judge of District Court

Dated: 7/25/25
/s/ Kathy Narlock - CM
Court Administrator

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Public Budget Hearing

Red Lake Falls School District #630

When: December 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Where: Lafayette High School Media Center

404 Champagne Ave.

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

218-253-2139

Phone number for Truth in Taxation Contact Information

☐ Referendum on November Ballot

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS July 8, 2025

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 July 8, 2025, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Highway Engineer, Taylor Amiot Re: - Resolution – MnDOT Agreement No. 1060559 (LPP: TH 32 Turn Lanes) RLC SWCD Conservation Technician, Travis Nelson Re: - Soil Erosion Update

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Tanner Holten, Interim County Attorney reviewed the draft agreement for solid waste disposal and found it generally acceptable. However, Holten recommended adding termination language allowing the county to end the contract if the other party fails to meet its obligations, violates any law, or files for bankruptcy, as the current draft does not contain such a clause. Holten noted this would provide protection and avoid leaving an open-ended contract. The board acknowledged the updated agreement, no action was taken at this time, as the current contract remains valid through December and negotiations are ongoing.

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer Taylor Amiot provided a comprehensive update on staffing and current projects. Four Applications were received for the highway operator position; interviews will begin on Monday. Regarding project updates, the overlay project is complete except for the striping, which was delayed but expected to be completed soon. The bypass project is progressing despite rain, with paving scheduled soon. If delayed, the gravel portion will be reopened to traffic to help compact the surface. Knife River has completed chloride applications on designated gravel roads throughout the county. Additional project updates included a scheduled hot-in-place recycling project led by Polk County on 0.6 miles of shared road near Dorothy, planned for August.

Amiot presented the board with a resolution for Red Lake County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1060559 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes: To provide for payment by the State to the County of the State's share of the costs of the turn lane construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along, an adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 32 from 376 feet southwest of the northeast corner of Section No. 23, T151, R44W to 2,229 feet southwest of the northeast corner of section no. 23 T151N, R44W within the corporate limits of the City of Red Lake Falls under State Project No. 6301-56 (TH 32=32). Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution 07-01-2025**. A copy of the resolution is available in the Auditor's office.

HR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board received an informational update on the upcoming Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program, which will begin January 1, 2026 from Human Resources Director, Angie Lundeen. Employers may choose to participate in the state-run plan at a rate of 0.88% or opt for a private plan. The County's ancillary benefits broker issued a RFP, receiving responses from 17 companies. The most competitive quote came from MetLife at 0.79%. To receive a one- or two-year rate guarantee from MetLife, the County must be enrolled in one or more of MetLife's other products (e.g., short- or long-term disability, life, dental, or vision insurance). Currently, the County does not have benefits with MetLife. To qualify for MetLife's rate guarantee, the County is considering switching its voluntary long-term disability (LTD) benefit to MetLife, which offers a 54% cost reduction and aligns its coverage start date (after 90 days) with PFML's end. Lundeen will also explore whether additional voluntary MetLife products could provide further flexibility or cost benefits.

SOIL EROSION UPDATE

Travis Nelson, Conservation

Technician from Red Lake County Soil and Water received a phone call from a downstream landowner who reported a quick rainfall event of 1.3 inches that caused significant erosion, including new rills forming across the field despite soybean growth. Concerns were reiterated regarding the effectiveness and timeliness of erosion mitigation efforts by the land user, particularly following the first letter issued by the county. A second letter will now be sent to document the user's proposed schedule and acknowledge the recent rain event, while continuing to express the board's concerns about further erosion. Coordination for a site visit is being arranged, involving the landowners, tenant, and representatives from the county and township with the goal of fostering better communication and timely remediation before additional weather events cause further damage.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Moran, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 24, 2025.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Moran, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on June 18, 2025.

JPA MINNESOTA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein presented the board with a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, in partnership with the BCA. This agreement will allow the Chief Investigator to attend specialized trainings and gain access to resources and support for investigations involving internet crimes against children. This agreement also provides the mechanism to reimburse the Governmental Unit for equipment, training, and expenses, if any, that it incurs because of its participation in the ICAC Task Force. The board unanimously approved the JPA to join the ICAC Task Force, with a motion by Commissioner Mickelson and a second by Commissioner Remick.

EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the expenditures totaling \$1,700,464.28 for the period. A complete list is available in the Auditor's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Remick – Personnel Committee
Mickelson – None
Gerardy – None
Moran – Personnel Committee
Flage – Northwest Regional Development Commission

ENVIRONMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor, Kelsey Gervais presented a draft letter for review on behalf of Environmentalist, Kurt Casavan, which he intends to send to the MPCA regarding upcoming changes to the acceptance and handling of construction and demolition (C&D) waste. The letter outlines projected costs and plans to stop accepting C&D materials by December 2028, with final facility closure by the summer of 2029. Board members discussed the importance of clarifying in the letter that the county intends to continue operating as a Permit by Rule transfer site beyond the closure date, as this was not explicitly stated. It was agreed that the letter should include language confirming the county's intention to maintain transfer operations, and Casavan will be advised to make that clarification before submitting the letter to the MPCA.

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gervais provided the board with an update on the current budget status for the year. Some accounts appear elevated due to early apportionments or anticipated expenses, such as HAVA, which reflects the purchase of new voting equipment. Other departments are generally tracking as expected, with the revenue having utilized 51% of the 2025 budget to date.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor
Chuck Flage, Chairman
Board of Commissioner

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Notice of and Order for Hearing on Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, Formal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

Estate of Harvey Louis Hagl Jr., also known as Harvey Louis Hagl, Harvey L. Hagl Jr., Harvey L. Hagl, Harvey Hagl Jr., and as Harvey Hagl, Decedent

Court File No.: 63-PR-25-94
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RED LAKE
DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 13th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. a hearing will be held via Zoom at the following:

Judge Remick
Internet: <https://zoomgov.com/join>
Meeting ID: 160 215 5943
Password: 269774

on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Pamela Bradshaw, whose address is 917 Broadway Avenue NE, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate. Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 07/15/2025
Anne Rasmusson-CM
Judge of District Court

Dated: 07/15/2025
Kathy Norlock-CM
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