

Range Association of Municipalities & Schools
Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

Iron Trail Motors Event Center

President Pat Medure called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: **City of Aurora; City of Babbitt; City of Biwabik;** City of Buhl; **City of Chisholm;** City of Cook; **City of Ely; City of Hibbing; City of Hoyt Lakes; City of Nashwauk; City of Silver Bay;** City of Tower; **City of Virginia; Cherry Township; Clinton Township;** Ellsburg Township; Harris Township; **McDavitt Township; Morse Township; Nashwauk Township;** White Township; **French Township; ISD 318 Grand Rapids; ISD 319 Nashwauk/Keewatin;** ISD 696 Ely; **ISD 701 Hibbing;** ISD 2142 St Louis County

(Memberships in bold hold seats on the Board)

- President Pat Medure called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- Mayor Larry Cuffe gave a welcome speech.
- Opening remarks were made by President Pat Medure.
- Treasurer Barb Kalmi gave the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Fisher and supported by Zins. Motion carried.
- Executive Director Paul Peltier thanked all the elected officials for joining us tonight and talked about his time as the Executive Director.
- Outgoing Board Members were honored with a plaque and gift card for their service to RAMS: Norma Jean Jofs, Jennifer Hoffman-Sacoman, Travis Vake, and Richard Aldrich.
- Videos were played during the dinner from Legislators that could not be present: Governor Walz, Representative Stauber, and Senator Klobuchar.
- All elected officials present at the meeting were given a chance to make remarks.
- Members were given ballots for the Election of Board Members when they registered. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to accept the nominations was made by Warwas and supported by Jofs. Motion carried.
- The Keynote Address was in recognition of previous RAMS Executive Directors. Nancy Norr presented Frank Ongaro, Gary Cerkvenik presented Ron Dicklich, Pat Medure presented Ida Rukavina, and Representative Dave Lislegard presented Steve Giorgi. Each presenter highlighted the accomplishments of the Executive Director and awarded them with a plaque.
- President Pat Medure reported the election results with the following serving a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2024:

1. Chris Koivisto (ISD 2142 St Louis County)
2. Phillip Medure (Great Scott Township)
3. Warren Stolp (Nashwauk Township)
4. Paul Kess (City of Ely)
5. Julie Lucas (French Township)
6. Gary Friedlieb (City of Virginia)
7. Dave Zins (City of Hoyt Lakes)
8. Ryan Davies (Harris Township)
9. Dan Goette (City of Aurora)
10. Barb Kalmi (ISD 319 Nashwauk/Keewatin)
11. Bob Berrini (Morse Township)
12. Matt Grose (ISD 318 Grand Rapids/Bigfork Sups Assn)

A motion to accept the election results was made by Anderson and supported by Saari. Motion passed.

- President Pat Medure thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.