

Range Association of Municipalities & Schools

Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

Iron Trail Motors Event Center

President Barb Kalmi called the meeting to order at 6:51 P.M.

Present: City of Aurora; **City of Biwabik; City of Buhl; City of Chisholm; City of Cook; City of Ely; City of Eveleth;** City of Grand Rapids; **City of Hibbing; City of Hoyt Lakes; City of Keewatin; City of Kinney; City of Mt Iron; City of Silver Bay; City of Tower; City of Two Harbors; ISD 2142 St Louis County; ISD 2711 Mesabi East; ISD 2909 Rock Ridge; ISD 318 Grand Rapids; ISD 319 Nashwauk-Keewatin; ISD 695 Chisholm; ISD 712 Mt Iron-Buhl; Town of Beatty; Town of Breitung; **Town of Cherry; Town of Ellsburg; Town of Great Scott; Town of Harris; Town of McDavitt; Town of Morcom; Town of Morse; Town of Nashwauk; Town of White****

(Memberships in bold hold seats on the Board)

- President Barb Kalmi called the meeting to order at 6:51pm, gave a brief history of RAMS, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Berrini and supported by Rahja. Motion carried.
- President Kalmi welcomed the 42 registered Members and acknowledged the record registration for the event, at 288 registered attendees.
- Treasurer Shane Hoff gave the financial report. RAMS finances are stable and in good health. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Loeffler and supported by Berrini. Motion carried.
- Executive Director Paul Peltier thanked all the sponsors of the event and recognized the 73 Public Sector Members of RAMS and the 46 Corporate Members. He spoke of guiding principles, the ability to connect Members to each other and others, and Member Advocacy including brownfields, housing, and education. Executive Director Peltier honored outgoing Board Members Gary Friedlieb (City of Virginia), Tom Omerza (ISD 696 Ely), Bob Rahja (ISD 695 Chisholm), and Phil Medure (Town of Great Scott) with a plaque in recognition of their service to RAMS.
- The Keynote Address was given by Tony Sertich - “What does it mean to serve the Iron Range”.
- Members were given ballots for the Election of Board Members when they signed in.
- Board Member Angela Campbell reported the election results with the following serving a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2026:
 1. Ryan Davies (Town of Harris)

2. Warren Stolp (Town of Nashwauk)
3. Dan Manick (City of Cook)
4. Paul Kuechle (Town of Great Scott)
5. Steve Biondich (City of Biwabik)
6. Bob Berrini (Town of Morse)
7. Cathy Erickson (City of Two Harbors)
8. Barb Kalmi (ISD 319 Nashwauk-Keewatin)
9. Sheila Jensen (City of Nashwauk)
10. Chris Koivisto (ISD 2142 St Louis County)
11. Rick Blake (City of Grand Rapids)
12. Matt Grose (ISD 318 Grand Rapids – Superintendent Association)

- The Range Delegation present at the meeting were given a chance to make remarks: Representative Warwas, Senator Farnsworth, Senator Hauschild, and Representative Igo.
- Executive Director Peltier presented the Roy Smith Service Award to the family of Roy Smith.