

Morrie Lanning

Morrie Lanning recently retired from public service representing Moorhead and Northern Clay County in the Minnesota House of Representatives for the past ten years. Morrie was first elected to the House in 2002 after serving as the Mayor of Moorhead from 1980 through 2001 and as a City Alderman from 1974 through 1979. Throughout his 38 years of public service he has held numerous leadership positions in city, state, and regional organizations. In recent years Morrie authored legislation to move Minnesota's water management governance to a basin and watershed system, an issue he worked on throughout his years of public service. He worked to found the International Coalition for Land and Water Stewardship in the Red River Basin in 1979 and was a founder and the first chair of the Red River Basin Commission. Morrie has been a delegate to the Legislator's Forum and a member of the Steering Committee for the past ten years. He is also known for his work on flood mitigation and for his authorship on pension reform and a new sports stadium for Minnesota.

After spending nearly 39 years as an administrator at Concordia College in Moorhead, he retired in 2005 as Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Morrie began working at Concordia after earning his BA in History-Political Science and Psychology from the College in 1966. He earned his MS in Guidance and Counseling from NDSU in 1968.

Morrie recently established a consulting firm, Morrie Lanning Consulting LLC, offering consulting services in areas such as water resource management, government relations, and organizational leadership and management.