

PUBLIC NOTICE
CGD December 12, 2025 Minutes

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Board of Directors held their Organizational and Regular Meetings on Friday, December 12, 2025, at the district office. Attending the meeting was Troy Seaba, Megan Ring, Alison Marshall, Craig Warnke, SheRee Wharton, Kelly Kirstein, Elizabeth Severson, Brad Kahler, Jarod Carder, Adam Vorne, Mark Skogerboe, Amanda Rink, Tanja Jensen, Kelly Hill, Amanda Morris, Katrina TerHark, Maycie Rector, Amanda Rosenkilde, Brian Engstler, Scott Simmons, Joe Nelson, and Anita Frye.

Troy Seaba Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 A.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Severson to Approve the Agenda. Second by Ring. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: Tanja Jensen addressed the board with her desire to maintain a strong TAG program and what it should look like in the future after her retirement. She wants the board to consider all parts of the program and what it means to the students in our district when making decisions for next year. Kelly Hill spoke on how difficult it is to use or schedule to use school facilities for practices, and he would like to see the buildings open for use on Sunday. Mr. Nelson asked if he had discussed his concerns or the situation with Brad Kahler. Hill replied he had not. Brian Engstler stated he would like to see the gyms open 1-5 P.M. on Sunday afternoons. He does not like that we combined with other towns for sports. CGD should have their own team for each sport. Mr. Nelson replied the reason the district combined with other neighboring schools was low participation numbers. Scott Simmons discussed how busy the schedules of students are during the week. Some starting at 6:30 in the morning and not ending until 8-9:00 P.M. Having the time on Sunday afternoon would allow students to end their day earlier during the week.

Review of Elections Results: Troy Seaba read the election results, adding two new board members Alison Marshall and SheRee Wharton. Both Marshall and Wharton received their Oath of Office, on Thursday, Dec. 4 th , 2025, from Board Secretary Frye. Mr. Nelson thanked retiring board members Elizabeth Severson for her sixteen years of service and Kelly Kirstein for her four years of service. Adjournment of the Retiring Board by Severson. Second by Ring. Motion carried 5-0.

Organizational Meeting: Board Secretary Frye Called the Meeting to Order at 7:22 A.M. She then asked for nominations for Board President. Motion by Ring to nominate Troy Seaba. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Frye administered the Oath of Office to Seaba. Seaba then took nominations for Vice President. Motion by Ring to nominate Craig Warnke as Vice President. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 5-0. Seaba administered the Oath of Office to Warnke. Motion by Ring to Appoint Mark Skogerboe as district Treasurer. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Seaba administered the Oath of Office to Skogerboe. Motion by Ring to Appoint Anita Frye as Board Secretary. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Seaba administered the Oath of Office to Frye. Motion by Ring to Approve 2026 Committee Assignments are Building & Grounds – Craig Warnke & Megan Ring; Wright Co. Conference Board

– Alison Marshall; SIACC – Megan Ring & SheRee Wharton; Legislative Network Rep – Troy Seaba; IASB Delegate – Troy Seaba; IASB Alternate – Craig Warnke; Board Policy – Entire Board; Negotiations – Teachers – Troy Seaba & Megan Ring; Negotiations – Classified – Alison Marshall & Craig Warnke; Wellness Committee – SheRee Wharton; Insurance Committee – Troy Seaba & Alison Marshall; Educational Committee – Megan Ring & Craig Warnke. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Ring to name Wright County monitor the official newspaper for legal publications of the district. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Ring to Appoint Ahlers Cooney and Seaba Law firm for school district legal matters. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Ring to Approve Depository Limits not to exceed \$15 million at First Citizens, \$5 million at First State, and \$1 million at Bankers Trust. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0: Motion by Ring to Approve Board President, Vice President, Board Secretary and Amanda Carpenter as authorized signatures for two signature check payments. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Report: During this time AD Brad Kahler discussed Gym Usage the conversations he has had with several parents, gaining their perspective on Sunday usage. He outlined a schedule that a fourth-grade parent had given him, and the activities they participated in all week. He presented the idea that Sunday could be a recharge/family day for all students. Marshall stated she thinks Rec or AAU teams that practice on Sundays will allow them time to improve their skills. It is up to the parents to decide if their child participates and to what degree. Warnke spoke on his experience as a parent and coach in the community. He would like to Sunday protected as refocus and recharge day. Ring spoke as a parent and felt that her child needs a day free of activities to recoup. Carder spoke as a parent, acknowledging he can see it from both points of view, but appreciates the free Sunday afternoon to regroup. Maycie Rector spoke from the point of view of a student athlete and a volunteer coach – she practiced on Sunday as an athlete and as a volunteer coach that is the only time she can really commit to practice or games due to her employment duties.

Nelson shared due to the staff survey and open meeting that was held with staff, feedback is clear that they would like to see two principals, one at the Elementary School and one at the Middle School. He then had Jared Carder give an update on the principal applications. Through Grundmeyer Leader search the district will continue to receive applications through Sunday, January 4, 2026. We have had eight Middle School applicants and six Elementary applications; the plan is to have interviews around the third week in January.

New Business: Motion by Ring to Approve the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$83,705.00 for increased enrollment. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ring to Approve the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Re-

view Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$73,403.00 for Open Enrolled Students Out who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ring to Approve the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$106,400.00 for EL program students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2025 certified enrollment headcount. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ring to Approve FY27 Building Administrator Plan hiring one principal for the Elementary Building and one principal for the Middle School Building. Seconded by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on Policy 08.02 – Facility Use. This was tabled until next meeting once more information is obtained regarding liability, staff, and fees.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Warnke to Approve Minutes of Meeting held on November 13, 2025; Approve Payment of Bills in Between Meetings; Approve Payment of Monthly Bills; Approve FY26 Contract for Paul Hansch – Classroom Instructor Drivers Education -\$3,075.00; MS Special Education Para Abigail Mewes, Step 1 \$17.17/hr. with FT Benefits after successful completion of 60 work days; Approve Lane Movement Request from Slade Sifuentes BA+10 to BA+20; Approve Contract Modification for Kristina Moore reducing library stipend and adding TLC Lighthouse Stipend – Contract \$60,429.68, 4 additional contract days \$1,272.20, 91 ELA/Library Days \$4,310.67, TLC Lighthouse Stipend \$1,000, total contract \$67,012.55; Teddy Yackle as Seasonal Building & Grounds Help \$13.16/hr. FY27 Whitney Dahlgren moving from MS Science to HS FCS Teacher with reimbursement of two classes to get endorsement upon submission of transcripts and verification of class payment; Approve 1st Reading of Policies - Policy 208 -Board Committees; 208 R1-Board Committees Regulation; 401.01 – Equal Opportunity;502.07 – Student Substance Use; 507.05-Emergency Plans and Drills; 710.1E1-School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination;804.07-Radon Mitigation; 804.07-R(1)- Radon Mitigation. Approve Rescinding of Policy 208.E1-Ad Hoc Committees Exhibit; Approve HS Choir overnight request Dorian Festival – January 11-12, 2026, and Meistersinger Festival January 25-26, 2026. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial Reports: Reports may be viewed at the district office during normal business hours.

Facility/Nutrition/Transportation: No reports were given. Ring and Wharton commented that the changes made to the school lunches are very much appreciated and they have heard lots of positive comments.

Next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 4:30 P.M. The board will hold a Closed Session at 3:30 to screen principal applications.

Motion by Ring to Adjourn. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 A.M. Anita Frye, Board Secretary

City Council Appoints Fire Chief and Approves Road Agreement

Amanda Rink, Editor

The Clarion City Council met Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, at City Hall with Mayor Rod Heiden presiding. Council members Dan Hennigar, Nick McOllough, Mike Ennis and Elmarie Nel were present. Dave Flurer was absent while attending his child's school concert. City Administrator Clint Middleton and City Attorney Zach Chizek were also in attendance.

During the open forum for the public, resident Jordan Capsell spoke about a winter safety concern involving a snow-covered sidewalk in an area south of the Clarion Locker. Capsell said he walks to and from town every day and noted that when the sidewalk is not cleared, he and another resident are forced to walk

in the street. He asked the council to make sure the issue was addressed. After agreeing to address the issue, the council moved on to agenda projects.

The council approved the reappointment of Pat McCormick as Clarion Fire Chief and accepted the officers of the Clarion Fire Department for 2026.

Approved officers included: Brian Marker as Assistant Chief; Gene Rosenbaum, Treasurer; Tim Hamilton, Secretary; Tyler Reiter, Michael Weber and Bryce Hamilton as Captains; Steve Krueger as Training Officer; Bryce Hamilton as Training Officer; and Greg Littlejohn as Liaison/PIO Officer.

Trustees approved were Lance Austin for a one-year term, Eric Stevens for a two-year term, and Owen

Kockorsky for a three-year term. Councilmembers also approved a new 28E agreement with Wright County for road maintenance within city limits.

Under the new agreement, Wright County will continue snow removal and summer blading on certain secondary road extensions, including Madison Avenue (R38), 210th Street, and Nelson Avenue, at no cost to the city. The agreement also outlines that any additional maintenance not specified must be approved by the council and reimbursed to the county. Roads with shared ownership will continue to be maintained jointly by the city and county.

The council will meet again on January 6, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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nutrition, wellness programs, and sharing information about a new employee assistance program targeting high blood pressure and stress reduction.

Supervisors approved a motion to continue participating in the ISAC Wellness Program for 2026. ISAC also provides the county with \$20 per contract, funds which are used for year-end wellness prizes. This year's prizes included two treadmills, a 65-inch television, an iPad, and a cooler.

In other business, the board appointed JoEllen Reynolds to the Wright County Trails Committee as the Belmont representative.

The board then moved on to a 28E agreement with the City of Belmont regarding county maintenance

of certain city streets. Under the agreement, Wright County will continue providing snow removal and summer blading on county roads within city limits.

Any work beyond that will require city approval and reimbursement, as with the agreement with Clarion. The city of Belmont had already approved the agreement before Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons

brought it to the Board of Supervisors.

Clemons then provided a secondary roads update, reporting that crews have been busy with snow and ice response, particularly on hills and intersections. Sand sheds and the Clarion salt bunker have been restocked, and the county has received just over half of its ordered salt allotment from the Iowa DOT. Work con-

tinues on the Taylor Avenue Bridge near Belmond, as weather allows, and seismic testing is ongoing.

Clemons also noted the department is reviewing equipment pricing and possible cost increases heading into the 2026 budget cycle.

During meeting updates, supervisors recognized the retirement of longtime county employee Darrel Steven Carlyle.

The board also announced county offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, through Friday, December 26, for the holiday.

The board of supervisors will meet again on Monday, December 29, at 9:00 A.M. at the courthouse. This meeting, and past meetings, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

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the conditions, Schmitz then decided to turn west-bound students around and return them to the high school, where school staff stayed with them until Rothman was able to drive the children home. The students ultimately arrived home about an hour later than their usual drop-off time.

The bus on the west side of Clarion was one of several navigating the intermittent snow squalls throughout the area. Adam Foertsch, another bus driver, was also caught in the storm and at one point pulled his bus over for safety.

Rothman emphasized that making sure students feel safe is always a priority,

especially during weather events like this. When one child asked Foertsch what would happen if they “ended up in the ditch,” he reassured them that the bus had plenty of fuel to stay warm, and joked that they could always sing Christmas songs if needed. The lighthearted comment sparked spontaneous caroling, with several students leading the rest in holiday songs.

Other drivers focused on keeping conversation going to calm worried students, but Rothman noted that most children seemed relatively unfazed, chatting with friends or playing games on their phones. “The drivers all did a good job making sure the kids were safe,” Rothman said

proudly.

Elsewhere around Clarion, travelers were forced to stop along roadways as sheriff's deputies set up checkpoints in the areas hardest hit by the squalls. Others took shelter in community spaces such as the Clarion Library, restaurants, and local businesses.

Ultimately, when emergencies strike, Clarion residents know they can count on their neighbors, one of the many reasons Wright County remains a special place to call home.

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feel cared for.

Christmas hope, cheer, and nostalgia does not arrive in Wright County all on its own. It arrives because people carry it to every corner it is invited to.

Editor's Note: Throughout Wright County, many generous individuals volunteer their time as Santa and Mrs. Claus, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of you. Space simply doesn't allow me to recog-

nize everyone, especially during the holiday season, which feels like an impossible task. I could easily fill all twelve pages of the Monitor offering thanks.

That's because Wright County is filled with people who give so much of themselves. From those who serve on boards to improve our parks and pools, to those who sit on councils, to those filling church basements every day to feed our neigh-

bors or make sure a child has shoes for the first day of school, you are the heart of this community.

Thank you for all that you do, often without recognition or applause. I hope this season brings you the gratitude you so richly deserve, and if it doesn't, please consider this your heartfelt thank-you.

The Wright County Monitor, Amanda Rink

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Wright County Freedom Mortgage Corporation

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Wright COUNTY FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ALL OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SPOUSES, ASSIGNEES, GRANTEES, LEGATEES, DEVICES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DONNIE HAUSER, DECEASED, NICOLE HAUSER, LNVV FUNDING, LLC, CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, HAUGE ASSOCIATES, INC., STATE OF IOWA, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION, DEFENDANTS EQUITY NO. EQCV025458 ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby notified that there is a petition on file in the office of the clerk of the above court which petition prays for a judgment in rem against the property involved in this action for the sum of \$41,998.50 with interest at 3.875% per annum from and including May 1, 2025, on the promissory note executed by Donnie Hauser, a married person and mortgage executed by Donnie Hauser and Nicole Hauser, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns and assigned to Plaintiff, who is the sole and absolute owner thereof. Said note, together with the mortgage given to secure the same are due and payable by reason of the failure of the Defendants Don-

nie Hauser and Nicole Hauser, husband and wife to pay the installments of principal when due. Plaintiff also prays in said Petition for the foreclosure of said mortgage dated December 18, 2012 recorded in Book 2012 Page 2915 in the Recorder's Office of Wright County, Iowa, with said note dated December 18, 2012 on the following described property, to-wit: The South Half of Lot 6 and all of Lot 7 in Block 9 of Hewett's Park Addition to Eagle Grove Junction, Wright County, Iowa and also asking that said mortgage be declared a prior and superior lien to that of each of the above named Defendants; for appointment of a receiver; for the amount paid by Plaintiff for attorneys' fees, abstract expense, costs and accruing costs of this action; that special execution issue for the sale of said real estate to satisfy said judgment, interest, attorneys' fees and costs and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, SEE COPY OF PETITION NOW ON FILE. THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THREE MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELL-

ING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE. The Plaintiff's attorneys are Petosa Law LLP by Benjamin W. Hopkins, whose address is 1350 NW 138th Street, Suite 100, Clive, IA 50325, telephone number 515-222-9400, facsimile number 515-222-9121. You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 21st day of January, 2026, and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer in the Iowa District Court of Wright County, at the Courthouse in Clarion, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You should refer to (i) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing; and (ii) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you require assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (641) 421-0990. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942). YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

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