

# 50% of Clarke High School students registered to vote through Carrie Chapman Catt program

DES MOINES – The Carrie Chapman Catt Award program, created and administered by Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate, encourages eligible high school senior students to register to vote. Pate recently announced that as part of the initiative, 4,737 high school students registered to vote across 60 counties during the 2024-2025 school year.

Established in 2019, the Carrie Chapman Catt Award was created by Pate to encourage voter registration in Iowa high schools. The prestigious Carrie Chapman Catt Award goes to Iowa schools that register at least 90% of their eligible students to vote, with schools also earning recognition for registered 70% and 50% of eligible students.

Studies show that students who report being encouraged to vote or taught how to register to vote in high school are more likely to vote and be more invested in elections throughout their lifetimes.

To wrap up the 2024-2025 school year, Pate

is celebrating the 120 schools that signed up to host voter registration drives and the 62 schools that received recognition as part of the award program.

- 40 schools registered at least 90% of eligible seniors, earning the Carrie Chapman Catt Award trophy.

- Five large schools (with more than 300 students) registered at least 100 eligible seniors, earning the Capitol Award

trophy.

- Eight schools registered at least 70% of eligible students, earning a banner award.

- Nine schools registered at least 50% of eligible students, earning a certificate award.

“It is a privilege to have a small part in instilling a sense of civic duty among Iowa’s high school students,” Pate said. “Registering to vote is the first step in ensuring you have the opportunity to exercise

your fundamental right to vote, and I am thrilled to congratulate the almost 5,000 new registered voters who are establishing that they are not just leaders of tomorrow, but leaders already today.”

Schools that registered at least 50% of eligible students will receive a personalized certificate from the Iowa Secretary of State.

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\* Students must qualify for the maximum federal Pell Grant or have earned/earned-plus income of \$10,000 or less for the filing year.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## OSCEOLA WATER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2025 (UNAPPROVED)

The Osceola Water Works Board of Trustees met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025. This being the time and place as legally posted; the meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Vice-Chairperson Larry Bishop. The following Board Members were present: Sandra Ramos, John Kooiker, Sara O'Hair and via telephone Alisha Kale. Also present from Osceola Water Works were Superintendent Brandon Patterson, and Business Director Patti Snyder as well as John Kempen, Randy Johnson of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., Andrew Clark of Clarke County Development Corp., and Sharon Clark of Spoke Communications, LLC.

Board Member Kale motioned to approve the Agenda and Board Member Kooiker seconded the motion. Roll Call of the vote was:

Ayes: Bishop, Ramos, Kooiker, O'Hair, Kale  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

Vice-Chairperson Bishop opened the opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board. No one was present to address the board and no correspondence had been received.

Engineering Report: Randy Johnson of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. gave a report on the following: Central Business Street Scape Project: is a bit ahead of schedule. Water Treatment Plant Project: Draft EJCJC agreement is with USDA for approval - should have for approval in May and rescind the existing Engineering Planning & Design Agreement. Hydraulic Model Project: Pressure/Flow testing has been completed. Lead Line Project: Completed surveys received added a few more addresses to the list. Will start next week to develop a plan of areas to start and will have a draft plan in June. Garfield Street Water Main Replacement Project is on hold until summer. Emergency Response Plan: Expect to have a Draft to DNR before the June Meeting, the plan is due to DNR July 1st, 2025.

Business Director Patti Snyder opened the discussion regarding a letter received from the customer at 309 E Vine St., Osceola, IA 50213. After further discussion, Board Member Kale recommended to follow the leak adjustment policy and issue a credit of \$216.17, motion died. After further discussion, Board Member O'Hair motioned to issue a credit of \$89.20 to the Water portion of the utility bill. Board Member Ramos seconded the motion. Roll Call of the Vote was:

Ayes: Bishop, O'Hair, Kale, Kooiker, Ramos  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

Superintendent Brandon Patterson presented a Resolution for the Purchase of Property at 202 W Cherry Dr., Osceola, IA, in the amount of \$57,500.00, with Possession and Closing On or Before June 1, 2025. After discussion, Board Member Kooiker made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and Board Member Ramos seconded the motion. Roll Call of the vote was:

Ayes: Bishop, Ramos, Kooiker, Kale, O'Hair  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

Resolution No: 2025-15  
Business Director Patti Snyder opened the discussion regarding a Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a Proposal to Water Works System Utility Revenue Bond thereunder in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$100,000.00, for the Purchase of FlexNet/Sensus Rf Metering Equipment. After discussion, a Public Hearing is set to be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at 208 W Jefferson St., Osceola, IA 50213. Board Member Kale made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and Board Member Ramos seconded the motion. Roll Call of the vote was:

Ayes: Bishop, Ramos, Kooiker, Kale, O'Hair  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

Resolution No: 2025-16  
Business Director Patti Snyder opened the discussion regarding a Resolution Amending Osceola Water Works FY 2024-2025 Budget. After discussion, Board Member Kale recommended to accept the Amended Budget for FY 2024-2025 as presented and Board Member O'Hair seconded the motion. Roll Call of the Vote was:

Ayes: Bishop, Ramos, Kooiker, Kale, O'Hair  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

Resolution No: 2025-17  
Water Superintendent Report: Water Superintendent Brandon Patterson reported the 2024 Water Quality Report or Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is completed and posted at: <http://iowawccr.org/Osceola-Water-works>, and at: [osceolawaterworks.com](http://osceolawaterworks.com). The Water Level of West Lake is at 1070.53 ft, 2.17 ft below the spillway overflow. Last year the level was more than 5 feet lower. Increased amounts of sediment have required to have one of the Lagoon's pumped. Lead Line Replacement Project: Customer Surveys have been completed and a few more addresses have been reported as having lead; the next step is to verify. Carbon filter exchange at the Water Treatment Plant is scheduled for late April/early May. Working with Osceola Foods on Fire flow testing and staff is continuing with flushing the 364 Fire Hydrants in our Water System. CCR update: the EIS Draft plan has been submitted and is in the first of many review processes. Hopeful to have a signed/approved plan by early 2026. FlexNet/Sensus Meter Project: New Meters are being installed and the RF equipment should be installed very soon on the tower. Staff is very busy and we are very proud of how well everyone is working together.

Board Vice-Chairperson Bishop presented the consent agenda. Board Member Kale motioned and Board Member Kooiker seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda included minutes from the regular Board Meeting held on March 6, 2025 and Special Board Meeting held on March 11, 2025, Aging Report, YTD Budget, increase for Thomas Masters III to \$21.25, and the following Bills and Claims:

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Payroll.....\$1,071.44  
Agsource Laboratories  
Lab Testing.....\$43.50  
Alliant Energy  
Utilities.....\$9,733.30  
Amy Swanson  
Refund.....\$100.00  
Assurity  
Payroll.....\$292.64  
Badger Meter  
Services.....\$536.26  
Bud Jones Construction  
Services.....\$265.00  
Campbell Supply  
Services.....\$212.28  
Card Member Services  
Services.....\$2,701.88  
Casey's General Stores  
Fuel.....\$828.68  
Centerpoint Energy Services  
Utilities.....\$3,536.38  
Central Iowa Fasteners  
Services.....\$263.50  
Chem-sult, Inc.  
Chemicals.....\$40,041.96  
Cintas First Aid & Safety  
Services.....\$40.45  
City of Osceola  
Monthly Collections.....\$250,998.42  
City of Osceola-Health  
Health Insurance.....\$16,742.32  
Clarke County Sheriff  
Payroll.....\$193.74  
Core & Main LP  
Services.....\$1,067.87  
Creston Publishing Co  
Communications.....\$349.02  
D&D Pest Control  
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Des Moines Water Works  
Services.....\$32.10  
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Services.....\$658.00  
CSG Forte Payments, Inc.  
Services.....\$459.50  
FP Finance  
Services.....\$181.10  
FP Mailing Solutions  
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Friday Ins Agency  
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Hawkins  
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Highway Lumber  
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IA Association of Municipal Utilities  
Services.....\$1,122.00  
IA Dept of Human Services  
Payroll.....\$1,751.15  
Ideal Ready Mix Co  
Services.....\$1,137.00  
Illinois Mutual  
Payroll.....\$1,158.96  
Internal Revenue Service  
Taxes.....\$15,415.07  
IA Dept of Revenue  
Taxes.....\$1,367.39  
Iowa Rural Water Association  
Services.....\$2,478.26  
IPERS  
Payroll.....\$8,921.11  
Logan Contractors Supply  
Services.....\$2,156.68  
Menards - Clive  
Services.....\$313.33  
Metering & Technology Solution  
Services.....\$-10,870.40  
Midwest Office Technology  
Office Operations.....\$447.49  
Municipal Supply, Inc.  
Services.....\$110,511.86  
Mutual of Omaha  
Insurance.....\$119.31  
Niemann Ace  
Services.....\$385.09  
Onsite Service Solutions, LLC  
Services.....\$2,002.50  
Osceola Farm & Home  
Services.....\$464.91  
Sam, LLC  
Services.....\$2,640.00  
Shazam  
Services.....\$25.00  
Solutions  
Office Supplies.....\$233.93  
Spoke Communications, LLC  
Communications.....\$1,300.00  
State Hygenic Laboratory  
Services.....\$539.50  
Strange Electric & Performance  
Services.....\$794.86  
U.S. Cellular  
Services.....\$386.37  
USA Bluebook  
Services.....\$3,712.10  
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc  
Services.....\$21,148.20  
Wild Blue  
Services.....\$176.22  
Windstream  
Services.....\$604.58  
Total Accounts Payable.....\$654,846.22  
Helseleen Agrippa  
UB Refund.....\$34  
Adrian Sanchez Alvarado  
UB Refund.....\$22.19  
Michael Carson  
UB Refund.....\$144.64  
Jessica Griffey  
UB Refund.....\$24.76  
Chassidy Heckwine  
UB Refund.....\$25.70  
Carol Herman  
UB Refund.....\$88.44  
Yunay Hernandez  
UB Refund.....\$15.19  
Alberto Miguel Jose  
UB Refund.....\$11.49  
Jack Barnes Martin  
UB Refund.....\$78.56  
Marty Olson  
UB Refund.....\$75.00  
Douglas Price  
UB Refund.....\$71.53  
Mara Itzel Flores Rodriguez  
UB Refund.....\$101.52  
Alexander Stiles  
UB Refund.....\$120.95  
Celestino Torres Jr.  
UB Refund.....\$23.90  
Total Refunds.....\$804.21  
Total Payroll.....\$50,936.79  
Total Paid.....\$706,587.22

Roll call of the vote was:  
Ayes: Bishop, Ramos, Kooiker, Kale, O'Hair  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

Utility Business Director Report: Business Director Patti Snyder reported there were 8 shut-offs due to non-payment on March 28th, 2025. Penalty/Disconnect notices were mailed, emails were sent, and phone calls were made to remind customers of the unpaid bills. Posts were also made on Facebook and Osceolawaterworks.com regarding the date for shut-offs due to non-payment. After discussion, a notification will be sent reminding customers of the Rules & Regulations for Penalties and disconnections. Meter Change-outs are keeping everyone busy with paperwork and setting up appointments.

Board Member Reports: Board Member O'Hair appreciates all the cool things that are happening in Osceola. Board Member Kooiker is happy that the Reservoir Project is moving forward and things are going well. Board Member Ramos had

nothing to report. Board Member Bishop would like to Thank everyone for being flexible with scheduling and glad to hear everyone is working together so well. Chairperson Kale would like to thank the Osceola Community for continuing to be mindful of water consumption and that we cannot get complacent. There being no further business to discuss, Board Member Kooiker motioned to adjourn the meeting and Board Member Kale seconded the motion at 6:33 p.m.

Ayes: Bishop, Ramos, Kooiker, Kale, O'Hair  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

The next regular meeting of the Osceola Water Board will be held on May 1st, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Osceola Water Works office at 208 W Jefferson St., Osceola, IA 50213. Public attendance is welcome.

Larry Bishop, Vice-Chairperson  
Attest: Patti Snyder,  
Utility Business Director

**Clarke CSD Regular Board Meeting 04/14/2025 - 05:40 PM**  
Clarke Administration Office  
802 One Tribe Drive,  
Osceola, IA 50213

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Attendees**  
**Voting Members**  
Wendy Short, Board President  
Brad Lampe, Board Vice President  
Edith Flores, Board Member  
Robin Galvez, Board Member  
Ben Hicks, Board Member  
Ann Lovell, Board Member

**Non-Voting Members**  
Dr. Kurt DeVore, Superintendent  
Angie Williams, Business Manager  
er/Board Secretary

**1. Call to Order**  
Meeting called to order at 5:40p.m.

**2. Roll Call**  
All board members present except Robin Galvez and Ty Blackford.

**3. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion passed to approve the agenda.  
**Motion made by:** Ben Hicks  
**Motion seconded by:** Ann Lovell  
**Voting:**  
Wendy Short - Yes  
Brad Lampe - Yes  
Edith Flores - Yes  
Robin Galvez - Absent  
Ben Hicks - Yes  
Ann Lovell - Yes

**4. Reading of Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Beliefs**  
Board member Lovell read the Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Beliefs.

**5. Spotlight - High School Science Bound**  
The presentation was given by the district Science Bound advisors. The Science Bound program is through Iowa State University. The goal of Science Bound is to educate students regarding career opportunities and exploration, mentorship, college preparation and support, and interactive STEM experiences. Clarke has been a part of the Science Bound program since 2019. Clarke currently has 55 students enrolled in this program.

**6. One Tribe Positive Moments**  
Board Member Lampe - Thank you to the administrators preparing students for testing week.

Board Member Hicks - The play was awesome. Great job to all involved.

Board Member Lampe - Boys Track team won the home meet on Thursday, April 10th. Great job to those athletes.

Board Member Flores - Shout out to Coach Kedley and the time he put in to getting the jackets for boys soccer players to wear during game days.

**7. Public Comments**  
No public comments.

**8. Consent Agenda**  
Motion pass to approve consent agenda items.  
**Motion made by:** Brad Lampe  
**Motion seconded by:** Edith Flores  
**Voting:**  
Wendy Short - Yes  
Brad Lampe - Yes  
Edith Flores - Yes  
Robin Galvez - Absent  
Ben Hicks - Yes  
Ann Lovell - Yes

**A. Minutes**  
Recommend approval of board minutes from Monday, March 10, 2025 and Monday, March 24, 2025.

**B. Personnel**

Resignations: Jerrod Gaskill, Middle School Football Coach, is not returning for the 2025-2026 school year; Metzli Yanez, Elementary ELL Interpreter/Translator, her last day will be April 14, 2025; and Alisha Evans, Middle School Principal, her last day will be at the end of the 2024-2025 contract on June 30, 2025.

Transfers: Amy Tharp, Elementary Special Education Teacher to Elementary Instruction Coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

Hires:  
\* Annie Halsband, Elementary Success Coach; Cassidy Yeggy, Elementary Success Coach; Kimberly Adams, Elementary Instructional Coach; Beth Comer, Elementary PLC Lead - PK position; Claire Bennett, Elementary Special Education Teacher; Martha Iniguez Torres, Kindergarten Dual Language Teacher; Lismaris Ramos, 2nd Grade Dual Language Teacher; Kelly Winter, K-12 Activities Director; Allison Blades, Elementary Special Education Associate; Erin Hackathorn, Elementary Special Education Associate; Natalie Coffey, Preschool Special Education Associate; Jimena Rivera, Elementary Special Education Associate all for the 2025-2026 school year.

\* Elena Gutierrez Aguilar, Secondary District Custodian, and Gina Johnson-Morris, Secondary Special Education Associate, both starting April 15, 2025 and Madisyn McCoy, Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 Season.

**C. Bills for Payment**  
Board member Lovell reviewed bills for March.

**D. Financial Reports**  
March 2025 financials available for review: Cash Flow, Balance Sheet, Certified Budget Report, Activity Fund, and Extra Payroll

**E. Fundraisers - Information Only**  
Fundraiser requests for the 2024-25 school year.  
\* DC Club [4/10/2025-5/1/2025] - Booster Club Concession Stand to raise funds for DC Trip.

\* Speech Team [5/11/2025-6/15/2025] - Pop can drive/donation drive. Funds to be used to support cost of speech nationals in June.

\* Clarke Band Boosters [3/29/25] - Concession Stand for IHMSA State Solo/Ensemble Contest. Funds to support 5-12 band program and to build up the uniform replacement fund

**F. Grants**  
New Grant Applications:  
\* Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant - 4/2/2025-5/30/2026 - Grant Requested for \$5,000 for book purchases at the elementary library.

**G. Position Additions**  
i. Assistant Soccer Coach  
Recommend approval of an additional assistant soccer coach. This additional assistant coach would provide two coaches per team and is due to the significant growth of

**ii. Summer School**  
**a. Elementary Summer School**  
Principal Schlomer is requesting 4 summer school program positions at the rate of \$25.00/ hour. Dates would be June 10-12; June 17-19; June 24-26; July 8-10; July 15-17; and July 22-24. Hours would consist of 8:00-11:30 daily with teachers working 7:45-12:00 daily.

**c. High School Summer School**  
Principal Clyde is requesting 1 summer school program position at the rate of \$25.00/ hour for Edgenuity/Credit Recovery. Dates would be June 10-12; June 17-19; June 24-26; July 8-10; July 15-17; and July 22-24. Hours would consist of 8:00-11:30 daily with teachers working 7:45-12:00 daily.

**H. Out-Of-State Travel**  
Science Bound - Overnight stay at the Omaha Zoo May 23rd-24th. Two buses will be needed and hotels for

the bus drivers. All costs will be reimbursed by Science Bound.

Assist Martendsdale CSD with travel to Omaha Zoo on April 28th. 1 bus/driver requested. Costs will be reimbursed by Martendsdale CSD.

**i. Contracts/Agreements**  
**1. Special Education Contract with Southeast Warren CSD**  
Special Education Contract for School Year 2024-25 for one student who is attending Southeast Warren CSD.

**ii. Special Education Contract with Indianola CSD**  
Special Education Contract for School Year 2024-25 for one student who is attending Indianola CSD.

**iii. Contracts with SWCC for 2025-26 School Year**  
Contracts with SWCC for 2025-26 school year's course offerings.

**9. Old Business**  
No old business to discuss.

**10. Principal / Director / Coordinator Reports**  
\* Board Member Lampe - Thank you to Randy Clyde and his team for getting the drain cleaned out by the auditorium.

\* Board Member Hicks - The district is offering Free Breakfast during this week for testing, which is great, but I am not sure all students and parents are aware of this. Superintendent DeVore stated they would get communication out to ensure this is known by parents and students.

\* Superintendent DeVore - Great job to administrators and coaches on getting ISASP testing organized.

\* Board Member Hicks - Asked about the curriculum that is being piloted. Director of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Brown, stated the Middle School is piloting Amplify Curriculum. Dr. Brown provided some information regarding the next steps in this piloting program.

**11. New Business**  
**A. Discussion/Approval - Elementary Central Plant Phase 1 Bids Plans and Package**  
Recommend approval of attached Elementary Central Plant Phase 1 Bid Plans and Package. Tom Folds from Ked Bluestone spoke about the project and the steps. Motion passed to approve.  
[Robin Galvez attended the meeting at 6:20p.m.]

**Motion made by:** Brad Lampe  
**Motion seconded by:** Ben Hicks  
**Voting:**  
Unanimously Approved

**B. Discussion/Approval - Jester Insurance**  
Recommend approval of SUIC Equipment Maintenance Program through Jester Insurance Agent Nolan Grimm. This is a financial tool to free up funds out of the general fund as this premium can be paid out of the management fund. How it works:

\* The district is reimbursed for employee labor and parts if equipment is repaired by a district staff member. This is reimbursed to the general fund and the hourly labor reimbursement is \$50.00/hour.

\* The program includes Preventative Maintenance for eligible equipment.

\* Continue to utilize a vendor of the district's choice for preventative maintenance and repairs.

\* Option to cash out broken equipment versus repair when repairs no longer make sense. The district is paid the actual cash value toward the purchase of new equipment.

The process for tracking these items is as follows:

\* Invoices from vendors will be emailed. No further tasks are needed.

\* District staff who work on equipment will complete a quick form and email it. No further tasks are needed.

This program is supported by ISAFIS (Iowa School Finance Information Services).

Premium for FY26 = \$163,610.00 (This does not include Apple products as those are covered with Apple-Care.)

Motion passed to approve.  
**Motion made by:** Ben Hicks  
**Motion seconded by:** Robin Galvez  
**Voting:**  
Unanimously Approved

**C. Discussion/Approval - Hay Bid**  
One bid was received for mowing and bailing of hay ground at the bus barn.

Bud Jones Farm: \$95.00/acre