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## CLEARWATER COUNTY PROPERTY TAX NOTICE FIRST HALF TAXES DUE MAY 15, 2026

**Real Estate Taxes** on the 1<sup>st</sup> half are due on or before May 15, 2026. On May 16, 2026, penalty of 2% will apply to homestead property and a penalty of 4% will apply to nonhomestead property. On June 1, 2026, the penalty will increase to 4% on homestead property and 8% on non-homestead property. These penalties will increase at the rate of 1% per month until October 1<sup>st</sup> when the penalty on homestead property becomes 8% and nonhomestead property becomes 12% on the unpaid first half.

**Personal Property Tax** is due in full on May 15, 2026. Penalty of 8% applies on May 16, 2026, on any unpaid balance of the tax due. Please check your tax statement to see if your personal property taxes are due in full, or if only half of the taxes are due May 15<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully,  
**Allen L Paulson**  
Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer

### Independent School Dist. 2311 Clearbrook-Gonvick, Minnesota

**CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING March 16, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Robbie Pond, Vern Wittenberg, Corey Petterson, Kayla Walberg, & Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: Ryan Solee. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

**Community Comments**  
The public was given the opportunity to make comments. No comments were made.

**Spotlight on Education** – Mr. Bettin gave highlights of events since the last board meeting.

**Approval of Agenda** – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings** – MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve minutes as corrected. MCU 2/23/26 – Regular Meeting

**Informational Items**  
**Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson discussed the following items

- MCA Tests – Students in Grades 3-8 & 10 will be taking MCA tests beginning in April.
  - ACT & Accuplacer Test All juniors took their ACT test on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mrs. Neustul for taking the lead & helping organize/facilitate the testing. Results will be available in 5-8 weeks. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students took their Accuplacer test today (March 16<sup>th</sup>). This test helps us determine which courses they are eligible to take (OCHS, CIHS English, etc.)
  - Preschool Screening – Screening was held on 3/10 & 3/11. Thank you to Stacie Petterson, Chelsey Juberian, Tiffany Kroulik, Katie Johnson, BRIC and Nursing Services staff for doing this very important task for our district!
  - Prom – Ms. Larson & Mrs. Ek have been working hard all year preparing for Prom, which is 4/18. All events for Prom will be held onsite at Clearbrook-Gonvick this year.
  - Open Enrollment - Current caps & enrollment numbers were presented.
- Superintendent Report** Supt. Grow discussed the following items:
- Personnel** –
- Open Positions – Custodian
  - PT Cook, and School Counselor (2026-27 school year).

• Activities Director Position – I would like to incorporate this topic as part of a work session.

**Educational** –

- Spring Sports – Are in full swing & participation numbers look strong.

- No School – As noted on the school calendar, we have no school on Friday (3/20) & Monday (3/23).

- P a r e n t - T e a c h e r Conferences for High School – Will take place on 4/9/26.

- READ Act – Phase II staff has started training & will be finished in the fall.

**Legislative** –

- Day at the Capitol - I attended on 3/10/26. Even though it is not a budget year, we voiced our concerns on topics like unfunded mandates, compensatory aid, ADSIS, PSEO and other issues. I provided a handout to everyone I met with about the impact ADSIS has on our district and how cutting that aid as part of the \$250 million special ed cross subsidy would negatively impact our students.

**Financial** –

- Basic Formula Adjustment – For 2027, there is a \$202 (2.69%) increase, making the FY 27 allowance \$7,683. Currently, the basic formula allowance is \$7,481.

**Budget** – We will be working on a revised FY 26 budget and will have that for the April board meeting.

**Building/Grounds** –

- Core Samples of the Roof – Were taken on 3/3/26 by Thelen Roofing.

- ADSIS Hallway – Has some moisture issues deriving from a cracked pipe fitting and improper vent drainage from the roof. We have tested for mold and no mitigation is needed. However, we will fix the pipe fitting & the leaking vent and replace a nearby toilet that is leaking as well.

- Garage Roof – Mr. Rue & his building trades class is open to putting on new shingles or steel over the existing shingles of the garage. I will move forward with whichever option the board prefers.

- Shot Put & Discuss Slabs – Both need to be replaced as they are cracked & causing safety concerns for throwers. Leah, Kyle & I plan to relocate them over by the concession building. We also need to give the long jump/triple jump pit a facelift.

- Enrollment Report – Enrollment as of 3/9/26 for grades Pre K-12 is 498. On 2/9/26 the number was 499.

**Consent Calendar** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

**Approval of Bills Presented** – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 74745-74776/Wires Payroll

Checks/Direct Deposit All Payroll was Direct Deposit

March Bills Voucher Numbers: 75803-75877 Check Numbers: 74777-74821 Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$636,797.42

Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Approval of Donations Student Activity Report

**Old Business**

**Roof Replacement Project Update** – An update of the project was given. Discussion was held. Questions were asked & answered.

**New Business**

Consider Hiring Haley Vant Hul as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach – MMS Walberg/Pond to approve. MCU

Consider Hiring Daniel TeHennepe as Junior High Baseball Coach – MMS Pond/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

Consider Approving a MN Paid Family Medical Leave for Debbi Olson – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve. Roll Call Vote – Petterson – Yes, Able – Yes, Pond – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, and Wittenberg - Yes. MCU

Consider Setting Enrollment Caps for Specific Grades for the 2026-2027 School Year – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve the following caps for next school year – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 40, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 50, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – 50, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – 50. MCU

Consider the First Reading of MSBA Model Policy 625 – This is a new policy and should have 3 readings. The policy was presented. Discussion was held. MMS Walberg/Pond to consider this the first of 3 readings of the policy. MCU.

**Community Questions** to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items – The public was given the opportunity to ask questions relating to agenda items. Questions were asked & answered.

**Future Meetings**

Regular School Board Meeting on Monday April 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment** – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. MCU

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### INVITATION TO BID Notice is hereby given that CLEARWATER-POLK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BAGLEY, MINNESOTA will accept SINGLE PRIME BID Proposals to include ALL Construction Work for CORPORATE OFFICE AND SHOP BAGLEY, MN

according to Drawings and Specifications prepared by Michael J. Burns Architects, Ltd., 824 Center Avenue, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Sealed proposals will be received and opened at the Coop's Conference Room in Bagley, MN until 4:00 PM, Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Bids must be delivered before the time and date indicated above. The face of the envelopes containing the bids or the subject line in the e-mail proposals shall show the Contractor's name, address and be endorsed:

"Corporate Office and Shop, Bagley, MN"  
Documents may be examined at:  
FM Builders Exchange, 1010 Page Drive, Fargo, ND

Grand Forks Builders Exchange  
Builders Exchanges in Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Cloud, MN  
Construction Bulletin, 9443 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428  
Reed Construction Data, Norcross, GA

F.W. Dodge Plan Room, 7600 Parklawn Avenue, Suite 352, Edina, MN  
iSqFt and AGC of Minnesota Plan Room  
McGraw Hill, Minneapolis, MN

Offices of the Owner in Bagley, MN  
Offices of the Architect at 824 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN.

The following is the list of INVITED Bidders:  
General Contractors:

Community Contractors, Inc., Grand Forks  
Construction Engineers, Inc., Grand Forks, ND  
Gordon Construction, Mahanomen, MN  
Gustafson and Goudge, Clearbrook, MN

ICS, Inc., Grand Forks, ND  
Kraus Anderson, Bemidji, MN  
Ledgestone Construction, Detroit Lakes, MN  
Nor-Son Construction, Baxter, MN

Invited Contractors are encouraged to reach out to local Clearwater County and surrounding area contractors to assist with portions of the work.

Bidders may secure hard copies of the bid documents at their own expense through Applied Engineering, Fargo, ND. 701.281.1884. Electronic copies of the proposed Bid Documents may be obtained by e-mail: [luke@mjbaltd.com](mailto:luke@mjbaltd.com). Bidder's Bond in the amount of 5% of the Base Bid. Acknowledgement of the Addendums received shall also be identified on the envelope containing the bid. The Bidder shall provide proof that they are currently legally registered with the MN Secretary of State and the Department of Labor and Industry.

Bid bonds shall be made payable to Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative.

Bid security of the two lowest Bidders will be retained until Contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than 60 days.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive informalities therein. The Owner further reserves the right to hold all legitimate proposals and the bid security of the two lowest Bidders for a period of Sixty (60) days after the date fixed for the opening thereof until Contracts have been awarded and executed.

Published for Clearwater-Polk Electric Coop by their authority. Dated this 20th day of April 2026.

By: Ms. Deanna LeFebvre, General Manager

### Bagley Senior Center Menu

May 18 - 22

**Monday:** Pepper steak, baked potato, beets, and pudding

**Tuesday:** Minnesota hotdish, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit cup

**Wednesday:** Baked fish, potatoes, cole slaw and lemon bar

**Thursday:** Biscuit and sausage gravy, hash browns, juice and fruit

**Friday:** Onion baked pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables and cake

- Low fat milk, margarine and bread included with meals.
- Meals are subject to change.
- Reservations by 10 am
- Meals Served at 11:30 am

Call Kay 9:30-1:00  
Mon-Fri 218-694-6873

Suggested Donation  
for Seniors is \$6.00.  
Under 60 is \$10.00

### Clearbrook Senior Center Menu

May 18 - 22

**Monday:** Pepper steak, baked potato, beets, pudding with topping

**Tuesday:** Roast beef, potatoes with gravy, veggies and cookie

**Wednesday:** Onion baked pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables and spice cake

**Thursday:** Ham salad sandwich, fruit salad, fudge crinkle cookie

**Friday:** Baked fish, parsley red potatoes, fruited cabbage slaw and lemon bar

- Reservations by 9 am the day of 218-776-3154
- Low fat milk, margarine and Bread included with meals.
- Meals are subject to change.

### Senior Transportation Service

Clearwater County residents who are 60 & over. Rides are scheduled Monday-Friday. 48-hour notice required. Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.

\*\*This project is made possible in part under the Federal Older Americans Act through an award from the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

### Clearwater County Food Shelf Hours

Clearwater County Food Shelf is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the basement of the Bagley American Legion (go to the back door).

Monetary contributions can be mailed to Clearwater County Food Shelf, PO Box 578, Bagley, MN 56621.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Food Shelf on Wednesdays. tf-psa

### RIDER ALERT

Clearwater County Service  
on T.H.E. Bus

**\* Countywide:**  
7:30 am - 4:30 pm - Mon - Fri  
10 am - 4 pm - 2nd, 4th - Sat

**\* Bemidji:**  
2nd, 4th - Friday  
Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip.



800-201-3432

### To the Residents of Copley Township

Copley Township has three openings for township officers. The openings are for 1 supervisor, 1 clerk and 1 treasurer. If you are interested in filling one of these openings please call 209-8490 for more information.

Commission Mark  
Titera will run for  
another term in  
District 1.

Commission Mark  
Larson will run for  
another term in  
District 5.

### Veterans

Are welcome to join their peers at the D&R Café in Bagley on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for coffee and a chat.

### Open Hours Bagley Public Library

Tuesday: 1-7  
Wednesday: 9-5  
Thursday: 1-7  
Friday: 9-5  
Saturday: 9-1  
Closed Sunday-Monday

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your subscription**  
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### Public Input Meeting

The Bagley School Board will be holding a Public Input Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in BHS Room 101. The focus of discussions will be on the School District's Federal Grants.

Commission Stuart  
Dukek will run for  
another term in  
District 3.

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### Bemidji DAV Van

The Bemidji DAV Van runs through Shevlin, Bagley, Fosston, Clearbrook, and Leonard at no cost to Veterans 5 days a week except on holidays.

Call 855-277-9787 for your free ride: Clearwater CVSO has our schedules with names and numbers.

PSA

### Independent School Dist. 162 Bagley, Minnesota

**BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING APRIL 20, 2026 SUMMARY**

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101. Members present: Michael Mathison, Wendy Fultz, Amanda Koop, Andrew Bennett, Dany Ekre, John Gerbracht, Darin Klostermeier, and Superintendent Dr. Heise. Members absent: None.

Chairperson Mathison called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

M/S Bennett, Fultz to approve the agenda. MP 7-0.

M/S Ekre, Klostermeier to adopt resolution accepting gifts/donations to Bagley Public Schools:

- \$1,853.90 from Bagley Flyer Booster Club
- \$297.32 from Bagley Flyer Booster Club
- \$226.20 from Bagley Flyer Booster Club
- \$1,466.09 from Bagley Flyer Booster Club
- \$758 from Bagley Flyer Booster Club
- \$200 from Bagley Rotary Club
- \$200 from First National Bank
- \$250 from Bagley Co-op
- \$150 from Headwaters Meat Processing
- \$45 from Douglas & Kara Waldvogel MP 7-0.

M/S Fultz, Gerbracht to approve revisions to Policy 558 –

Athletic Activities/Participation Agreement MP 7-0.

M/S Bennett, Koop to accept Darin Halvorson's BHS Roofing Project bid. MP 7-0.

M/S Ekre, Bennett to approve the Summer Rec Fundraiser. MP 7-0.

**Future Meetings:**  
School Board Meeting – May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101.

Fultz moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Michael Mathison,  
Chairman  
Wendy Fultz,  
Clerk

*All reports, budget information, bids, etc. may be viewed and/or questions answered at ISD #162's District Office, 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley, MN. 218-694-6184*