



## Proposed Minutes – Regular Meeting June 10, 2026

### Call to Order

- The meeting began at 7 pm.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

- Roll Call was taken with Jess McLaughry, Rachel Mackson, Gail Garrity, and Lorie Fliegel in attendance. Bronwyn Asplund is on medical leave. There were 7 visitors in attendance.

### Agenda

- Motion made by Jess McLaughry, seconded by Rachel Mackson, to approve the agenda with the addition of Sheriff under new business.  
✓ Motion approved by all Board members present.

### Treasurer's Report

- Statement of Accounts
  - Motion made by Jess McLaughry, seconded by Gail Garrity, to approve the Statement of Accounts as presented.  
✓ Motion approved by all Board members present.

### Minutes

- Election, Special Hearing, and Regular Meeting 5.12.26
  - Motion made by Jess McLaughry, seconded by Gail Garrity, to approve the Minutes from the Election Committee Meeting, the Special Assessment Hearing on 5.30.26, and the Regular Meeting on 6.10.26 with minor corrections.  
✓ Motion approved by all Board members present.

### Township Disbursements

- Invoices and Bills
  - Motion made by Jess McLaughry, seconded by Lorie Fliegel, to approve the Bills as presented.  
✓ Motion approved by all Board members present.
- Quarterly Budget Report
  - No changes are needed at this time.

### Community Services: Five-minute time limit per person

- Library – Nancy House
  - For more activities, please go to the library website, [Harrison District Library \(hdl.org\)](http://Harrison District Library (hdl.org)), or the Facebook page, [Facebook](#). See flyer below.

### Public Comment #1: Please limit comments to Agenda Items

- NONE

### Unfinished Business:

- Playground/Pavilion Maintenance & Cemetery Road & Cemetery Shed
  - Jess is still investigating mulch at the playground vs rubber and various options for gravel for the cemetery road.
    - Motion made by Rachel, seconded by Jess McClaughry, to approve up to \$1000 plus delivery and installation for a shed at the cemetery.
      - ✓ Motion approved by all Board members present.

### New Business

- Election Computer
  - Motion made by Rachel Mackson, seconded by Jess McClaughry, for up to \$720 to buy a new election computer and printer.
    - ✓ Motion approved by all Board members present.
- Sheriff
  - Motion made by Rachel Mackson, seconded by Jess McClaughry, to approve spending up to \$5,000 this year on extra patrols by the county Sheriff's Department.
    - ✓ Motion approved by all Board members present.

### Public Comment #2

- Michelle Neff spoke about the upcoming renewal of the millage for MSU Extension.
  - MSU Extension has been operating in Clare County for over 100 years (see flyer below).
- Ricky Griffith spoke about the financial documents presented by the Board at this meeting. He thought they were the best he had seen.

### Board Member Comments

- Rachel
  - Public testing of election equipment will be held at 4:30 pm on the same day as the next Board meeting (Wed, July 8).
- Lorie
  - Tax bills and cover letter have been approved and will be sent no later than July 1.
- Gail
  - Food distribution will be held at the county fairgrounds on June 11. More details can be found on the township event calendar. [Upcoming Events | Greenwood Township, Clare County, MI](#)
- Jess
  - Has been working on blight complaints.

### Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Rachel Mackson  
Greenwood Township Clerk

**Language on the August 4, 2026 Ballot**

**COUNTY OF CLARE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION  
AND 4-H MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

For the purpose of sustaining 4-H youth development, agriculture, health and nutrition, horticulture, finance and homeownership, and other community education programs through Michigan State University Extension services within Clare County, shall the constitutional limitation imposed upon the total amounts of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon the property within the County of Clare, Michigan be increased by up to 0.1300 of one (1) mill (\$0.13 per \$1,000.00 of state taxable valuation), for a period of six (6) years, from 2026 through 2031, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated additional \$202,918.41 in the first calendar year of the levy, based on state taxable valuation. If approved and levied, a portion of the millage monies raised in their respective jurisdictions may also be captured by the Downtown Development and Brownfield Authorities of the Cities of Clare and Harrison, the Downtown Development Authority of the Village of Farwell, and the Village of Farwell/ Surrey Township Local Development Finance Authority pursuant to State law.

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

**MSU Extension Staff based in Clare County:**

*Michelle Neff, Children and Youth Educator*

*Chelsea Bancroft, Office Manager*

*Renee Sanders, 4-H Program Coordinator*

*Teagen Lefere – Finance & Homeownership Instructor*

*Danielle Schrock – Master Gardener Program Instructor (Gladwin & Clare)*

**MSU Extension District 6 - Director**

*Eric Karbowski*

**Many additional MSU Extension staff  
serve Clare County through our statewide network.**

**The latest news, research, and analyses from MSU Extension's  
network can be found at [www.msue.msu.edu](http://www.msue.msu.edu).**

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**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**Extension**

**Clare County**

**NUMBERS and HIGHLIGHTS**

- ❖ 1,071 youth participants from Clare County.
- ❖ 102 total volunteers in the Clare County 4-H Program.
- ❖ 161 programs (across the state) attended by participants from Clare County.
- ❖ *"I appreciate your help and the class last Wednesday. We had the inspection done on a house today. It is very exciting and your class has already helped us."*  
- Program Participant
- ❖ *"It was a privilege to partner with MSU Extension for this life-enriching learning opportunity."*  
- Community Partner

## What we've been doing in Clare County...

### 4-H and Youth Programming

- ☞ Adulting 101
- ☞ Mock Interview Day
- ☞ 4-H Exploration Days – 3 Day Summer Program on MSU Campus
- ☞ Youth Life Skills and Leadership Development
- ☞ Clare County Fair Activities
- ☞ 4-H Winterfest
- ☞ 4-H State and Regional Events
- ☞ 4-H Camps
- ☞ Babysitting Classes
- ☞ Youth Workforce and Scholarship Preparation
- ☞ Youth Action Council (Community Foundation)
- ☞ Youth Financial Literacy Education
- ☞ Youth Nutrition and Physical Activity

### Health & Nutrition Program

- ☞ Early Childhood and Parenting Education
- ☞ Food Preservation and Food Safety
- ☞ Home Pressure Canner Testing
- ☞ ServeSafe® Certification
- ☞ Farm Stress
- ☞ Chronic Disease Prevention & Management
- ☞ Alternatives to Anger and Mindfulness Education
- ☞ Mental Health First Aid

### Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs

- ☞ Agriculture and Natural Resources Educational Programs
- ☞ Forage and Grazing Education
- ☞ Soil Testing Services
- ☞ Yard, Garden, and Community Beautification Hotline
- ☞ Plant and Insect Identification
- ☞ Integrated Pest Management
- ☞ Field and Cover Crop Education
- ☞ Dairy Experts
- ☞ Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock
- ☞ Horticulture Class
- ☞ Master Gardener and Gardening Resources

### Finance & Homeownership

- ☞ Budgeting and Money Management Classes
- ☞ Foreclosure and Back Taxes Counseling and Education
- ☞ First Time Home Buyer Education

## Why is Clare County MSU Extension seeking a millage RENEWAL on August 4, 2026?

- ☞ **We Need Full-Time 4-H!** The .13 mil would allow Clare County to support the 4-H program with a full-time coordinator.
  - 4-H Clubs: 27 Clubs Involving 700+ Youth in 2025
  - 102 Adult Volunteer Club Leaders in 2025
- ☞ **Return on Investment.** Clare County MSU Extension would receive about 1/3 of the total cost of its staff and operations through a voter-approved 6 year county-wide millage RENEWAL of 0.13 mil.
- ☞ **Stability.** The funds generated by the millage are critical for continuing operation of the local MSU Extension program over the next 6 years.

## Annual cost to Clare County Property Owners

The annual cost to Clare County property owners will vary based on the 'taxable value' of their property. The RENEWAL will only cost the average homeowner \$8.70 per year. The 0.13 mil assessed to support Clare County MSU Extension on taxable property in Clare County based on taxable value would be:

Taxable Value of Property	Likely Retail Value of Property
Annual Cost	
\$10,000	\$20,000 \$1.30
\$20,000	\$40,000 \$2.60
\$30,000	\$60,000 \$3.90
\$35,000	\$70,000 \$4.55
\$40,000	\$80,000 \$5.20
\$45,000	\$90,000 \$5.85
\$50,000	\$100,000 \$6.50
\$55,000	\$110,000 \$7.15
\$60,000	\$120,000 \$7.80
\$70,000	\$140,000 \$9.10
\$80,000	\$160,000 \$10.40
\$100,000	\$200,000 \$13.00
\$200,000	\$400,000 \$26.00