## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT

## Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

#### Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 30, 2024

CLEARFIELD, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **000-16106** (Commission File Number) 41-1347235 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7050 Winnetka Avenue North, Suite 100 Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55428 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(763) 476-6866

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	CLFD	The Nasdaq Stock Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 30, 2024, Patrick F. Goepel, a director of Clearfield, Inc. (the "Company"), notified the Company of his decision not to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors (the "Board") at the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Goepel's decision not to stand for re-election is not due to any disagreement on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices, but instead is intended to allow Mr. Goepel to more fully focus on other business opportunities and priorities. Mr. Goepel serves on the Board's Audit Committee and Compensation Committee, and his term on the Board will expire effective as of the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders of the Company.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

# **Exhibit No. Description**

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly

Date: January 6, 2025

By: <u>/s/ Cheryl Beranek</u> Cheryl Beranek Chief Executive Officer