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City Council addresses infrastructure, community projects at Tuesday's meeting

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council tackled a range of important issues during its Tuesday evening meeting, including public infrastructure, repairs to city facilities and safety.

The council held a public hearing to discuss the wastewater improvement project, though no members of the public attended. Representatives from engineering consultant IMEG Corp. and the Northeast Council of Governments went through the project and potential funding from the state Department of Natural Resources.

The council then authorized an application for financial assistance to be submitted to the state agency to see whether loans or grants would be available to assist with the improvement project.

"It sounds like we need this to get the ball rolling on this," said Mayor Scott Hanlon. "So you guys (the council) need to give me approval to sign and authorize NECOG and IMEG for everyone to continue with this process."

The council approved the authorization with a unanimous vote.

Electric meter discussion stalled as city looks for best option moving forward

The council held off on deciding on an electric metering system to see what other options are available.

The council has been discussing new electric meters for months, with a decision needed this month on whether to move forward with Eaton, a power management company the city already works with for its system. However, questions remained on whether it was the best system for the city, if the city should move forward with a dual meter system that would run both electric and water meter service and what the city would do in the future once current staff who know the systems retire.

Electric Utility Supervisor Todd Gay told the council he was against moving forward with Eaton as he doesn't want to sign up with a vendor utilizing a system that is currently failing.

Gay said that while Technology Specialist Paul Kosel had asked the board to move forward on getting new meters from Eaton, Gay wants to get a system that is easier to work with. While Kosel has been working on Eaton meters for year and knows the system well, Gay said eventually both he and Kosel will retire, and those taking their place need to be able to work with the electric metering system too.

Council members agreed, with councilmen Jason Wambach, Jon Cutler and Brian Bahr pointing out it wasn't worth the savings by going with a system that might not be best for the city.

"We're not going to rush this decision," Bahr said.

The council asked Gay to look into other options, some of which could incorporate a dual water/electric meter system.

Railroad crossing closure request denied

In a move to maintain access to city facilities, the council denied a request to close the



City employees Landon Johnson and Paul Kosel were caught on a camera flooding the skating rink on Wednesday. The skating rink is ready but no opening date has been set yet. (Photo by Jodi Schwan)

railroad crossing at Aspen Avenue, citing the potential impact on access to the city's rubble site.

BNSF submitted a request to close the crossing, offering the city \$100,000 to do so. City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich said the city has received requests before to close that crossing from the railroad service, but he brought it to the council for them to decide because of the money being offered.

That crossing is used quite a bit, with 10,000 trips to the rubble site recorded since February, Heinrich said. That would be 20,000 times vehicles have gone through there since the beginning of the year.

If that crossing were closed, it would leave people having to head to Highway 37 to get to the rubble site, said Mayor Scott Hanlon. That would be a lot of additional traffic that could cause safety issues. And there has not been an accident at the railroad crossing.

"I guess my opinion is nope," he told the council.

Councilman Brian Bahr moved to deny the request, with Councilwoman Shirley Wells seconding the motion. The request was denied by a unanimous vote.

Hail damage repairs coming to city facilities

The council executed an agreement to address hail damage sustained earlier this year on several city-owned properties, including the community center, city hall, swimming pool and park.

The agreement is needed by the insurance company and will allow the city to move forward with bidding out projects and repair the facilities, said City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. The city will receive nearly \$99,000 from the insurance company, less a \$500 deductible. Because the damage was caused by a single event, the city will only need to pay the deductible once, not per project.

- The council set salaries for skating rink attendants for the coming season. Leah Jones will receive \$12.75 per hour, which includes 25 cents added for each year of service. She will also receive \$250 per month for being the skating rink manager. Addison Hoffman, Claire Schuelke, Sydney Locke, Abby Fjeldheim and Jamie Mitchek will receive \$11.50 per hour.

- The council reminds people that dog licenses for 2025 are due by December 31, 2024.

- The council reminds residents of Thursday's holiday lighting contest. Utility bill credits

will be given to the top three residences.

- The council announced city offices will be closed on January 1, 2025 for New Years Day. The council had previously announced offices would also be closed December 23 through 25 for the holiday.

- The City Council approved reducing the amount the Legion needs to reimburse the city for the baseball program. The original amount was \$11,711.43, which was a more than \$2,000 increase from last year. That was due to how public works hours utilized at the baseball complex were recorded, as well as an increase in those hours in general. The Legion's reimbursement dropped 20 percent to \$9,369.14.



Groton Tuff Tigers had three wrestlers that went to Marshall, Minn., on Saturday. Pictured left to right are Roman Bahr placing first, Ryker Herron placing first and Watson Herron placing third. (Courtesy Photo)

Boom!

A loud boom was heard Sunday afternoon that left residents wondering what was going on. Tannerite was used to blow up a pumpkin about four miles outside of Groton.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Although I will never admit to cheering for the Packers, Green Bay gave the Vikings a gift Sunday night when they defeated the Seattle Seahawks which punched Minnesota's ticket to the postseason. With that locked up, the Vikings turned their attention to the visiting Bears, who are out of the playoffs but still a threat to steal a win.

The game started well for the Vikings. Chicago got the ball to begin the game and four plays later gave it right to the Vikings after a failed fourth down. The Vikings didn't pick up a first down on their first possession either, but because of the great field position it didn't matter, so they kicked a field goal to go up 3-0. Bears' QB Caleb Williams fumbled the ball on their next possession, once again giving the Vikings great field position, and five plays later Sam Darnold hit Justin Jefferson for a seven-yard touchdown and a 10-point lead. The Bears were forced to punt on their third possession of the first quarter, and this was looking like it might be a blowout.

After a great punt, the Vikings got the ball at their nine-yard line and put together a 15-play drive. But on 4th & three at Chicago's 23-yard line, Darnold was under heavy pressure and threw an interception (after which the Bears' defender mocked the skol chant, which has historically never worked out well for opposing teams). The Bears responded with a nice drive of their own, but once again turned the ball over on downs 11 plays later. With two and a half minutes left in the first half, the Vikings methodically moved down the field and kicked another field goal, making the score 13-0 heading into halftime.

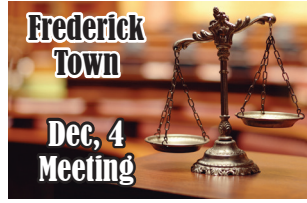
The Vikings got the ball to start the second half, and three plays later they had gone backwards 10 yards and were forced to punt. Thinking it was a game of hot potato, the Bears punted on their next drive, followed by yet another Vikings punt. On their second drive of the half, the Bears got to the Vikings' one-yard line, but after a Chicago TD was taken off the board they eventually had to settle for a field goal, making the score 13-3 Minnesota. Sensing the momentum start to shift, the Vikings responded with a 12-play, 70-yard drive that ended with an Aaron Jones one-yard TD run, extending the lead to 17 points heading into the fourth quarter.

The Bears kicked a field goal on their first

possession of the fourth quarter, and the Vikings responded with a touchdown, making the score 27-6. The two teams then traded punts, but the Vikings' punt was blocked which gave the Bears great field position. The Bears finally found the endzone with just over five minutes left in the game, but they failed the two points attempt, making the score 27-12. Chicago tried a desperate onside kick attempt, which was recovered by Minnesota. Four minutes later, the Vikings kicked a field goal to make the score 30-12, which is where it remained when the final whistle blew.

Sam Darnold had a rough game, completing 24 of 40 passes for 231 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Aaron Jones ran the ball 18 times for 86



Frederick Town
Dec, 4 Meeting

City of Frederick
December 4, 2024 Minutes
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, December 4, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, and Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine by phone.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kosters/Campbell; motion carried. The December accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried.

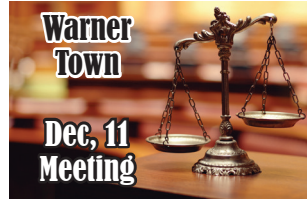
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$737.71; Aberdeen Asphalt blade gravel \$500; Badger Meter fees Swr \$135.36; Black Mountain utility support Grbg/Swr/Wtr \$2702.80; Ben Hofer Backhoe Sts \$3,549.97; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products copies Gen'l \$25; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,792.50; DRN Readitech service FO \$21.04; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$861.44; First Nat'l Bank security box Gen'l \$8; FDC Gen'l \$1,200; GDI minutes Gen'l \$27.32; GDI minutes Gen'l \$23.73; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$46.17; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,443.04; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$236.65; M. Cox wage EBL \$625.30; M. Heine wage FO \$1,195.64; M. Morlock wage Wtr \$44.32; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$230.87; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; State Line Concrete fix sidewalk Sts \$918.36; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$67.50; SD Dept of Health test Wtr \$484; SDML WC Fund worker's comp Gen'l \$584; SD Water & Wastewater dues Wtr \$10; Schwan Electric service Gen'l \$238.92; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; WEB Water Wtr \$8,355.32; VISA supplies Gen'l \$179.68

OLD BUSINESS
Campbell provided a utility report. The dock was pulled out of the water at the park and the bathrooms will be locked for the winter. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report. The board discussed any items that may impede cleaning the snow off the roads for winter and

NEW BUSINESS
Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 226 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance for the year 2024 made by Kosters/Millard, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. Motion to approve payment to Jim Bain to assist in sewer backup costs due to city wastewater blockage in the amount of \$1,645.43 made by Millard/Kosters; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 7PM. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kosters 7:37PM; motion carried.

M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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Warner Town
Dec, 11 Meeting

TOWN OF WARNER
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 11th, 2024
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Fair, Gaylon Townsend, Tim Evans, Stewart Nelson and Nichol Townsend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Townsend to approve the minutes from November 13th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Townsend/Evans. Checking: Town \$329,354.17; Water \$75,193.41; Sewer \$183,334.63. CDs: Town \$32,978.33; Water \$49,624.04; Sewer \$28,375.31.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: MSC: Fair/Townsend.
AGTEGRA (fuel) \$86.84, Amazon (supplies) \$61.92 Gas-N-Goodies (fuel) 157.63, USA Blue Book (supplies) \$361.33, Warner Post Office (postage) \$58.40, WEB Water \$4875.50, USDA (loan payments) \$2083.00, Badger Meter (water meter reads) \$11.04, Barton Heating & Cooling (repairs/maintenance) \$100, Dakota Supply Group (supplies) \$125.97, DANR (annual fees) \$450, Dependable Sanitation \$2625, Groton Independent (advertising) \$38.63, Lighthouse Electric (repairs) \$158.16, Lynn Aman (CC cleaning) \$75, Matt Sandve (supplies) \$138.32, Midcontinent (shop & office service) \$293.39, Miracle Recreation Equipment (supplies) \$323.22, Northwestern Energy (electricity) \$2035.55, Runnings (supplies) \$261.43, SD Dept of Rev/Lab \$15, SD Dept of Rev/Sales Tax \$187.28, SD Public Health Lab (water test) \$15, Steger Lawn Care, LLC (maintenance) \$510, Town Water/Sewer \$187.47, TW Construction (shop repairs) \$8120, Stewart Nelson \$3479.84, Barb Breidenbach \$38.79, Terry Evans \$53.56, Dave Fair \$62.79, Linda Johannsen \$187.47, Justin McCord \$38.79, Gaylon Townsend \$53.56, Nichol Townsend \$638.60, Paul Vetch \$38.79, SD Retirement Fund \$524.04, Payroll Taxes \$1144.96.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:
Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance first reading was approved. MSC: Fair/Evans

2025 Wages were discussed. Full time and part time wages will increase by 3%. Planning and zoning will increase to \$50/meeting. City council will increase by \$2/meeting. MSC: Fair/Evans

Passed RESOLUTION #12-24, a RESOLUTION TO REPLAT P. VETCH ADDITION. WHEREAS; the Town of Warner received a request from Paul A. Vetch and Paul T. Vetch to vacate and replat Lot One (1), Eske/Hansen Addition to Warner, in the NE Quarter of Section Two (2), Township One Hundred Twenty-One North, Range Sixty-Four West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD as filed for record on July 22, 2021 at 8:09 AM, and duly recorded as Hanging Plat No. 3746; WHEREAS; this was approved by the Warner Board of Trustees;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARNER, SD that the Plat showing "P. Vetch Addition to Warner, in the NE Quarter of Section Two (2), Township One Hundred Twenty-One North, Range Sixty-Four West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with

yards and a touchdown, and Cam Akers added another 24 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries.

Justin Jefferson had seven catches for 73 yards and a touchdown. Jordan Addison also had seven catches, with his going for 63 scoreless yards.

Defensively, Jonathan Greenard had a strip sack (which was recovered by Blake Cashman), and a tackle for a loss. Rookie Dallas Turner also recorded a sack, his first since week one.

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to Seattle to battle the 8-6 Seahawks. The Vikings open as 4.5-point favorites, but Seattle always puts up a fight and they have a great home-field advantage. If the Vikings can win out, they will lock up the number one seed in the playoffs. Skoll!

the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-6, and any amendments thereof. Dated this 11th Day of December, 2024. Signed by: David Fair, Chairman. Attest: Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer.

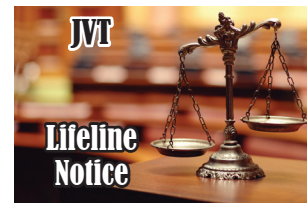
Delinquencies: 6 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Three have already been shut off.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 at 7PM in the Warner Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Dave Fair, Chairman; Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer

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JVT PUBLIC NOTICE - LIFELINE

Lifeline service is a government program designed to make monthly residential telecommunication services more affordable to eligible low-income customers. Customers who qualify for the Lifeline program are also eligible for toll blocking at no additional charge.

The Federal Lifeline discount can be applied to qualifying voice or broadband services. To be eligible for the Federal Lifeline discount, a customer's annual household income must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or a customer must participate in one of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Medicaid; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; Veterans Pension & Survivors Pension; or qualifying Tribal Programs.

Lifeline is a non-transferable service and eligible subscribers may receive assistance from only one wireline or wireless telecommunications provider per household. Only eligible customers may enroll in the program. Customers must submit a Lifeline application form and will be required to certify continued eligibility annually. Customers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline benefits can be punished by fine or imprisonment or barred from the program.

Basic services are offered to all customers in JVT's service territories at the rates, terms, and conditions specified in JVT's tariff. If you have any questions regarding Lifeline service, please call us at 605-397-2323, toll-free at 1-800-556-6525, or visit our office at 234 E 1st Ave, Groton, SD.

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JVT PUBLIC NOTICE - RATES
JVT provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service territory. JVT is an Eligible Tele-

communications Carrier and as such, receives support from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

Monthly Rates
Andover/Bristol/Claremont/Columbia/Conde/Doland/Ferney/Frederick/Groton/Hecla/North Hecla/Houghton/Mellette/Turton Landline

Single Party Residence Service: \$23.00

State-Mandated Emergency 911 Services Each Single Line Residence: \$1.25

Federal Mandated Subscriber Line Charge Each Single Line Residence: \$6.50

Federal Mandated Communications Impaired: 0.15

Customers of basic service have access to the public switched network, minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge and access to emergency 911 services. Toll limitation services are also available for qualifying low-income customers. Lifeline service is available for qualifying low-income customers. The federal Lifeline benefit may be applied to either qualifying voice services (\$5.25/month) or qualifying broadband services (\$9.25/month).

Broadband Internet access service is available at the following monthly rates:

- 50 MBPS x 5 MBPS - \$55
- 100 MBPS x 20 MBPS - \$65
- 250 MBPS x 250 MBPS - \$75
- 500 MBPS x 500 MBPS - \$85
- 1 GBPS x 1 GBPS - \$95

Speeds are not available in all areas.

Cell Phone Data Plans are available at the following monthly rates:

- Unlimited 1 phone - \$50
- Unlimited 2 phones - \$75
- Unlimited 3-10 phones - \$100

• 10 GB Cap - \$40
• 3 GB Cap - \$30
• \$10 per GB overage cost
Unlimited Talk & Text per phone - \$25

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NOTICE TO: THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, PERSON OR REPRESENTATIVE, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF HANNAH CHRISTINA GREEN, whose last known address was Round Rock, Texas.

TAKE NOTICE that on the 16th day of December, 2019, Lot 4, 5 and 6, Block 5, Original plat to Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota, was sold at County Treasurer's tax sale for delinquent taxes on said premises, to the County of Brown in the State of South Dakota, and said County of Brown is still the holder thereof and the right of redemption will expire and a Deed to said property will be made at the expiration of sixty days from the completed service of this notice.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2024.
/s/Patty VanMeter
Treasurer of Brown County, South Dakota

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GRO-
TON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2024
President Rix called the meet-
ing to order at 7:00 p.m. in the
GHS Library Conference Room.
Members present: Rix, Flihs,
Gengerke, Harder, Lerseth-
Flihs, Strom and Weismantel.
Absent: None. Others present
were Supt. J. Schwan, and Prin-
cipal Edwards.

Moved by Weismantel, second
by Lerseth-Flihs, to approve
the agenda as amended with
the additional new business of
discussion of buildings, grounds,
and transportation committee
meeting report. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, no
potential conflict disclosure was
reported.

Moved by Gengerke, second
by Flihs to approve consent
agenda items for November 12,
2024 meeting minutes, Novem-
ber 2024 district bills, November
2024 financial report, agency
accounts and investments, Nov-
ember 2024 school transporta-
tion report, and November 2024
school lunch report. Motion
carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary
315,990.24; Benefits 83,181.75;
ACME Tools – tools, 4.00; ACT
– ACT tests, 1939.74; Amazon –
various supplies, 152.95; ASBSD
– webinar, 25.00; Maiah Brown
– choreographer, 3000.00; Capito-
l One – supplies, 120.74;
Clubhouse – conference lodg-
ing, 206.12; College Board –
PSAT tests, 325.80; Connecting
Point – prepaid labor, 4000.00;
Custodial Fund – advanced pay-
ments, 29028.84; Dakota Sup-
ply – parts, 668.07; Dependable
Sanitation – garbage, 1,304.50;
Dollar General – supply, 75.00;
Greg's Repair – tire repair, 25.00;
Groton Area School – food ser-
vice, 408.95; Harlow's Bus Sales
– part, 44.96; Hauff Mid-America
– BB scorebooks, 91.42; House
of Glass – repairs, 942.00; JW
Pepper – music, 77.00; John
Deere – pairs, 286.48; Jos-
tens – diploma covers, 395.30;
Matheson – IA Supplies, 209.97;
Mid-American Research – janitor
supply, 2178.61; Northwest-
ern Energy – utilities, 12.52;
Productivity Plus – part, 84.38;
Robotics Foundation – registra-
tion, 405.00; S&S Lumber – IA
Supply, 2380.17; Sanders Sew
& Vac – repair, 169.25; Ryan
Scepaniak – gas, 43.06; School
Specialty – supply, 318.18; SD
FFA Association – FFA State
leadership, 211.48; SDHSAOQ
– volleyball, 50.00; Taylor Music
– reeds/repairs, 570.10; Total
General Fund - \$448,926.58.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Amazon –
classroom equipment, 607.70;
Bon Homme School – wrestling
mat, 500.00; Custodial Fund
– equipment, 879.80; Dakota
Supply Group – sewer clean-
ing equipment, 3191.67; Ewell
Educational Service – Ag Ed
software, 390.00; Follett Content
Solutions – books, 888.88; RDO
– 2024 JD 60HDB 60" Broom
– 4221.49. Total Capital Outlay-
\$10,679.54.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary
48,445.01; Benefits 13,032.12.
Avera – PT/OT, 18635.78; parent
– mileage, 731.64. Total Special
Ed - \$80,844.55.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service
Net Salary 9,079.15; Benefits
2,759.92; ACE Refrigeration
– repairs, 3893.34; East Side
Jersey Dairy – milk, 1265.49;
The Meathouse – process-
ing, 1201.20; Parent – refund,
38.55; Performance Food Ser-
vice – food, 5590.95; SD DOE
– food, 556.32; US Foods – food,
3353.15. Total Food Service-
\$27,738.07.

OST - Net Salary 2,667.99;
Benefits 307.69; Custodial Fund
– advanced payments, 4866.15.
Total OST - \$7,841.83.

Driver's Ed - Net Salary 0.00;
Benefits 0.00.. Total Driver's
Ed 0.00.

CUSTODIAL FUND:
\$62,806.98

RECEIPTS: Local Sourc-
es-1,804,308.24 Custodi-
al-65,264.44; County Sources
– 3,799.32; State Sources –
21,175.00; Federal Sources –
8,760.04. Total Receipts –
1,902695.91

Members of the public are
allowed five minutes to address
the board on any topic of their
choice. With no one present,
the board continued with the
agenda.

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nov. 1 2024.....	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Ed.	Food Service	OST	Driver's Ed	Custodial
RECEIPTS.....	\$955,904.17	\$607,483.44	\$220,556.14	\$175,761.30	\$31,842.12	\$19,173.80	\$192,597.29
Local Sources.....	\$880,756.65	\$628,649.56	\$269,555.05	\$14,921.47	\$10,425.51		\$65,264.44
County Sources.....	\$3,188.19						
State Sources.....							
State Aid.....	\$21,175.00						
Wind Farm.....							
Mentor Teacher Program							
State Apportionment.....							
State Reimbursements.....							
Bank Franchise.....							
Federal Sources				\$8,760.04			
Sale of Assets.....							
Due from Govt/Others.....							
Transfer In/Out							

TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS	\$905,119.84	\$628,649.56	\$269,555.05	\$23,681.51	\$10,425.51	\$0.00	\$65,264.44
FUNDS AVAILABLE.....	\$1,861,024.01	\$1,236,133.00	\$490,111.19	\$199,442.81	\$42,267.63	\$19,173.80	\$257,861.73
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS.....	(\$471,912.56)	(\$460,213.89)	(\$76,139.92)	(\$25,291.00)	(\$3,286.76)	(\$115.96)	(\$62,806.98)
JOURNAL ENTRIES.....	(\$1,940.70)		\$196.37	\$49.60			

Nov.30 2024	\$1,387,170.75	\$775,919.11	\$414,167.64	\$174,201.41	\$38,980.87	\$19,057.84	\$195,054.75
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GENERAL FUND		SPECIAL EDUCATION		FOOD SERVICE		OST	
Payroll.....		Payroll		Payroll		Payroll	
Instruction.....	\$315,990.24	Instruction	\$48,445.01	Instruction	\$9,079.15	Instruction	\$2,667.99
Employee Benefits	\$83,181.75	Employee Benefits	\$13,032.12	Employee Benefits	\$2,759.92	Employee Benefits	\$307.69
Total.....	\$399,171.99	Total	\$61,477.13	Total	\$11,839.07	Total	\$2,975.68
Driver's Education.....							
Payroll.....							
Instruction	\$0.00						
Employee Benefits	\$0.00						
Total.....	\$0.00						

Moved by Flihs, second by Weismantel to adopt of rec-
ommended policy changes
BB School Board Legal Sta-
tus (Amendment), BBB School
Board Elections (Amendment),
GCDB/GDDB Background Checks
(Amendment), GCDB-E(2) Pri-
vacy Act Statement (Amend-
ment), AFF Complaint Policy
for Federal Programs (Delete),
AC Nondiscrimination in Fed-
eral Programs (Amendment),
GBEC Use of Alcohol, Drugs,
and Controlled Substances,
IGCD Advanced Placement and
Dual Credit Courses, DK Pay-
ment Procedures, DN School
Properties Disposal Procedure,
IIA Instructional Material and
recommended Job Descriptions:
Elementary Principal, Food Ser-
vice Director, and Transportation
Director. Motion carried.

The buildings, grounds, and
transportation committee gave a
report and continued discussion
regarding long-range planning,
such as school facility needs and
the football field complex.

The following items were
discussed in administrative re-
ports: J. Schwan discussed Spe-
cial Education File review, and
addressed findings from the
review that corrective action is
required. Technical assistance
will be provided by the state on
December 10 for staff. Special
Education Child Count submis-
sion is underway, and state
accreditation review with ap-
proximately 25 different sections
to be reviewed. A conference
call with the DOE is on Tuesday,
February 20. Governor Noem
gave the state budget address,
and her recommendation is to
provide a 1.25% increase in
funding in state aid to education.
Consumer inflation is going to be
around 2.5%. Schwan noted
the SDCL13-13-73.6 on teacher
compensation and with the
1.25% the "cumulative increase"
would be 5.25%. Schwan also
gave a listing of impacts that
might take place because of a
tighter budget, such as a stipend
for programs for teachers and
counselors to receive National
Board Certification, a decrease in
the Dakota Digital Network, the
Career Ready program, and the
statewide mentoring program,
and the TeachInsSD website.
Decrease funding for HS Dual
credit to reduce state share to
50% and major reductions to the
state library. Education Savings
Accounts were brought up, and
the recommended line item of
\$4.0 million in the state FY2026
budget. The stated intention
is to "provide approximately
\$3,000 per student for families
who meet eligibility requirements
and wish to enroll their children
in private schools or meet their
education needs through alter-
native instruction. Allocation of
the dollars would be determined
by the parents within guidelines
set in legislation and overseen
by the South Dakota Department
of Education." "The goal is to ul-
timately make these Educational
Savings Accounts available to
every student in South Dakota."
Another bill being watched is to
relieve property taxes by increas-
ing the state sales tax from 4.2%
to 5%. They're looking at an
estimated shift in tax burden of
\$280 million from property tax
to sales tax. Schwan will partici-
pate in a legislative meeting on
December 18, and 2025 legisla-
tive session opens January 14.

Business manager Hubsch
provided a report indicating the
ESSER desk review has been
completed with no findings
or corrective actions. IDEA
Maintenance of Effort report is
complete with the District meet-
ing two of the four standards
when only one needs to be met
for compliance. Budget Resolu-
tion FY25-3 is for reallocation of
Federal funding to Title I and
Title II REAP A and provided
school board member terms with
Gengerke, Flihs, and Harder's
term will be up this coming year;
petitions cannot be circulated
until January 31, 2025.

Board reviewed the 2025-
2026 school calendar. No action
was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, second
by Flihs, to adopt Supplemental
Budget #FY25-3. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUP-
PLEMENTAL BUDGET #FY25-3

Let it resolved that the school
board of the Groton Area School
District, in accordance with
SDCL 13-11-3.12, and after
duly considering the proposed
supplemental budget, hereby
approves and adopts the follow-
ing supplemental budget in total:

APPROPRIATIONS	GENERAL FUND
10-1273-000-111-604 TITLE I	SALARIES: \$11,698.00
10-1273-000-210-660 TITLE	REAP IIA SALARIES: \$1,211.00
TOTAL	\$12,909.00
MEANS OF FINANCE	GENERAL FUND
10-4158-604 TITLE I GRANT:	\$11,698.00
10-4159-607 ..TITLE REAP II	A: \$1,211.00
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE :	\$12,909.00
Presiding Officer	Business Manager

Moved by Gengerke, second
by Flihs, to approve custodial
accounts: Wellness/Powerlifting
and MS/HS Social Committee.
Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second
by Flihs, to approve hiring
Teresa Davies as Food Service
Team Member at \$15.33/hour.
Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second
Strom to adjourn at 7:56 pm.
Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Man-
ager
Grant Rix, President
The addition of signatures to
this page verifies these minutes
as official.

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Board Motion - Adopt Supple-
mental Budget #FY25-3
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PLEMENTAL BUDGET #FY25-3
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Presiding Officer
Business Manager
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NOTICE
2025 Brown County Surfacing
Project

Brown County, South Dakota
Sealed Bids will be received
by the Brown County Auditor, 25
Market Street, Aberdeen, South
Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 AM
local time on Tuesday, the 31st
day of December, 2024, for the
above-referenced project. Bids
shall be prepared and submit-
ted in accordance with the Bid-
ding Documents. Brown County
reserves the right to accept or
reject any and/or all Bids as set
forth in the Bidding Documents.

Bids will be publicly opened
and read aloud at or shortly af-
ter the time named above. Bids
will be reviewed by the Brown
County Commission at a sub-
sequent meeting of the Brown
County Commissioners.

The Project includes the fol-
lowing Work:

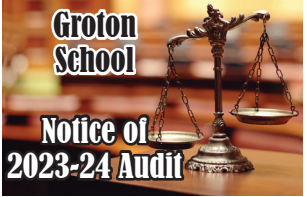
- 2" Asphalt Concrete overlay
for approximately 21 miles.
- Additional items as set forth
in the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied
by a Bid Security as described in
the Bidding Documents. The
Successful Bidder will be re-
quired to provide Payment and
Performance Bonds as described
in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding documents may
be viewed and obtained at
www.questcdn.com by enter-
ing QuestCDN project number
9433559. If you need assistance
with the website, please contact
QuestCDN Customer Support at
952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.
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A pre-bid conference will not
be held.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown
County Auditor
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NOTICE OF AUDIT
OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF
THE
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-
TRICT NO. 6-6
Notice is hereby given that
the Groton Area School District
No. 6-6, Groton, South Dakota,
has been audited by Cahill Bauer
& Associates, LLC for the year
ended June 30, 2024. A detailed

report thereon is available for
public inspection, during normal
business hours, at the business
office of the School District, and
also available at the Depart-
ment of Legislative Audit in
Pierre, South Dakota or on the
Department of Legislative Audit
website at [http://www.state.
sd.us/legislativeaudit/Reports/
reports_all.htm](http://www.state.sd.us/legislativeaudit/Reports/reports_all.htm).

The following findings and
recommendations provide a brief
description of material weak-
nesses in internal control that
are described in more detail in
the audit report.

Finding: A lack of segrega-
tion of duties over revenues and
expenditures exists, which could
result in errors not being found
in a timely manner.

Recommendation: We recom-
mend a high level of awareness
be maintained by management
to assist in preventing, detecting,
or correcting matters that may
arise due to this internal control
weakness. Compensating con-
trols should be implemented as
necessary.

Finding: We proposed materi-
al audit adjustments that would
not have been identified as a
result of the School District's
existing internal controls, and
therefore could have resulted
in a material misstatement of
the School District's financial
statements.

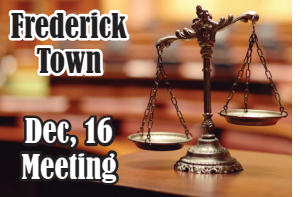
Recommendation: It is the re-
sponsibility of management and
those charged with governance
to make the decision whether to
accept the degree of risk associ-
ated with this condition because
of cost and other considerations.

Finding: The School District
does not have an internal control
system designed to provide for
the preparation of the annual
financial statements being audit-
ed, including required footnotes
and disclosures, in accordance
with generally accepted ac-
counting principles. As auditors,
we were requested to draft the
financial statements.

Recommendation: It is the re-
sponsibility of management and
those charged with governance
to make the decision whether to
accept the degree of risk associ-
ated with this condition because
of cost or other considerations.
Finding: The School District
is required to properly calculate
payroll deductions based on the
appropriate compensation as
defined by law.

Recommendation: The School
District should implement a re-
view process for payroll that can
identify errors and/or miscalcula-
tions in payroll.

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City of Frederick
December 16, 2024 Minutes

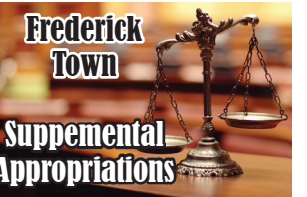
The second reading of the
2024 Supplemental Appropria-
tions was held Monday, Decem-
ber 16, 2024 in the Frederick
Community Center beginning at
7:00 PM. Attending the meeting
were Chairman Scott Campbell,
Board members Jeff Kusters
and Troy Millard, Finance Officer
Jennifer Morlock, and Assistant
Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

Chairman Campbell opened
the meeting and led in the Pledge
of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the second
reading of the 2024 Supple-
mental Appropriations made by
Kusters/Millard, roll call vote had
eyes by all; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by
Millard/Kusters at 7:03 PM; mo-
tion carried.

M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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Ordinance No. 226
Supplemental Appropriations
Ordinance For the Year 2024.

Be it ordained by the Town of
Frederick that the following sum
is supplementally appropriated
to meet the obligations of the
municipality.

411.10 Board, Council, or Commission	\$27,174.53
431.00 Highways and Streets	6,738.00
432.00 Sanitation	1,064.14
437.00 Cemetery	357.86
450.00 Community Center	490.60
Total General Fund	35,825.13
Total Water Fund.	10,021.78
Total Appropriations	45,846.91
Source of Funding Undesignated Funds	31,359.62
Contingency Fund	14,487.29
Total Source of Funding	\$45,846.91

Signed and Dated by the
Board of Trustees of the Town
of Frederick.
R. Scott Campbell, Chairman
Troy Millard, Board Member
Jeff Kusters, Board Member
Passed First Reading: Decem-
ber 4, 2024

Passed Second Reading: De-
cember 16, 2024

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Answer

Answers

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Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 format.

King Crossword grid with letters P, E, S, T, A, L, D, A, A, S, H, O, M, A, R, N, E, E, R, D, O, E, etc.



December 10, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve the agenda, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None INVENERGY PRESENTATION: Michael Lacopetti, Project Developer with Invernergy, LLC gave a presentation to the Commission regarding their Wind Energy Project they are working on in the Frederick Area.

FUTURE EXPANSION OF DACOTAH PRAIRIE MUSEUM: Patricia Kendall, Dacotah Prairie Museum (DPM) Director met with the Commission to discuss the future expansion of the DPM with a Capital Campaign in the amount of 9.5 million dollars.

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY CONTRACT: A proposal was sent to the Brown County Commission for a budget of \$800,000.00 for 1-year with 5 attorneys on the contract: Tom Cogley, Cogley Law Office; Christopher Dohrer, Dohrer Law Office; Scott Kuck, Kuck Law Office; Christy Griffin-Serr, Serr Law Office; and Brandon Taliaferro, Taliaferro Law Firm.

REQUEST FOR OPIOID FUNDS: Jon Lemke, Chief Deputy Sheriff and Josh Lee, Deputy Sheriff/K9 Handler met with the Commission to request authorization to use some of the Opioid Funds to purchase DetectaChem Opioid Assessment Kit and MobileDetect Field Test Kits for \$32,925.00.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 3 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following claims: Insurance: SDACC \$11,139.00. Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$116.48; Aberdeen Imaging \$13.28; Acute Care Aberdeen \$79.94; Avera Aberdeen Family Physicians \$263.13; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$555.03; Brown County Treatment Court Assn. \$25,000.00; CGI, LLC \$529.02; Faulk Co. Sheriff's Office \$6,300.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$220.00; IAAO \$480.00; Lucy Lewno \$90.00; Mark Katterhagen \$33.00; Network Center \$3,002.57; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$526.00; Satellite Tracking of People \$1,420.25; SD Association of Weed & Pest Supervisors \$75.00; SD Department of Transportation \$3,543.17; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; Valerie Larson \$33.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00.

Publishing: McQuillen Creative Group \$129.92; TDS Media Direct, Inc \$630.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$75.00; Linde Gas & Equip. \$51.19. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$350.00; Ace Refrigeration \$447.78; B & B Contracting \$4,930.92; Dakota Supply Group \$266.20; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$118.47; Graham Tire \$652.00; Hoven

Auto Repair \$314.92; Lawson Products \$29.07; Pierson Ford \$966.44; Pomp's Tire \$142.50; US Records Midwest \$4,656.00; Schwan Welding \$51.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$394.72; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$6,731.19. Supplies: Advanced Drainage Systems \$20,512.00; AgTegra \$54,165.63; Amazon Capital Services \$585.53; Auto Value \$31.68; Bimbo Foods \$786.85; Bob Barker Co. \$371.25; Burdette Security & Technologies \$606.00; Butler Machinery \$67.69; Century Business Products \$264.55; Ready Maid Cleaning \$1,000.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$1,962.62; Dakota 1 Automotive \$1,538.66; East Side Jersey Dairy \$1,935.19; Farm Power Mfg. \$35.22; Farm Tire Service \$6,035.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$2.47; GovConnection \$896.74; Great Western Tire \$4,594.88; Hoven Auto Repair \$112.00; Ideal Construction Steven F. Kobliska & Sons LLC \$4,000.00; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$9.41; Kessler's \$333.48; Lawson Products \$324.85; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$8.39; Linde Gas & Equip. \$232.77; Lucy Lewno \$1.75; M & T Fire & Safety \$532.00; Menards \$350.03; Patriot Fire & Safety \$717.29; Pierson Ford \$84.70; Pomp's Tire \$23.68; Quality Welding \$43.00; RDO Equip. \$1,302.42; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$132.96; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$266.65; Steven Lust Automotive \$44.95; Thomson Reuters - West Payment Center \$107.20; Town & Country Building Supply \$9.98; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$1,820.93; Tri State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$9,661.51; Warner Fire Department \$1,336.12; WEB Water Bottling Company \$44.25. Travel & Conference: Clubhouse Hotel & Suites Pierre \$195.32; John Florey \$28.00; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$17.87. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$143.57; CenturyLink \$366.39; Midcontinent Communications \$327.44; Northwestern Energy \$11,180.64; Town of Frederick \$77.00; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$114.00. Other: SD Association of County Officials \$782.00; SD Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,340.75. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to acknowledge and approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: Adding work-study program student, Isabel Grueneich, to the approved list for work-comp purposes.

List of Holidays for 2025: New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Third Monday in January; President's Day, Third Monday in February; Memorial Day, Last Monday in May; Juneteenth, June 19th; Independence Day, July 4th; Labor Day, First Monday in September; Native Americans' Day, Second Monday in October; Veterans' Day, November 11th; Thanksgiving Day, Fourth Thursday in November; Day after Thanksgiving, Fourth Friday in November; Christmas Eve, December 24th; Christmas Day, December 25th.

Plus, any other day that is proclaimed as a holiday by the Governor of South Dakota or the President of the United States. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it is observed on the preceding Friday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the following Monday. (Sheriff's Deputies, Correctional Officers: Jail, JDC/HD, 24-7 and Dispatchers, who are required to work, are paid for the actual Holiday Day).

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following travel requests: John Florey & Josh Mathews, Highway Dept. to travel to Staples, MN to evaluate and pick-up a shouldering machine on December 4, 2024; Lynn Heupel, Auditor to travel to Pierre, SD on December 11-12, 2024 for the SDACO Executive Board Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Fair Contracts that are Confidential until released. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to authorize advertising for the Budget Supplement Hearing to be held on Tuesday, December 31st. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for November 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE PERMIT HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Alcohol License Permit: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen, SD for Business After Hours to be held at AgTegra - Lt 2 SDWG Bath - Grebner Terminal Add (Lt A 1st Repl SDWG Add S2 14-123-63) (39278 133rd St., Aberdeen) Brown County, SD on December 31, 2024. (Special License effective January 9, 2025). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into Executive Session for Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the Executive Session closed with No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:58 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR SPECIAL EVENT

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Alcoholic Beverage Temporary Permit in conjunction with a Special Event for Malt Beverage and Wine to be used by Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on December 31, 2024 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on their approval may appear.

Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen, SD for Business After Hours: Lt 2 SDWG Bath - Grebner Terminal Add (Lt A 1st Repl SDWG Add S2 14-123-63) (39278 133rd St., Aberdeen) Brown County, SD. Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective January 9, 2025.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE TO: THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, PERSON OR REPRESENTATIVE, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF CRAIG ANDREW PELDO whose last known address was La Porte, Texas

TAKE NOTICE that on the 16th day of December, 2019, Lot 5, Block 9, Original plat to Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota, was sold at County Treasurer's tax sale for delinquent taxes on said premises, to the County of Brown in the State of South Dakota, and said County of Brown is still the holder thereof and the right of redemption will expire and a Deed to said property will be made at the expiration of sixty days from the completed service of this notice.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2024. /s/Patty VanMeter Treasurer of Brown County, South Dakota

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RESOLUTION NO 301 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S RATE STRUCTURE, PROVIDING FOR A SURCHARGE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM, FOR PAYMENT OF A REVENUE BORROWER BOND AND YEARLY REVIEW OF RATE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT AS FOLLOWS:

1. Surcharge for Borrower Bond. There shall be charged a monthly surcharge for the services provided by the improvement financed by the CW-03 Conservancy District Loan. The surcharge for each loan shall be segregated from other revenues of the City and shall be used for the payment of the Borrower Bond CW-03 (the "Borrower Bond"). Provided that such surcharge shall create net income, remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements and operation, sufficient to fund interest, reserve and debt service fund annual requirements.

2. Rates and collection. The City does hereby establish the special charge or surcharge payable by each customer of its system who receives or benefits from the services of the project financed with the Borrower Bond. Such charge or surcharge shall be set at a level which, assuming a 10% delinquency rate, will produce income at the times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Borrower Bond and the administrative expense surcharge and all other payments as may be required under the loan agreement and Borrower Bond.

3. Borrower Bond Surcharge. The following clean water debt service surcharge shall be applicable to all customers served: Borrower Bond CW-03 Surcharge: \$8.63 per user per month commencing January 15, 2024.

This surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the revenue bond is paid in full. The initial surcharge shall be collected at the same time as other charges of the system. The surcharge is found to be equitable for the services provided by the improvements.

4. Segregation. The debt service surcharge shall be segregated from other income of the system in a separate book-keeping account and is pledged to the South Dakota Conservancy District for the payment of the loan payments on the Borrower Bond.

5. Yearly review. The amount of the surcharge shall be reviewed from year to year and may be modified in order to provide such funds as are set forth herein. The charges shall be reviewed yearly by City and administratively adjusted, upwards or downwards, to such amounts as may be necessary to pay principal, interest, administrative surcharge and other charges as may become due and owing under the loan agreement or Borrower Bond.

6. Billing and Accounting. The surcharges shall be included in the monthly user bill. Nothing contained herein requires the surcharge be indicated on the billing, however, the surcharge segregation shall be indicated on the books of the City.

7. Automatic Repeal. The surcharge for the Borrower Bond shall be automatically repealed when the Borrower Bond is paid in full.

8. Partial Invalidation. If any one or more of the provisions of the shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, by final decree of any court of lawful jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof.

/s/ Jason Spencer, Mayor (SEAL) Attest: /s/ Charla Rye Finance Officer First Reading: 12-10-24 Published: 12-18-2024 Effective: Immediately Published December 18, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$38.94 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 24049



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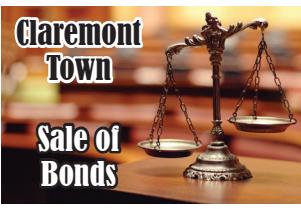
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RESOLUTION NO. 300
RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO CERTAIN SEWER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; GIVING APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A REVENUE BOND TO FINANCE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE REVENUE BOND AND PLEDGING PROJECT REVENUES AND COLLATERAL TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND; AND CREATING SPECIAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND AND PROVIDING FOR A SEGREGATED SPECIAL CHARGE OR SURCHARGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of SDCL Chapter 9-40 (the "Act") as found and determined by the Legislature is to provide for financing the acquisition, maintenance, operation, extension or improvement of any system or part of any system for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes; or any system for the control of floods and drainage; or any combination thereof, together with extensions, additions, and necessary appurtenances; and,

.....WHEREAS, a municipality is authorized by Section 6 of the Act to issue revenue bonds to defray the cost of extensions, additions and improvements to any utility previously owned without pledging its credit and is authorized to pledge the net income or revenues from the Project in accordance with Section 15 of the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Claremont (the "City") currently operates a sewer system for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes; and for the control of floods and drainage and has determined that improvements to the sewer facilities are necessary for the conduct of its governmental programs and qualifies as an improvement, extension or addition to its sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, the City has determined to issue its revenue bonds to finance the improvements to its sewer system for the purpose of collecting, treating and disposing of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes (the "System") and has applied to the South Dakota Conservancy District (the "District") for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan to finance the improvements;

WHEREAS, the City shall adopt special rates or surcharges for the improvements to be pledged, segregated and used for the payment of the Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The terms when used in this Resolution shall have the following meanings set forth in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise. All terms used in this Resolution which are not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Loan Agreement unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

"Act" means South Dakota Codified Laws Chapter 9-40.

"Loan" means the Loan made by the South Dakota Conservancy District to the City pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and as evidenced by the Revenue Bond.

"Project" means the City of Claremont Storm Sewer and Lift Station Project Improvements.

"Revenue Bond" means the revenue bond or bonds issued the date of the Loan Agreement by the City to the South Dakota Conservancy District to evidence the City's obligation to repay the principal of and pay interest and Administrative Expense Surcharge on the Loan.

"System" means the City's system of collecting, treating and disposing of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Necessity and Findings.

2.1.1. Declaration of Necessity. The City hereby determines and declares it is necessary to construct and finance improvements to its System described

as the Project.

2.2. Findings. The City does hereby find as follows:

2.2.1. The City hereby expressly finds that if the Project is not undertaken, the System will pose a health hazard to the City and its inhabitants and will make the City unable to comply with state and federal law.

2.2.2. Because of the functional interdependence of the various portions of the System, the fact that the System may not lawfully operate unless it complies with State and federal laws, including SDCL Chapter 34A-2, and the federal Clean Water Act, and the nature of the improvements financed, the City hereby finds and determines that the Project will substantially benefit the entire System and all of its users within the meaning of Sections 15 and 17 of the Act.

2.2.3. The City hereby determines and finds that for the purposes of the Act, including, in particular, Sections 15 and 17 of the Act, only the net income from the Project financed by the Revenue Bond be pledged for its payment.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Loan, Pledge of Revenue and Security.

3.1. Authorization of Loan. The City hereby determines and declares it necessary to finance up to \$505,000 of the costs of the Project through the issuance of bonds payable from the revenue of the Project and other funds secured by the City. The City hereby determines that because the Revenue Bond is issued in connection with a financing agreement described in SDCL 46A-1-49, pursuant to Section 15 of the Act no election is required to issue the Revenue Bond.....

3.2. Approval of Loan Agreement. The execution and delivery of the Revenue Obligation Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), the form of which is on file with the Finance Officer (the "Finance Officer") and open to public inspection, between the City as Borrower and the District, is hereby in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement in the form and content attached hereto, with such changes as the Attorney for the City deems appropriate and approves, for and on behalf of the City. The Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby further authorized and directed to implement and perform the covenants and obligations of the City set forth in or required by the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement herein referred to and made a part of this Resolution is on file in the office of the Finance Officer and is available for inspection by any interested party.

3.3. Approval of Revenue Bond. The issuance of a revenue bond in a principal amount not to exceed \$505,000 as determined according to the Loan Agreement in the form and content set forth in Appendix B attached to the form of Loan Agreement (the "Revenue Bond") shall be and the same is, in all respects, hereby authorized, approved, and confirmed and the Mayor, Finance Officer, and other appropriate officials shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and seal the Revenue Bond and deliver the Revenue Bond to the District, for and on behalf of the City, upon receipt of the purchase price, and to use the proceeds thereof in the manner set forth in the Loan Agreement. The Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to approve the final terms of the Revenue Bond and their execution and delivery thereof shall evidence that approval. The Revenue Bond shall be issued under the authority of SDCL Chapter 9-40 and SDCL Chapter 6-8B, and the provisions of the Act are hereby expressly incorporated herein as provided in Section 19 of the Act.

3.4. Pledge of Revenues. The Revenue Bond together with the interest thereon, shall not constitute a charge against the City's general credit or taxing power, but shall be a limited obligation of the City payable solely out of the Project Debt Service Account, which payments, revenues and receipts are hereby and in the Loan Agreement pledged and assigned for the equal and ratable payments of the Revenue Bond and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay the principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond, except as may be otherwise expressly authorized in the Loan Agreement (including the purpose of securing Additional Bonds issued as permitted by the terms thereof). The City covenants and agrees

to charge rates for all services from the Project or establish special charges or surcharges which will be sufficient to provide for the payments upon the Revenue Bond issued hereunder as and when the same become due, and as may be necessary to provide for the operation and maintenance and repairs of the Project, and depreciation, and the Rate Resolution shall be revised from time to time so as to produce these amounts. The City hereby reserves the right to determine on a periodic basis the appropriate allocation of operation and maintenance expenses, depreciation, repair and reserves associated with the facilities financed with the Revenue Bond, provided that such determination of allocable operation and maintenance expenses shall in no event abrogate, abridge or otherwise contravene the covenant of the City set forth in this Section 3 or any other covenant or agreement in the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 4. Special Charge or Surcharge for Revenue Bond.

4.1. The City does hereby create the Revenue Bond Special-Surcharge District (the "Surcharge District") which shall include all users which benefit from the Project. There shall be charged a special charge or surcharge pursuant to Section 15 of the Act for the services provided by Project financed by the Revenue Bond. The special charge or surcharge shall be segregated from other revenues of the System and shall be used for the payment of the Revenue Bond. The special charge or surcharge shall create net income, remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements and operation, sufficient to fund interest, reserve and debt service fund annual requirements and shall be 110% of the debt service requirements on the Revenue Bond.

4.2. Rates and collection. The rate herein specific will be collected as a special charge or surcharge for the Project. This special charge or surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the Revenue Bond is defeased or paid in full.

4.3. Initial Surcharge. The initial special charge or surcharge shall be set by resolution and collected at the same time as other charges of the utility. All users within the Surcharge District which benefit from the Project, current and future, shall be charged the special charge or surcharge. The special charge or surcharge is found to be equitable for the services provided by the Project. The special charge or surcharge shall begin at such time as will produce sufficient revenue to pay principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond when due.

4.4. Segregation. The Finance Officer shall set up book-keeping accounts in accordance with South Dakota Legislative Audit guidelines for the segregation of the revenue, special charges and surcharges.

4.5. Periodic review. The amount of the surcharge shall be reviewed from time to time, not less than yearly, and shall be modified in order to produce such funds as are necessary and required to comply with the Loan Agreement's rate covenant and to pay principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond when due. The surcharge may be set by resolution in accordance with this Section. The rate resolution shall be necessary for the support of government and shall be effective upon passage.

SECTION 5. Additional Bonds. As permitted by Sections 8 and 9 of the Act, Additional Bonds payable from revenues and income of the System or Project may be issued, as permitted in the Loan Agreement, and no provision of this Resolution shall have the effect of restricting the issuance of, or impairing the lien of, such additional parity bonds with respect to the net revenues or income from the extensions, additions or improvements. The City shall have the right to issue additional bonds secured by a lien subordinate to the lien from the Revenue Bond pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 6. Project Fund Accounts. For the purpose of application and proper allocation of the income of the Project and to secure the payment of principal, Administrative Surcharge and interest on the Revenue Bond, the following mandatory asset segregations shall be included in the sewer system account of the City and shall be used solely for the following respective purposes until payment in full of the principal of and interest on the

Revenue Bond:

6.1. Project Revenue Account. There shall be deposited periodically into the Project Revenue Account the net revenues as defined in Section 17 of the Act derived from the operation of the Project collected pursuant to the resolutions and ordinances of the City of Claremont, South Dakota (collectively the "Rate Resolution"). Moneys from the Project Revenue Account shall be transferred periodically into separate funds and accounts as provided below.

6.2. Project Debt Service Account. Out of the revenues in the Project Revenue Account, there shall be set aside no later than the 25th day of each month into the account designated Project Debt Service Account, a sum sufficient to provide for the payment as the same become due of the next maturing principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bonds and any reserve determined by the City's governing body to be necessary. The amount set aside monthly shall be not less than one-third of the total principal, interest, and Administrative Surcharge payable on the following February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 and if there shall be any deficiency in the amount previously set aside, then the amount of such deficiency shall be added to the current requirement.

6.3. Depreciation Account. There shall be established a General Depreciation Account. Out of the revenues of the Project Revenue Account there shall be set aside each month into the General Depreciation Account an amount determined by the Common Council to be a proper and adequate amount for repair and depreciation of the Project.

6.4. Project Surplus Account. There shall be established the Project Surplus Account. Revenues remaining in the Project Revenue Account at the end of any fiscal year after all periodic transfers have been made therefrom as above required, shall be deemed to be surplus and shall be transferred to the Project Surplus Account. If at any time there shall exist any default in making any periodic transfer to the Project Debt Service Account, the Common Council shall authorize the Finance Officer to rectify such default so far as possible by the transfer of money from the Project Surplus Account. If any such default shall exist as to more than one account or fund at any time, then such transfer shall be made in the order such funds and accounts are listed above.

When not required to restore a current deficiency in the Project Debt Service Account, moneys in the Project Surplus Account from time to time may be used for any of the following purposes and not otherwise:

(a) To redeem and prepay the Revenue Bond when and as such Revenue Bond becomes prepayable according to its terms;

(b) To pay for repairs of or for the construction and installation of improvements or additions to the System; and, if the balances in the Project Debt Service Account and the Project Depreciation Account are sufficient to meet all payments required or reasonably anticipated to be made there from prior to the end of the then current fiscal year, then:

(c) To be held as a reserve for redemption and prepayment of any bonds of the System which are not then but will later be prepayable according to their terms; or

(d) To be used for any other authorized municipal purpose designated by the Common Council.

(e) No moneys shall at any time be transferred from the Project Surplus Account or any other account of the Fund to any other fund of the City, nor shall such moneys at any time be loaned to other municipal funds or invested in warrants, special improvements bonds or other obligations payable from other funds, except as provided in this Section.

SECTION 7. Approval of Paying Agent/Registrar. The Revenue Bond shall be payable at the office of U.S. Bank National Association, St. Paul, Minnesota, hereby designated as paying agent and registrar.

SECTION 8. Approval of Bond Counsel. Meierhenry Sargent LLP is hereby retained as Bond Counsel with respect to the Revenue Bond.

SECTION 9. Tax Matters. The Interest on the Revenue Bond shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("the Code") and

applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations").

SECTION 10. Covenants. The City hereby covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond as follows:

10.1. The City will punctually perform all duties with reference to the Project, the System and the Revenue Bond required by the constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota and by this Resolution.

10.2. The City agrees and covenants that it will promptly construct the improvements included in the Project.

10.3. The City covenants and agrees that pursuant to Sections 25 through 27 of the Act, the lawful holders of the Revenue Bond shall have a statutory mortgage lien upon the Project and the extensions, additions and improvements thereto acquired pursuant to the Act, until the payment in full of the principal and interest on the Revenue Bond, and the City agrees not to sell or otherwise dispose of the System, the Project, or any substantial part thereof, except as provided in the Loan Agreement and shall not establish, authorize or grant a franchise for the operation of any other utility supplying like products or services in competition therewith, or permit any person, firm or corporation to compete with it in the distribution of water for municipal, industrial, and domestic purposes within the City.

10.4. The City covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond that it will maintain the System in good condition and operate the same in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost, so long as any portion of the Revenue Bond remains outstanding; that it will maintain insurance on the System for the benefit of the holders of the Revenue Bond in an amount which usually would be carried by private companies in a similar type of business; that it will prepare, keep and file records, statements and accounts as provided for in this Resolution and the Loan Agreement. The Revenue Bond shall refer expressly to this Resolution and the Act and shall state that it is subject to all provisions and limitations thereof pursuant to Section 19 of the Act.

SECTION 11. Depositories. The Finance Officer shall cause all moneys pertaining to the Funds and Accounts to be deposited as received with one or more banks which are duly qualified public depositories under the provisions of SDCL Ch. 4-6A, in a deposit account or accounts, which shall be maintained separate and apart from all other accounts of the City, so long as any of the Bonds and the interest thereon shall remain unpaid. Any of such moneys not necessary for immediate use may be deposited with such depository banks in savings or time deposits. No money shall at any time be withdrawn from such deposit accounts except for the purposes of the Funds and Accounts as authorized in this Resolution; except that moneys from time to time on hand in the Funds and Accounts may at any time, in the discretion of the City's governing body, be invested in securities permitted by the provisions of SDCL 4-5-6; provided, however, that the Depreciation Fund may be invested in such securities maturing not later than ten years from the date of the investment. Income received from the deposit or investment of moneys shall be credited to the Fund or Account from whose moneys the deposit was made or the investment was purchased, and handled and accounted for in the same manner as other moneys therein.

SECTION 12. Consent to Appointment. In the event of mismanagement of the Project, a default in the payment of the principal or interest of the Revenue Bond, or in any other condition thereof materially affecting the lawful holder of the Revenue Bond, or if the revenues of the Project are dissipated, wasted or diverted from their proper application as set forth in the Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or herein, the City hereby consents to the appointment of a receiver pursuant to Section 33 of the Act, and agrees that the receiver will have the powers set forth therein, and in Sections 34 and 35 of the Act to operate and administer the Project, and charge and collect rates as described therein.

SECTION 13. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution, the Loan Agreement, the Revenue Bond, or any other Loan

Document shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution or said Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document.

SECTION 14. Repeal of Resolution. At such time as the Revenue Bond is defeased or paid in full, this Resolution and the special charge or surcharge shall automatically be repealed without any further action of the City.

SECTION 15. Authorization of City Officials. The Mayor, Finance Officer, City Attorney and City officials shall be and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City any and all other certificates, documents or other papers and to perform such other acts as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the actions authorized herein.

SECTION 16. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on the 20th day following its publication, unless suspended by a referendum.

Adopted at Claremont, South Dakota, this 10th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Jason Spencer, Mayor
 (SEAL)
 Attest:
 /s/ Charla Rye
 Finance Officer
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The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on 12-10-24 at 8pm at city hall. President Spencer called the meeting to order with trustees Thompson and Rasmussen present. Also present was Jordan Albee of Helms and Associates. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Thompson motion approved on a motion by Rasmussen General: NWE, street lights, 560.13; NWE, city hall, 64.31; JVT, phone internet, 140.18; Br. Co. Treasurer, mosquito , 450.00; Grandma Computers, back up and Repair, 218.00; GDI ,publishing, 12.42; Frank Rasmussen, trustee, 831.15; Robert Thompson, Trustee, 831.15; Jason Spencer, President, 831.15; Charla Rye, wage, 500.00; Charla Rye, ink for printer, 59.47; post office, stamps, 73.00;WSSW: NWE, pump power/water, 34.00; NWE,new sewer left, 36.86; NWE, storm sewer, 20.17;BDM, water purchased, 872.15; SD Dept. of Health, total Coliform, 15.00; USDA Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; On a motion by Thompson and seconded by Rasmussen Resolution 300 giving approval to certain sewer facilities improvements approval to insurance and sale of Revenue facilities approving the form of the loan agreement and the revenue bond and pledging project revenues and collateral to secure the payment of the revenue bond; and creating special funds and accounts for the administration of funds for operation of the system and retirement of the revenue bond and providing for a segregated special charge or surcharge for the payment of the bonds. This resolution was approved. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Thompson Resolution #301 was approved. This resolution is amending the city's rate structure, providing for a surcharge for improvements to the sewer system for payment of a revenue borrower bond and yearly review of rate. A motion, by Thompson to approve entering permit agreement for pipeline railroad crossing SDOT seconded by Rasmussen. Motion carried. The board approved the Liquor License for the Bull Pen owned by Jones and Schantel for 2025.A motion was made to adjourn by Thompson and seconded by Rasmussen. Motion carried.

CRye, Finance Officer.
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Groton Area has clean sweep over Sisseton

All six teams were winners Tuesday in a basketball double header played in Groton.

Girls Varsity: Groton Area 48, Sisseton 45

Groton Area led at the quarter breaks at 12-7, 28-18 and 40-26 en route to a 48-45 win over Sisseton.

Game was tied once at six. Largest lead for Groton Area was 14 points at 34-20 and 40-26.

Jerica Locke: 11 points, (3 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals, 2 fouls.

Kennedy Hansen: 9 points, (1 3-pointer) 4 rebounds, 1 steals, 1 foul.

Rylee Dunker: 9 points, (1 3-pointer), 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals, 3 fouls.

Taryn Traphagen: 9 points, (3 3-pointers), 2 rebounds, 1 foul.

Jaedyn Penning: 4 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal, 5 fouls.

Brooklyn Hansen: 3 points, (1 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Chesney Weber: 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Totals: Field Goals: 6-31 19 percent, 3-Pointers: 9-25 36 percent, Free Throws: 9-14 64 percent, 23 rebounds, 12 turnovers, 14 assists, 13 steals, 16 fouls.

Sisseton: Krista Langager 25, Ruby Rice 5, Elliot Hortness 5, Saylor Langager 4, Alexa Quinn 2, Kennedy Hanson 2, Tara Nelson 2.

Field Goals: 17-49 34 percent. Free Throws: 10-18 56 percent. 15 team fouls, 12 turnovers.

Girls Junior Varsity: Groton Area 43, Sisseton 7

Girls Junior Varsity: Groton Area 43, Sisseton 7. Mercy rule took effect with 5:23 left in the game.

Groton Area: Mia Crank 10, Chesney Weber 9 (1 3-pointer), Kella Tracy 9, Taryn Traphagen 7 (1 3-pointer), Talli Wright 4, McKenna Tietz 2, Sydney Locke 2.

Sisseton: Nikki Hoeger 3, Saylor Langager 2, Amani DuMarce 2.

Girls C Game Groton Area 42, Sisseton 8

Girls C Game: Groton Area 42, Sisseton 8. Mercy rule took effect with 4:48 left in the third quarter.

Groton Area: Emerlee Jones 11, Kella Tracy 9, Makenna Krause 7, Sydney Locke 7, Ashlynn Warrington 5, Avery Crank 1.

Sisseton: Amani DuMarce 4, Mahree Geyer 2, Mary Pelzel 1, Jaylee 1.

Boys Varsity: Groton Area 73, Sisseton 41

Groton Area led at the quarterbreaks at 18-11, 40-22 and 62-30 en route to a 73-41 win over Sisseton. The mercy rule kicked in with 1:29 left in the third quarter. There were two lead changes. Groton's largest lead was 37 at 70-33 and Sisseton's largest lead was 2 at 5-2 and 7-5.

Ryder Johnson: 22 points, (1 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 2 assists.

Karson Zak: 15 points, (1 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 3 assists, 1 foul, 1 block shot.

Keegen Tracy: 9 points, (1 3-pointer), 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, 3 fouls.

Becker Bosma: 7 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals.

Easton Weber: 7 points, (2 3-pointers), 2 assists, 1 steal, 4 fouls.

Gage Sippel: 5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals, 3 fouls.

Turner Thompson: 5 points, 1 assist, 3 steals, 2 fouls.

Jayden Schwan: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists.

Totals: Field Goals: 25-32 78 percent. 3-Pointers: 5-18 28 percent. Free Throws: 8-15 53 percent. 20 rebounds, 12 turnovers, 17 assists, 16 steals, 15 fouls, 1 block.

Boys Junior Varsity: Groton Area 43, Sisseton 8

Junior Varsity: Groton Area 43, Sisseton 8.

Groton Area: Jayden Schwan 10, Easton Weber 8, Logan Warrington 7, Asher Johnson 7, Anthony Tracy 5, Ethan Kroll 4, Jace Johnson 2.

Boys C Game: Groton Area 39, Sisseton 35 (OT)

C Game: Groton Area 39, Sisseton 35 in overtime.

Groton Area: Anthony Tracy 17, Jace Johnson 8, Jordan Schwan 6, Asher Johnson 6, Ethan Kroll 2.

Both varsity games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Cassie's Confectionery, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Locke Electric, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms, The Meathouse in Andover.

The girls junior varsity game and C game were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Krause family.

Krueger places third at Rapid City Wrestling Tourney

Groton Area's Liza Krueger took part in the Rapid City Invitational Wrestling Tournament this past weekend. She placed third after losing the semifinal match.

107: Liza Krueger (10-1) placed 3rd and scored 24.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 10-1 received a bye (Bye)

Champ. Round 2 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 10-1 won by fall over Chloe Caton (Yankton) 9-5 (Fall 3:00)

Champ. Round 3 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 10-1 won by decision over Taylor Brouillette (Williston) 8-3 (Dec 10-6)

Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 10-1 won by fall over Brooke Warejcka (Canton) 8-2 (Fall 5:17)

Semifinal - Annalee Pierson (Sturgis Brown) 8-1 won by decision over Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 10-1 (Dec 5-3)

Cons. Semi - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 10-1 won by fall over Taylor Brouillette (Williston) 8-3 (Fall 2:55)

3rd Place Match - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 10-1 won by fall over Brooke Warejcka (Canton) 8-2 (Fall 4:34)



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- 31 Capote nickname
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- 33 Itinerary word
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Sub varsity teams win, varsity teams drop games to Hamlin

Friday, Dec. 13 Double Header at Hamlin

Girls Varsity: Hamlin 44, Groton Area 41

Groton Area's girls basketball team was two of 10 from the free throw line in the second quarter which kept Hamlin in the game and the Chargers went on to win, 44-41. Hamlin held a 13-10 first quarter lead, it was tied at 22 at half time and Groton Area held a 38-37 lead after three quarters.

The game was tied four times and there were three lead changes.

Groton Area scoring:

Taryn Traphagen: 10 points (2 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 3 fouls.

Kennedy Hansen: 9 points (2 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 4 fouls.

Rylee Dunker: 8 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 fouls, 1 block.

Jerica Locke: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 4 fouls.

Brooklyn Hansen: 5 points (1 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 foul, 1 block.

Jaedyn Penning: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Laila Roberts: 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 fouls.

Faith Traphagen: 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Total: 11-31 field goals for 35 percent, 5-17 3-pointers for 29 percent, 4-12 free throws for 33 percent, 28 rebounds, 18 turnovers, 10 assists, 9 steals, 22 fouls, 2 blocks.

Scoring for Hamlin: Addi Steffesen 15, Addi Neuendorf 14, Issie Steffensen 7, Jo Steffensen 7, Kayde Nebel 1.

13-19 free throws for 68 percent, 16 fouls, 18 turnovers.

Girls Junior Varsity: Groton Area 30, Hamlin 26

The Groton Area junior varsity team had key plays by Talli Wright and Taryn Traphagen in the final minutes to pull out a 30-26 win. Groton Area led after the first quarter, 6-2, the game was tied at 12 at half time and Hamlin held a 24-19 lead after three quarters.

The game was tied four times and there were seven lead changes.

Scoring for Groton Area: Chesney Weber 10, Taryn Traphagen 9 (1 3-pointer), Talli Wright 5, McKenna Tietz 4, Makenna Krause 2.

Scoring for Hamlin: Ava Taschner 14 (2 3-pointers), Kayde Nebel 5, Paxton Neuendorf 5, Paige Stormo 2.

Boys Varsity: Hamlin 69, Groton Area 41

Defending state champion Hamlin started out its new season with a 69-41 win over Groton Area. The mercy rule took effect with 13 seconds left in the third quarter.

Hamlin led at the quarter stops at 16-6, 33-19 and 61-31.

Scoring for Groton Area:

Ryder Johnson: 15 points (1 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 fouls, 1 block.

Keegen Tracy: 10 points (1 3-pointer), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Karson Zak: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 fouls.

Easton Weber: 5 points (1 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 1 steal.

Becker Bosma: 4 points (1 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 1 foul.

Gage Sippel: 2 points, 4 rebounds.

Blake Pauli: 2 rebounds, 1 foul.

Turner Thompson: 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 foul.

Jayden Schwan: 2 rebounds, 1 assist.

Logan Warrington: 2 rebound.

Totals: 8-22 field goals for 36 percent, 4-18 3-pointers for 22 percent, 13-18 free throw sfor 72 percent, 27 rebounds, 15 turnovers, 5 assists, 3 steals, 9 fouls, 1 block.

Scoring for Hamlin: Easton Neuendorf 27 points (3 3-pointers), Evan Storm 17 points (1 3-pointer), Zac VanMeeteren 14 points, Turner Stevenson 6 points (2 3-pointers), Ted Smith 3 points (1 3-pointer), Boden Stevenson 2 points.

Hamlin made 28 of 54 field goals for 52 percent, 6 of 9 free throws for 67 percent, had 22 team fouls and 4 turnovers.

Boys Junior Varsity: Groton Area 43, Hamlin 24

Groton Area won the boys junior varsity game, 43-24, leading at the quarterstops at 13-8, 21-12 and 32-19. Karson Zak set the tempo for the game with an game opening dunk followed by two more through the game as he led the scoring with 15 points including one 3-pointer. Easton Weber had eight points (2 3-pointers), Jayden Schwan six points (1 3-pointer), Ethan Kroll 5 points (1 3-pointer), Asher Johnson 3, Logan Warrington 2 and Anthony Tracy 2.

Jaden Olsen led Hamlin with 8 points.

Boys C Game: Groton Area 38, Hamlin 34

Groton Area won the C game, 38-34. Scoring: Asher Johnson 13, Anthony Tracy 11, Jace Johnson 5 (1 3-pointer), Ethan Kroll 5, Zac Fliehs 3 (1 3-pointer), Jordan Schwan 1.

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The Life of Betty Lou Oliver



Betty Lou Oliver, 80, of Groton, SD, passed away peacefully in 2024, leaving behind a legacy of resilience, determination, and love.

A mass of Christian burial and celebration of Betty's remarkable life will be held on Saturday, December 21st at 1:00pm, honoring the legacy of a woman who inspired everyone she met. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

Visitation will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church from 11-1 p.m. on Saturday. Father Greg Tschakert will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

She was born on January 1, 1944, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Erma and Mike Burckhartzmeyer. One of eight children, Betty grew up surrounded by her siblings, where her personality shone brightly. She shared a lively childhood filled with neighborhood baseball games, countless adventures, and a competitive spirit that would stay with her for life.

Betty's early years were marked by her courageous battle with polio, a challenge that shaped her tenacity and determination. Through numerous surgeries and immense perseverance, she overcame the disease, ultimately paving the way for her successful journey as a business owner, wife, mother, and friend.

A graduate of Aberdeen Central High School, Betty pursued her passion for beauty and design, beginning her career as a hairdresser. She honed her craft at Dayton's in Minneapolis before returning to Aberdeen, where she worked at Bostwick's Department Store managing the wig counter. Her creativity and initiative led her to restyle display wigs, a small act that launched a career traveling the country hosting department store wig shows as "Ms. Bette."

In 1969, Betty married Jim Oliver, whom she met at the Aberdeen Horse Races. Together, they embraced an active lifestyle, even racing snowmobiles, with Betty collecting first-place trophies in oval track competitions. As newlyweds, they became part owners of Jungle Lanes & Lounge, all while farming and raising a family. In the late 1970s, Betty opened her own business, Betty's Salon, which she successfully operated for over 30 years.

Betty's devotion to her family was unparalleled. She supported her daughters, Carmen and Katie, in every aspect of their lives, particularly during their horse show years. Whether coaching, hauling trailers, or cheering from the sidelines, Betty was their unwavering champion.

Creative and visionary, Betty had a passion for home design and décor. She poured her heart into creating beautiful spaces, from the family farmhouse near Groton to her dream home in the Black Hills, which she designed and built in 2015. Her meticulous attention to detail and boundless creativity made her homes a true reflection of her spirit.

Betty will be remembered for her laughter, generosity, and unyielding love for her family and friends. She never did anything halfway, embracing every challenge and opportunity with all her heart.

Blessed and beyond grateful to have shared in her life are her husband, Jim, her daughters Carmen (Mike), and Katie and countless friends and family members who cherished her.

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Pictured with Santa are Olivia, 3; Ella, 18 months, with their mom, Micaela Merkel, and hidden in the carrier is 6 month old Sophia. Photo taken at Santa Day at Professional Management Services. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

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Women's High Games: Hayley Johnson 195, Vicki Walter 192 & 172, Sue Stanley 168

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Women's High Series: Vicki Walter 531, Hayley Johnson 461, Julie Holt 445

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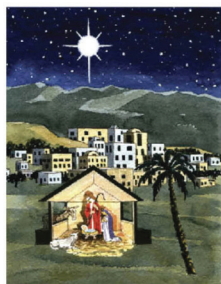
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Dear EarthTalk: What is the status of the monarch butterfly in the U.S. and is it listed as threatened or endangered?
-- M. Smith, Raleigh, NC

The monarch butterfly, known for its awe-inspiring migration across North America, has become a symbol of both ecological wonder and environmental decline. Once abundant across the continent, their numbers have plummeted in recent decades, raising concerns about the species' long-term survival.

In 2014, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), a leading conservation group, petitioned the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) to list the monarch as "threatened." FWS launched a review of the butterfly's status, concluding six years later that listing was warranted although other species took priority. In 2022, CBD filed a federal lawsuit and won a settlement calling for the government to decide whether to list monarchs by late 2024, which FWS did in December, finally granted "threatened" status to the species.

The monarch's eastern population, which migrates from the U.S. and Canada to central Mexico for the winter, has experienced a staggering 80 percent drop over the past 20 years, largely due to habitat loss, especially the destruction of milkweed—the sole food source for monarch larvae. The widespread use of herbicides and pesticides kill both milkweed and other pollinator-friendly plants. Climate is compounding the issue by altering the availability of suitable habitats, affecting migration patterns. The monarch's western population migrates along the U.S. West Coast to winter in California, and has also seen a drastic decline. It has not yet been listed as threatened or endangered by FWS, but the western monarch is still considered to be in serious jeopardy, with some estimates suggesting a 99 percent decline since the 1980s.

Being listed as "threatened" means that while monarchs are not yet in immediate danger of extinction, their populations are at significant risk. This status has prompted federal agencies to prioritize monarch conservation, leading to a variety of initiatives aimed at halting or reversing the decline. FWS has created a recovery plan, which includes restoring migratory and breeding habitats, reducing pesticide use and raising public awareness about the importance of monarchs and pollinators in general.



Despite official recognition of the problem and action, habitat destruction continues at an alarming rate, exacerbated by logging and urban sprawl. In response, conservation and governmental agencies and researchers are all working toward restoring monarch habitats and promoting the planting of milkweed.

Everyone can play a role in helping the monarchs. Readers can help by planting milkweed in your garden, backyard or community space. You can also reduce pesticide use in your yard and choose organic gardening practices. Support organizations working to protect monarch habitats and advocate for policies that protect pollinators and raise awareness about their decline can also create broader change.

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The federal government recently granted threatened status to monarch butterflies after a decade of petitioning by green groups.

"Plastic Surgery: Transforming Lives Inside and Out"



When many people hear the term plastic surgery images of Hollywood stars trying to fight back the effects of aging come to mind. It is easy to assume that plastic surgeons just deal in vanity. However, that would minimize everything that these talented surgeons accomplish with their scalpels. The term "Plastic Surgery" comes from the Greek term "Plastikos" meaning "to shape or form."

Plastic surgeons work to form or change the outward appearance of people for a variety of reasons. They work on reconstructing how a person looks after having a disfiguring injury such as a severe burn or major trauma. They can also help with patients who have had an amputation. The goal is to try to give the person the appearance closer to what they had prior to the injury or minimize the outward appearance of damage.

For patients who were born with cleft lip and/or palate, plastic surgeons perform surgeries to close the defects in the lip and roof of the mouth that did not close properly prior to the patient being born. These abnormalities can make eating and speech development difficult. Plastic surgeons will often need to perform a series of surgeries to slowly repair and restore the appearance and function of the lips, nose, and mouth.

Women who have suffered from breast cancer may elect to have surgeries to repair or replace the breast tissue that was removed in order to remove the cancer to save their life. After major weight loss, many patients have excess skin folds that do not go away when the weight is lost. The extra abdominal skin can hang down like an apron and chafe surrounding skin as well as get skin infections. Plastic surgery can be performed to remove this excess skin.

Whether for cosmetic or reconstructive reasons, the surgeon's job is the same. Their job is to help improve how someone feels about their appearance and improve function. What may seem like a minor issue to a stranger could be the only thing that patient sees when the look in the mirror. While we say beauty is only skin deep, many people have been teased or criticized for the way they look. Plastic surgery can change this if the patient desires.

The plastic surgeon can help change the outward appearance of a person to help them feel more confident and comfortable with their body. The various applications of their skills are so numerous, that it is hard to list them all. In the hands of a skilled plastic surgeon, the transformation goes far beyond appearances, helping patients reclaim their confidence, functionality, and quality of life. Thus, plastic surgeons truly can transform lives both inside and out.

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