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Council continues discussion of senior meals program, permit ordinance changes

By Elizabeth Varin

A final decision on whether a senior meals program will be allowed to operate from the Groton Community Center remains on hold as city officials work to finalize a lease agreement outlining the use of the facility.

The City Council continued to discuss letting Area IV Senior Nutrition use the kitchen after questions were brought up at the council's meeting last week.

Marla Kiesz, executive director of Area IV Senior Nutrition, went over some of the concerns she's addressed, including questions from some at the food pantry about whether additional visitors coming to the building could affect the privacy of pantry clients.

Mayor Scott Hanlon stopped that conversation, saying it was premature to discuss whether it could impact the food pantry.

"There's no need to address the issue until there is an issue," he said. "I don't fix the truck until it's broken. It's not broken."

Kiesz also discussed kitchen certification questions and equipment senior nutrition would bring in and storage plans. The senior meals program would reserve use of the kitchen from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, not including federal holidays.

Councilman Mike Shilhanek asked about a timeline when the senior nutrition program wants to be in the community center. Kiesz said their current lease agreement ends at the end of June, but even if a new lease agreement isn't approved right away, meals will be provided for Groton-area seniors by the Aberdeen location.

The senior nutrition program had been providing meals out of the Red Horse Inn, but Kiesz she and the building owner agreed to part ways.

City officials plan to bring a lease agreement back to the council at its July 7 meeting. Council members discussed different rental fee amounts, though consensus soon came as council members agreed to set a value but ultimately provide it as an in-kind donation.

The council approved another donation, electricity for the Groton Community Historical Society jail, located on East First Avenue. However, they added a caveat that the city will control the load, allowing them to shut off the power if the building is using too much.

Other discussion at the council meeting centered on the need to revise portions of the city's building permit ordinances, prompted by legislation approved by the South Dakota Legislature earlier this year.

The new law, which takes effect July 1, limits the types of projects for which municipalities may require building permits. Under the changes, permits generally may only be required for projects that affect the structural integrity of a building, while smaller improvements and maintenance projects would no longer be subject to permit requirements.

City Attorney Chad Locken reviewed the city's building ordinances, and pointed to contradictory information and unclear rules. City officials will look at what changes are needed and report back to the council.

Lifeguard's Quick Response Helps Child in Distress at Pool

By Elizabeth Varin

For 16-year-old Abby Fjeldheim, a routine day at the pool quickly turned into a real-life test of her training.

Fjeldheim, who is in her second year as a lifeguard, made a rescue May 29 after noticing a young boy struggling in the pool.

"I was guarding in the baby pool, and two little boys were playing with a torpedo toy," Fjeldheim said. "It went a little too deep to where he couldn't touch. So he jumped in, tried to go down and get it, and just couldn't come back above the water."

As soon as she recognized the danger, Fjeldheim sprang into action.

"I blew my whistle and jumped in," she said.

An adult who was already in the water noticed the child and reached him. Fjeldheim then helped place the boy on the pool ledge and completed an assessment before the child's aunt arrived and took him home.

While the rescue lasted only moments, Fjeldheim said the experience was initially frightening.

"It was definitely scary at first, but my instincts just kicked in," she said. "I was like, I just need to get him out of the water as soon as I can."

Looking back, she said she is thankful she remained focused on her responsibilities.

"Now that I think about it more, I'm just glad that I was paying attention and doing my job," Fjeldheim said. "It's scary, but those things happen, and you've got to be paying attention for it."

The incident reinforced an important lesson about water safety and the speed at which emergencies can develop.

For parents and guardians, Fjeldheim has a simple message: Stay alert.

"Just keep an eye on your kids," she said. "They may be good swimmers, but something can happen so fast. He jumped in, and I saw him right away, but I saw that he wasn't able to get back up. Things can happen so fast, and once things happen, you can't always do anything about them after that."

Although she hopes never to face a similar situation again, Fjeldheim's quick thinking and training helped ensure the child received immediate assistance when every second mattered.



Abby Fjeldheim

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Transit Fundraiser held

The Groton Community Transit held its annual fundraiser Thursday at the Groton Community Center. In the photo at left, Carol Strom and Katherine Rehfuss serve Diane Warrington, Nancy Larsen and Julie Shilhanek during the meal. In the photo at right, Joel Bierman, Tristian McGannon and David McGannon keep the burgers, brats and hot dogs coming as they work the grill for the event. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

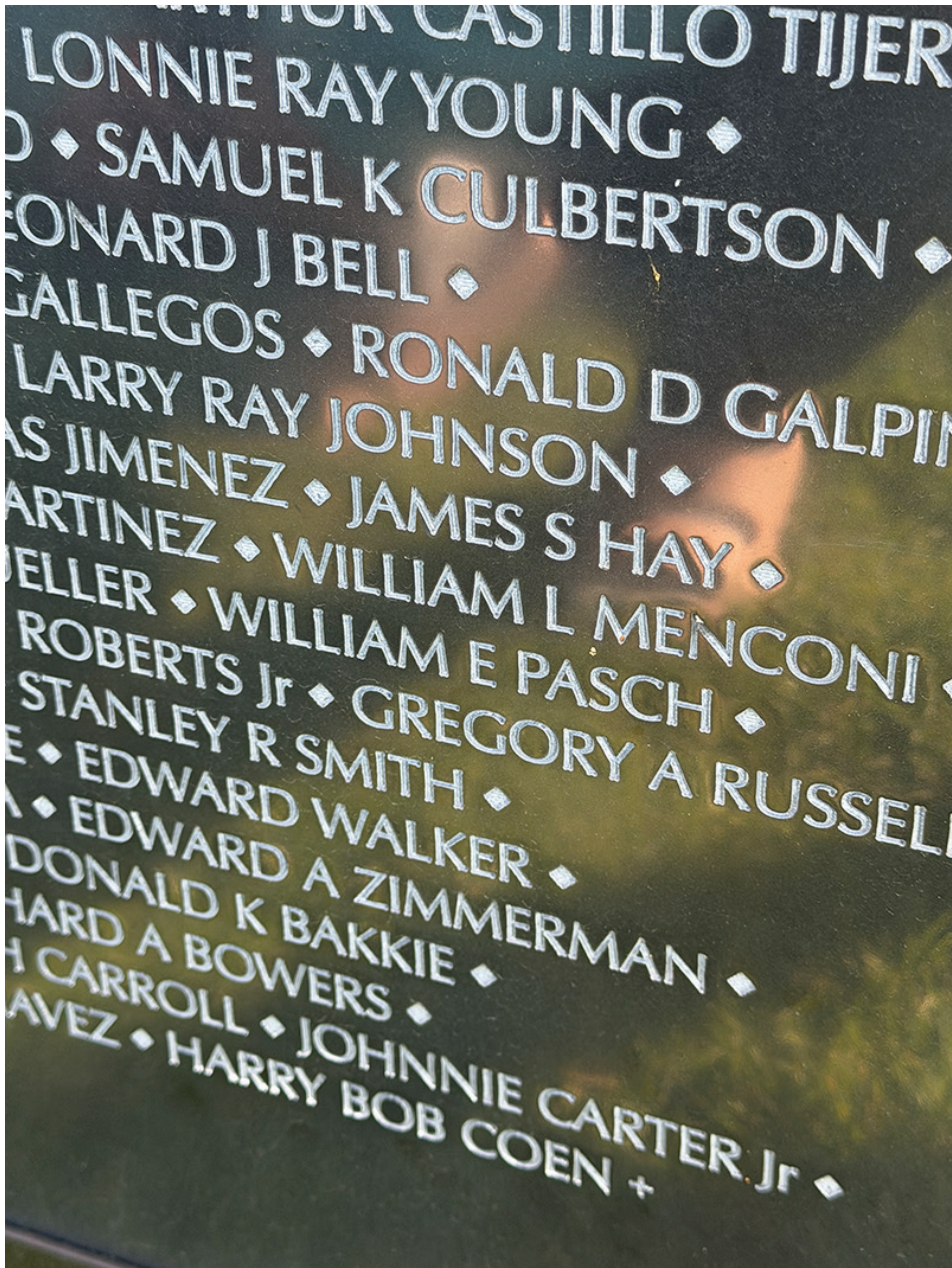


This tree on the north boulevard of the Groton Community Center was broken in half from the strong wind that went through Groton early Wednesday morning. Other trees had broken branches and there were lots of twigs. No structure damage was noticed.



The Wall That Heals in Brookings

The Wall That Heals will conclude it's time in Brookings today as it was disassembled Sunday afternoon as it makes its next stop in Lacey, Wash. The Wall that Heals 3/4 replica will be making a 31-city tour through the United States. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



William E Pasch is a Groton resident that died in the Vietnam War and his name is etched on The Wall That Heals. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

SP4 William Ernest "Bill" Pasch

Panel 58E, Line 24

U.S. Army

H Troop, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Born: October 3, 1947

Home: Groton, South Dakota

Bill Pasch entered the Army on October 20, 1966, and completed basic training at Fort Hood, Texas. He arrived in Vietnam on January 22, 1968, serving with the famed Blackhorse Regiment. On May 11, 1968,

while participating in a combat operation in Binh Duong Province, the armored vehicle in which he was riding was struck by hostile rocket fire. Pasch died from wounds and burns sustained in the attack. He was 20 years old.

Following funeral services at St. John Lutheran Church, he was laid to rest with military honors in Gorton Cemetery.



for Ida Hannon's 90th Birthday

Ida will be turning 90 on July 7th! While a party isn't possible this year, we still want to make her day extra memorable. We'd like for her dearest friends and family (that's you!) to send her a card or gift this year. Include a message, old memories, photos, or simply birthday wishes. Help us make her day one that she won't forget.

We will gather the cards and gifts for her to have on her big day.

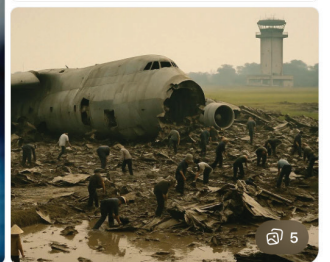
please mail your card/gifts to:

**Ida hannon (granddaughter
Michelle)
1208 appollo ave
Aberdeen SD, 57401
by July 11th**

thank you
for making this day extra special for my
grandma.



A tour guide talked about the many aspects of The Wall That Heals. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Babylift Mission Casualty

Captain Mary Therese Klinker (1947–1975) was an Air Force nurse from Indiana who volunteered for the first Operation Babylift mission on April 4, 1975. She had already completed a tour caring for wounded service members in Vietnam, but when the call came to help evacuate Vietnamese orphans from Saigon, she stepped forward.

The huge C-5 Galaxy transport carrying more than 300 people, including infants, children, medical personnel, and flight crews, suffered a catastrophic cargo door failure shortly after takeoff.

The pilots attempted an emergency landing, but the aircraft crashed in rice paddies outside Saigon. Captain Klinker was killed in the crash.

What makes her story so powerful at the Wall is that:

She was the last Air Force nurse to die in the Vietnam War.

She was the only member of the Air Force Nurse Corps to die in Vietnam.

Her name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Panel 1W,
Line 94.

Many guides pause at her name because it reminds visitors that not everyone on the Wall died in combat.

Some, like Mary Klinker, died while trying to save others.

There is also a touching tradition connected to her. Visitors often leave small baby items—booties, toys, pacifiers, and notes—near her panel in remembrance of the children she was trying to help. For many people, her story becomes one of the most emotional moments of a visit to the Wall.

As the inscription at the nearby Vietnam Women's Memorial honors the women who served, Mary Klinker's life stands as a reminder that courage in war can take the form of compassion just as much as combat.

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"Don't Rub Your Eyes!"

Keratoconus is one of the most important eye diseases for parents, teachers, coaches, and adults to understand because, if caught early, we now have the ability to help save vision and reduce the chance of future corneal transplantation. One of the most overlooked contributors to this disease is something many people do every single day without thinking about it: rubbing their eyes.

People often do not realize how much repetitive eye rubbing can damage the eye. When we rub our eyes, we are pushing on the eyeball and especially on the cornea, the clear front window of the eye that provides most of the eye's focusing power. Over time, repeated pressure can weaken this delicate structure. For many people, rubbing begins innocently because their eyes itch from allergies, dryness, or irritation. Unfortunately, rubbing can become habitual. Patients often push harder and harder over time to achieve the same temporary feeling of relief, without realizing they may be harming their vision.

In some individuals, especially those genetically predisposed, repeated rubbing or pressure can contribute to the development or progression of keratoconus. Keratoconus occurs when the cornea becomes weakened and begins to thin and bulge outward into a cone-like shape. When this happens, light no longer focuses properly, leading to blurred vision, increasing astigmatism, glare, halos, ghosting, and progressive visual distortion. If left untreated, severe cases can eventually require corneal transplantation.

Eye rubbing is not the only source of pressure. We also see damage from what some doctors call "pillow diving," where patients press their eye into a pillow while sleeping, particularly stomach sleepers or side sleepers. Sometimes we see one eye with very little astigmatism and the other eye with a large amount, and the patient will tell us that the worse eye is the one they constantly rub or sleep on against the pillow. Many patients later say, "I wish someone had warned me earlier."

Children are especially important to watch because keratoconus often begins during the teenage years and can progress rapidly in younger patients. Parents may notice frequent eye rubbing, squinting, changing glasses prescriptions, headaches, or declining school performance related to vision. Kids with allergies are particularly at risk because itchy eyes drive the urge to rub. Treating allergies and dry eye disease early can help reduce this cycle.

That is why comprehensive eye examinations are so important. Modern corneal imaging called corneal topography allows eye doctors to map the shape of the cornea and detect early keratoconus, sometimes even before vision becomes severely affected. Detecting the disease early can be life changing.

One of the greatest advances in eye care has been corneal crosslinking. In this treatment, riboflavin (vitamin B2) eye drops and ultraviolet light are used to strengthen and stabilize the cornea. Crosslinking does not simply treat symptoms, it addresses the underlying weakness of the cornea itself. When performed early, especially in children and young adults, it can dramatically reduce progression and lessen the likelihood of needing a corneal transplant later in life.

It is very important to stop rubbing your eyes, treat the underlying causes of itching, and make sure children and adults at risk are screened for keratoconus. Early detection and modern treatments like crosslinking are helping preserve vision for an entire generation of patients.

A Gregory, South Dakota native, Vance Thompson, MD has been Refractive, Corneal, and Cataract surgery in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the state he grew up in, since 1991. He is an internationally recognized specialist in refractive corneal laser, phakic IOL, and lens replacement surgery. He is the Founder of Vance Thompson Vision Sioux Falls, SD which has grown to serve the mid and mountain west with nine locations. Dr. Thompson also serves as a Professor of Ophthalmology at the Sanford USD School of Medicine. As a leading international researcher, he has played a key role in the development of the most advanced technologies and techniques for both laser and implant vision correction. He has served as the medical monitor or principal investigator in over 130 FDA monitored research trials studying laser and implant surgery. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on SDPB, YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Every NFL offseason brings optimism. Every fanbase convinces itself the rookies will hit, the free agents will work out, and this is finally the year everything comes together. But before the season starts and hope takes over, it's worth taking a hard look at the roster as it actually exists today.

Over the next ten weeks, we'll break down every position group on the Vikings' roster and rank them from the group I have the most confidence in to the one I trust the least entering the 2026 season. We'll look at the projected starters, depth pieces, offseason additions, and biggest questions each group faces.

Last week we kicked it off with number 10, the WR group. Coming in at number nine this week is tight end. But first, a bonus pick: special teams!

Confidence level: 98%

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1 Mule, for one

5 Unruly group

8 Bygone fliers

12 Lawman Wyatt

13 Stop — dime

14 Ornamental jug

15 Heart charts

16 Business card no.

17 Calf-length

18 Stop

20 Son of Erik the Red

22 "War and Peace" author

26 Violin stroke

29 Cyclades island

30 British verb ending

31 Subject, usually

32 Fellow

33 Healthy

34 Internet address

35 Continent north of Afr.

36 Disinfectant brand

37 Oscar-winning actress in "The Fighter"

40 Arizona tribe

41 Prisoner

45 Conspiracy

47 Corn core

49 Big-screen format

50 — song (cheaply)

51 Lincoln nickname

52 Zilch

53 Swindles

54 Dogpatch adjective

55 Musician's jobs

DOWN

1 Future flower

2 Cod cousin

3 PTA and NEA, e.g.

4 Delta follower

5 Slogan

6 Count starter

7 Inflated party prop

8 Big rigs

9 Fans of pop icon Taylor

10 — Talks (online lecture series)

11 Lanka lead-in

19 Stitch

21 Golf's Ernie

23 Pageant crown

24 City on a fjord

25 Holler

26 "E Pluribus —"

27 Skin opening

28 Megaphone's kin

32 "Suffs" or "Rent," e.g.

33 Cheyenne's state

35 Mentalist's gift

36 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"

38 Smidgens

39 Slander in print

42 Mine, in Marseille

43 Tart flavor

44 Alimony recipients

45 USMC rank

46 Privy

48 Japanese sash

I didn't include special teams when creating my list of positions, and I think that was a mistake. Will Reichard has already established himself as one of the best kickers in the league, and if it wasn't for camera wires, he would've been perfect last season. Punter Ryan Wright left this offseason, but the Vikings are actually in a better spot. Veteran Johnny Hekker is a four-time Pro Bowler who can hold down the spot until Brett Thorson, the 2025 Ray Guy award winner for best punter in college football, is ready to roll. And Andrew DePaola is the best long snapper in the game.

Now on to the tight ends.

Confidence level: 90%

Current projected starters: T.J. Hockenson, Josh Oliver

Competing for a roster or practice squad spot: Gavin Bartholomew, Bryson Nesbit, and Ben Yurosek

Why I'm confident: T.J. Hockenson is one of the better tight ends in the NFL. At one point he was in the "best in the league" conversation, and while his reputation has taken a small hit over the past couple of years, he's still considered to be a good starter. Josh Oliver is everything you want in a TE2. His best skill is his blocking, but he's not bad as a receiving threat and can step in for a few games if (when) the starter goes down.

Cause for concern: No surprise, Hockenson's injury history is the biggest question mark. He's missed 11 games over the past three seasons. Like I mentioned above, Oliver is capable of filling in when needed, but no team respects his receiving ability so the team is much more predictable when he's on the field. Hockenson is also playing on the final year of his contract, and although this list only looks at confidence level for the 2026 season, it's worth noting that the Vikings will likely need to replace him next offseason.

Potential upgrades: There are no starting tight ends available in free agency, so if the Vikings were going to upgrade the position, it would have to come through a trade. (It's also worth noting that the Vikings, supposedly, were hoping Kenyon Sadiq fell to the 18th pick in the draft, but the Jets scooped him up at pick 16)

Ultimately, it all comes down to health. With the Vikings' fantastic WR group, having a healthy Hockenson adds one more thing opposing defenses must worry about.

Next week, we continue the countdown and move to the position group that came in at number eight.

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2026

President Rix called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the HS Library Conference Room. Other members present: Fliehs (7:48 pm), Lerseth-Fliehs, Strom, Weber, and Weismantel. Absent: Harder. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal, B. Schwan, Principal, Edwards (7:35 pm), and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Approving Lane Change for Alexa Sperry and request from Groton Legion Baseball usage of the school van. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Weber, seconded by Weismantel, to approve consent agenda items: May 12, 2026, board minutes, and May 2026 financial reports, custodial accounts, investments, bills, lunch report, transportation, and authorize business manager to pay district bills up to \$75,000 in advance, using the custodial advance payment account to be approved by the board for reimbursement at the following regular board meeting. Authorize business manager to publish FY 2027 Groton Area School District Budget with a 7:30 pm public hearing set for July 13, 2026. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 327,449.32 Net Benefits 88,693.64; Amazon – supplies, 441.91; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton- legal expenses, 89.30; CORE Educational Cooperative – online course for student, 1,040.00; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 39,421.64; Dacotah Bank – various supplies/fuel, 4,556.41; Dell Rapids School District – region golf, 98.39; Department of Public Safety – boiler inspections, 320.00; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,614.00; Dollar General – bus shop supply, 77.70; Farmer's Union – oil, 439.27; Groton Daily Independent – printing, 145.77; Joel Guthmiller – State golf meals, 50.68; Aaron Helvig – state track/conference meals, 129.03; Hillyard – janitor supplies, 3,539.36; Horizon Equipment Service – auto hoist inspection, 350.00; House of Glass – pull handle, 86.25; JW Pepper – music, 94.39; John Deere Financial – mower repair, 168.00; Jones School Supply – band letter pins, 87.00; Ken's Fairway – supplies, 167.32; Medco Supply – k-tape, 22.17; Robert Moorlach – DOT Physical, 85.00; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 1,733.02; Otis Elevator – impact fee, 175.00; Petty Cash – track meal stipends, 1,512.00; Prorate Services – DOT testing, 150.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 2,578.72; SDHSAA – rule books, 288.00; Sewer Duck – toilet rental, 100.00; Sheyenne Transport – bus inspections/repairs, 3,957.72; Sway Medical – sports/profile overage, 139.65; Taylor Music – instrument repairs/supplies, 98.50; Carla Tracy – state track meals, 60.00; Walmart – supplies, 38.29; Wageworks – admin fee, 101.00; Shaun Wanner – state track meals, 56.62. Total General Fund - \$480,155.07.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Amazon – handicap parking signs, 64.98; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 2,062.51; Dacotah Bank – software, 143.31; Don Donley – project work, 1,140.00; Jarod Fliehs Sales & Service – mower, 15,580.00; Follett – library books, 26.68; MRG Hauff – softball cooler, 54.95. Total Capital Outlay - \$19,072.43.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Net Salary 46,002.08 Net Benefits 12,685.28; Avera St Lukes – PT/OT/ST, 18,463.60; Custodial Fund – supply, 16.04; Dacotah Bank – pizza party supplies, 70.72. Total Special Education - \$77,237.72.

ENTERPRISE FOOD SERVICE: Net Salary 11,947.13, Net Benefits 2,319.04. Food Service: Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton – legal collection fees, 136.50; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 799.65; East Side Jersey Dairy – milk,

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS							
	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Ed.	Food Service	OST	Driver's Ed	Custodial
MAY 1 2026.....	\$1,136,053.98	\$994,653.46	\$259,474.48	\$77,720.88	\$53,824.31	\$30,537.01	\$299,425.47
RECEIPTS							
Local Sources.....	\$1,641,963.07	\$813,352.12	\$446,126.17	\$6,571.34	\$2,636.52	\$900.00	\$41,191.15
County Sources.....	\$3,409.07						
State Sources							
State Aid.....	\$48,572.00						
Wind Farm.....	\$177,047.76						
Mentor Teacher Program							
State Apportionment							
State Reimbursements							
Bank Franchise							
Federal Sources	\$27,863.00			\$7,937.31			
Sale of Assets							
Due from Govt/Others							
Transfer In/Out							

TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS	\$1,898,854.90	\$813,352.12	\$446,126.17	\$14,508.65	\$2,636.52	\$900.00	\$41,191.15
FUNDS AVAILABLE.....	\$3,034,908.88	\$1,808,005.58	\$705,600.65	\$92,229.53	\$56,460.83	\$31,437.01	\$340,616.62
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS.....	(\$457,249.52)	(\$5,065.87)	(\$58,733.01)	(\$25,404.27)	(\$3,376.83)		(\$86,720.41)
.....JOURNAL ENTRIES	\$2,870.82			(\$201.62)	\$335.70		

MAY 31. 2026.....	\$2,580,530.18	\$1,802,939.71	\$646,666.02	\$67,160.96	\$53,084.00	\$31,437.01	\$253,896.21
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GENERAL FUND.....	SPECIAL EDUCATION	FOOD SERVICE	OST
Payroll.....	Payroll	Payroll	Payroll
Instruction	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction
Employee Benefits	Employee Benefits	Employee Benefits	Employee Benefits
Total.....	Total	Total	Total
Driver's Education			
Payroll			
Instruction			
Employee Benefits			
Total.....			

514.83; Groton Area School – student transfer to fines, 10.00; Groton Area School – student transfer to fines, 40.00; Performance Foodservice – food, 4,302.20. Total Food Service - \$20,069.35.

ENTERPRISE OST: Net Salary 2,705.62, Net Benefits 302.65, Amazon – summer supplies, 108.11; Bruce Kleinsasser – CPR certifications, 130.00; Custodial Fund – pool passes for workers, 260.00; Ken's Fairway – snacks, 1,190.49. Total OST: \$4,696.87. ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED: 0.00.

CUSTODIAL: 86,720.41 Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no members present, the board continued with the agenda.

The board held a discussion regarding the ongoing Facilities Master Planning process, and discussed moving forward with the plan and considering pre-bond services and advertising RFP for Construction Manager at Risk.

Moved by Lerseth-Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel, to approve the proposal from Co-Op Architects for Pres-Bond Services for \$28,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Strom, to publish RFP for Construction Manager at Risk. Motion carried.

Mr. Schwan updated the board that the District has the following staffing vacancies: Special Education Teacher, Ag Education Teacher/FFA Advisor, Food Service, and JH Football. Mr. Schwan informed the board that, in the new school year, outside groups, clubs, and organizations that use the school facilities will be required to provide proof of their own insurance coverage and sign waivers indemnifying the District. Under the new EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvement requirements, local water systems will be required to conduct lead testing in public schools. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources is enrolling schools for lead testing. Under the program, sampling and potential remediation can be completed while funding and technical assistance are available, and will meet future testing requirements. Schwan has reached out to DANR to participate. The school is looking at a small 33-passenger school bus under the Sourcewell pricing agreement, and the transportation director will test-drive the bus this month.

Principal B. Schwan reported that the elementary building is working on end-of-the-year cleaning and room arrangements for the new school year; OST has 30-35 average daily attendance for the summer; and Mr. Helvig will be teaching elementary computers next school year. Principal Edwards has finished the student schedules for next school year, will be participating in the Wild West conference, and wishes the HOSA group good luck at Nationals in Indianapolis. Business manager Hubsch thanked the Stratford Community Theater for their generous donation towards the play, congratulated Brittany Hubbard for being selected as the South Dakota Athletic Trainer of the Year through the SDATA, reviewed the FY27 budget to be published, and discussed the EMC insurance renewal.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Fliehs, to approve Cahill Bauer and Associates to conduct the Groton Area School District FY2026 Audit. Motion carried.

Moved by Weber, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve the list of surplus property. Motion carried. The list can be found in the business office. 2003 Buck LeSabre and John Deere Lawn-mower Tractor with snowblower and brush will be advertised for sealed bids.

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel, to authorize the Business Manager to create a custodial account for Football. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Weber, to approve Supplemental Budget #FY26-4. Motion carried.

Board Motion - Adopt Supplemental Budget #FY26-4

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET #FY26-4 Let it be 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 following supplemental budget in total:

APPROPRIATIONS	CAPITAL OUTLAY
21-5000-800-611 Computer Lease Debt.....	\$57,900.42
21-5000-800-612 Computer Lease Interest	\$3,822.41
22-2152-000-319 Speech Therapy Services.....	
21-6910-000-479 Athletic Non-Consumables	\$6,300.00
21-2542-000-479 Non-Consumable Supplies	\$15,580.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$83,602.83
MEANS OF FINANCE	
.....CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Cash on Hand.....	\$78,022.83
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE.....	\$83,602.83
Presiding Officer	
Business Manager	

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to authorize Madi Neiber, Business Manager, as custodian of all District accounts, to continue existing funds, establish new accounts, and continue to invest in local institutions that serve the greatest advantage to the District. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weber to approve EMC Insurance as District property/liability carrier for FY2027 and authorize Business Manager to make District property/liability insurance payment to EMC Insurance for \$195,467.00 on July 1, 2026.

Motion carried.

The board held its first reading of the recommended changes to the MS/HS Student Handbook. No action was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Weber, to approve ESY Agreement for Todd Peterson - \$33.16 FY26/\$33.50 FY27. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel, to approve hiring Tanya Dargatz, MS Math Teacher, for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be published with the annual 2026-2027 salaries. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Strom to approve hiring Sam Markley, MS/HS Social Studies Teacher, for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be published with the annual 2026-2027 salaries. Motion carried.

Moved by Weber, seconded by Strom, to approve hiring Shaun Wanner, JH Football Coach, for the 2026 season, with salary to be published with the annual 2026-2027 salaries. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Strom, to approve hiring Kelly Oswald, Yearbook Ad-

visor, for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be published with the annual 2026-2027 salaries. Motion carried.

Moved by Weber, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve hiring Trinity Smith and Aubray Miller, cheer coaches, for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be published with the annual 2026-2027 salaries. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Weber, to approve issuing Off-Staff Coaching/Advisor Agreements for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be

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JUNE 9, 2026 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Dinger, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
RICHMOND DAM UPDATE: Chairman Sutton shared that he didn't get an update from Commissioner Greenfield, but he did know that they had 2 pumps running at this time. Mike Russell with Richmond Lake Association commented that Foote Creek was lower at Richmond.

PUBLIC HEARING-TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR SPECIAL EVENT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Permit in conjunction with a Special Event for Richmond Lake Association, Aberdeen, SD for 4th of July Celebration to be held at Richmond Pavilion, Richmond Resort Outlot 2 in the NE ¼ Section 25-T124N-R65W Brown County, SD; effective on July 3, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT - RICHMOND LAKE ASSOCIATION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and acknowledge the change in locations for the Richmond Lake Association Fireworks Permit from County Road 6, South of Richmond Lake Dam to Edwards Preserve for July 3, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS – FAIR OFFICE: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve to declare the following printer's surplus from the Fair Office to be disposed of at the Brown County Landfill: Laser Jet Color 400 HP & HP DesignJet Z5200 Plotter. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Primary Election Canvass Minutes of June 5, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Claims/Payroll. Claims: Insurance: Insurance Plus \$913.80. Professional Fees: Brick's TV and Appliance \$1,766.25; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$3,149.00; County of Edmunds \$27,390.00; Dakota Trails Investigation \$1,657.50; Election Systems & Software \$20.40; Helms & Associates \$30,486.80; Kuck Law Office \$975.70; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$2,944.50; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Lucy Lewno \$426.00; Mark Katterhagen \$54.00; Minneapolis Forensic Psychological Services LLC \$3,575.00; Minnehaha County Auditor \$48.80; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$4,787.50; PharmChem, Inc \$1,853.10; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$2,118.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$200.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$25.50; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$595.49; TJ Counseling \$2,500.00; Valerie Larson \$54.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$350.20. Publishing: Friends of SDPB-Underwriting \$2,850.00; Groton Daily Independent \$294.14; Hub City Radio \$17,350.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$1,461.55; Moberidge Tribune \$339.00; N.W. Blade \$127.50; Sioux Falls Woman \$345.00. Rentals: Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$65.45; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$259.20. Repairs & Maintenance: ABC Seamless Siding & Windows \$9,663.28; Auto Value Aberdeen \$36.02; Butler Machinery Company \$1,155.00; CommTech Inc \$216.84; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$160.00; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$8,000.00; Eastside Equipment \$62.75; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$132.12; Eilers Water Conditioning and Lawn Irriga-

tion \$180.00; Graham Tire Inc \$859.45; HF Jacobs & Song Const. Inc \$190.00; House of Glass \$63.13; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$2,437.77; Jake's Heating & Cooling \$396.25; Lawson Products, Inc \$75.50; Napa Central \$11.51; Olson's Pest Technicians \$455.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$313.20; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$16.09; RDO Equipment Co \$1,125.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$1,500.00; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$135.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$1,460.73; Valvoline Inc. \$163.76. Supplies & Materials: Advance Auto Parts \$150.34; Agtegra Cooperative \$78,099.75; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$997.17; Auto Value Aberdeen \$1,131.77; Butler Machinery Company \$978.59; Central Network Retail Group LLC \$251.38; Century Business Products \$491.74; Christina M. Flack \$827.60; Cole Paper Inc \$1,434.11; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$616.75; Dakota Supply Group \$2,929.16; Election Systems & Software \$4,380.28; Fastenal Company \$228.11; FedEx \$36.03; Geffdog Designs \$852.90; Graham Tire Inc \$100.00; House of Glass \$268.67; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$126.00; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$283.90; Jebro Inc \$65,282.25; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$33,261.30; Johnson Brothers of South Dakota, Inc \$536.20; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$274.35; Kessler's \$156.84; Kuck Law Office \$21.66; Lawson Products, Inc \$831.54; Lewis Family Drug LLC \$74.97; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$240.30; Lucy Lewno \$13.48; Menards \$333.05; Midstates Group \$404.00; Performance Oil \$183.75; Porter Distributing \$238.20; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$506.00; RDO Equipment Co \$379.74; Runnings \$496.08; SD Federal Property Agency \$26.00; Shop 4-H/National 4-H Council \$82.45; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$6.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$1,958.90; Tri-State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$10,703.00; Valvoline Inc. \$435.46. Travel & Conference: Becky Berreth \$72.50; Cyndy Larson \$21.75; Dakota Trails Investigation \$296.10; Gov-Exec Holdings, LLC \$1,500.00; Kelly Clark \$29.00; Kent Karlen \$19.00; Laura Adema \$21.75; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$200.00; Lynn Butler \$14.50; Lynn Heupel \$142.10; Makendra Ochsner \$19.00; Myrna Boschee \$29.00; Nancy Clark North \$55.83; Neil Bittner \$19.00; Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center – Pierre \$282.00; Tonya Zinter \$43.50. Utilities: Century-Link \$296.42; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$2,377.10; Northwestern Energy \$2,211.12; T-Mobile USA Inc \$612.92; Town of Frederick \$77.00; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$136.46. Other: SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$327.00. Buildings: Titles of Dakota \$982,872.07. Other: Midland Contracting Inc \$657,385.84. Payroll: SA \$948.00; FICA \$58.78; Medicare \$13.75. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

- o..... Transfer of Jarell Arndt from FT Brown County Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator to PT Brown County Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator, starting wage \$24.93/hr. – effective June 7, 2026. Request to fill.
- o..... Hiring Brian Bell as Brown County Seasonal Weed & Pest Control Technician, starting wage \$24.93/hr. – effective June 29, 2026.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for May 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Travel Requests: Patricia Kendall, Sherri Rawstern and Marianne Marttila-Klipfel, Dacotah Prairie Museum to attend the SD Historical Society Annual History Conference. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve & authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: The Highway 12 Show to lease the Hog & Sheep Barn, Expo Addition and 4 sets of bleachers on June 12, 2026; Farmer's Union to lease the Farmer's Union Ag Expo Center on June 11th for Farmer's Union Camp. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Contracts and Personnel. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sutton declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:44 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Zoning Ordinance Notice of Adoption Publish June 17, 2026 and June 24, 2026

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE #0626 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 34B, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WARNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND REPLACING IT WITH ORDINANCE 0626, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WARNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 11-4 AND 11-6, 1967 SDCL, AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #0626, "An ordinance repealing Ordinance 34B, An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for the Town of Warner, South Dakota, and all amendments thereof, adopted March 10, 1993, and replacing it with Ordinance 0626, An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for the Town of Warner, South Dakota, and providing for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 11-4 and 11-6, 1967 SDCL, and amendments thereof, and for the repeal of all resolutions and ordinances in conflict herewith" was duly adopted by the Town Board on June 10, 2026, and will become effective on the 13th day of July 2026.

The following is a summary of the Zoning Ordinance:

Article 1 General Provisions

Article 2 District Regulations

Article 3 Administration

Article 4 Supplemental Regulations

Article 5 Definitions

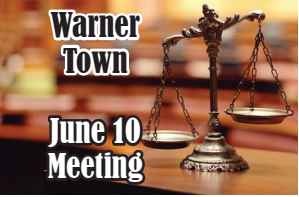
Finally, the zoning ordinance includes the Official Zoning Map, which designates the respective zoning districts for the Town of Warner.

The proposed Ordinance #0626 will be made available for public inspection at the Warner Community Center, Town Office located at 11 West Main Street, Warner, SD, pursuant to SDCL Section 11-4 and 11-6 and amendments thereto.

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty days after the last publication of this notice once a week for two successive weeks in the official newspaper thereby repealing all ordinance or parts thereof in conflict herewith unless a referendum is timely involved prior there to.

Finance Officer

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TOWN OF WARNER

MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart Nelson, Gaylon Townsend, Terry Evans, Dave Fair and Nichol Townsend. Linda Johanssen, Barb Breidenbach, Justin McCord and Paul Vetch were also present for Planning and Zoning. Matt Hill, Jordan Ryckman, Allie

Ryckman and Keith Knuppe were also present.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Fair and seconded by Evans to approve the minutes from May 13th, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Townsend/Evans. Checking: Town \$395,463.67; Water \$89,426.23; Sewer \$217,709.21. CDs: Town \$35,014.25; Water \$52,781.59; Sewer \$29,869.21.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: MSC: Fair/Townsend. Agtegra (gas) \$268.17, Amazon (supplies) \$180.52, Gas N Goodies (fuel) \$184.61, Runnings (supplies) \$4.25, Dave Fair (CDL expenses) \$160, Dependable Sanitation (garbage) \$13.50, Steger Lawn Care (R&M ball field) \$400, WEB Water (water usage) \$7484.44, USDA (water and sewer loans) \$2083.00, US Treasury (fees) \$533.17, Agtegra (chemical) \$200, B&B Contracting (repairs) \$8158.68, Badger Meter (fees) \$24.84, Country Concrete (maintenance & repairs) \$14,555, DANR (fees) \$230, Dependable Sanitation (garbage service) \$2816, Groton Independent (advertising) \$85.87, Hofer Repair (equipment repairs) \$1364.42, Lighthouse Electric (repairs) \$591.12, Lynn Aman (CC Cleaning) \$75, Midcontinent (phone & internet) \$301.07, Northwestern Energy (electric & gas) \$1892.99, Runnings (supplies) \$133.13, SD Dept of Rev/Sales Tax \$206.61, SD Public Health Lab (water test) \$20, Town Water/Sewer \$188.71, PAYROLL: Stewart Nelson (101) \$1813.64 (602) \$906.82 (604) \$906.82, Barb Breidenbach (101) \$46.17, Terry Evans (101) \$345.85, Dave Fair (101) \$110.82, Linda Johanssen (101) \$190.24, Justin McCord (101) \$46.17, Gaylon Townsend (101) \$55.41, Nichol Townsend (101) \$725.87, Paul Vetch (101) \$46.17, SD Retirement Fund \$542.36, Payroll Taxes \$1226.60

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2nd reading of Ordinance #0626: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 34B, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WARNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND REPLACING IT WITH ORDINANCE 0626, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WARNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 11-4 AND 11-6, 1967 SDCL, AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith. WHEREAS Chapters 11-4 and 11-6, 1967 SDCL, empower the Town of Warner, hereinafter referred to as the Town, to enact a zoning ordinance for all land within the corporate limits of the Town and to provide for its administration, enforcement, and amendment, and WHEREAS, the Warner Town Board, hereinafter referred to as the Town Board, deems it necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Town to enact such an ordinance, and WHEREAS, the Town Board has appointed a Planning Commission to recommend the boundaries of the various original districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein, and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has divided the Town into districts and has prepared regulations pertaining to such districts in accordance with a comprehensive plan and in such a manner as to lessen congestion in the streets, to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to promote the health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements; and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has given reasonable consideration among other things, to the character of the districts and their peculiar suitability for particular uses, with a view to conserving the value of buildings, and encouraging the most appropriate uses of land throughout the municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has made a preliminary report and held public hearings thereon, and submitted its final report to the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has given due public notice of hearings relating to zoning districts, regulations, and restrictions; and has held such public hearing, and WHEREAS all requirements of Chapters 11-4 and 11-6, 1967 SDCL, and amendments thereto, with regard to the preparation of the report of the Planning Commission and subsequent action of the Town Board have been met; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF WARNER: Signed: Dave Fair, Town Board Chairman. Attest: Nichol Townend, Finance Officer. Dated 06-10-2026. MSC: Evans/Townsends - 3 votes in favor, 0 votes apposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Warner Little League improvements and fundraisers were discussed. Finance Officer will check with state regarding fundraising options.



in Brown County from the Primary Election that was held on June 2, 2026.

The results of the Post Election Audit are as follows:

Vote Center: Frederick

Statewide Race: United States Representative

Official Canvass Totals	Post Election Audit Totals
Marty Jackley.....67	Marty Jackley 67
James Bialota..... 8	James Bialota..... 8
2nd Race: Delegates to State Convention	
Official Canvass Totals	Post Election Audit Totals
Charlene Cornelius22	Charlene Cornelius..... 22
Ashton Dennert.....40	Ashton Dennert..... 40
Wayne Bierman.....30	Wayne Bierman..... 30
Maryann Bierman.....26	Maryann Bierman..... 26
Vote Center: Westport	
Statewide Race: United States Representative	
Official Canvass Totals	Post Election Audit Totals
Marty Jackley.....66	Marty Jackley 66
James Bialota.....16	James Bialota..... 16
2nd Race: Delegates to State Convention	
Official Canvass Totals	Post Election Audit Totals
Charlene Cornelius23	Charlene Cornelius..... 23
Ashton Dennert.....55	Ashton Dennert..... 55
Wayne Bierman.....38	Wayne Bierman..... 38
Maryann Bierman.....30	Maryann Bierman..... 30

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE TO AUTO DEALERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St., Aberdeen, SD 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on June 23, 2026. At that time and place, all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for furnishing and delivery of a 4 x 4 Chassis Truck or Flatbed for Weed & Pest. Delivery shall be made F.O.B. to Brown County.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Bids are to be clearly

Jordan and Allie Ryckman presented plans for the Braun Development.

Ag Well usage was discussed. Fees will increase in 2027.

Approved special event license for a street dance for The Den Bar & Grill on July 11th, 2026.

Delinquencies: 6 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. One is already shut off.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 8th, 2026 at 7PM at the Warner Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

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

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JUNE 10, 2026 – POST ELECTION AUDIT OF JUNE 2, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

On June 10, 2026 a Post-Election Audit was conducted on the Frederick and Westport Vote Centers for the Statewide Race of United States Representative and 2nd race chosen was Delegates to State Convention

marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid on 4 x 4 Truck for Weed & Pest" to be opened on June 23, 2026.

Price and quality are the determining factors in awarding contracts. In determining the successful bidder, the lowest or most advantageous price upon grade, quality, or quantity and general conditions specified, shall be the determining factors.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office, and the Brown County Weed & Pest Department, and may be obtained at no charge.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to SDCL 6-13 et al, the following described property will be offered for sale by sealed bid which sealed bids will be opened at the Groton Fire Station, 305 E. Railroad Avenue, Groton, SD 57445 on June 29, 2026 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

This property has been approved for public sale by the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District. Purchase price of the property shall be paid in full immediately upon notification to the successful bidder and a bill of sale will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:

1. One (1) 1987 Chevy C70 single axle fire truck with 427 CID engine, 5-speed transmission with 2-speed transfer, tires like new, approximately 9,850 miles, together with a 1988 Central States Apparatus including a 1,000 G.P.M. Darley pump, 454 Chevy pump engine, 1,000-gallon tank, stainless steel chassis mount with cab, and a 2,500-gallon drop tank with all attached, ladders, roof ladder, and roof ladder holder, all as one item.

The Fire Truck is currently located and available for viewing on Highway 12 in the parking lot of Hanlon Bros.. Items are sold as is with no guarantee of description, accuracy, running order, or condition.

Please return sealed bids to P.O Box 438, Groton South Dakota, 57445. Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Bids will be opened by the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District Board.

Bailey Sippel
Secretary, Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District
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For Sale by Sealed Bid
Groton Area School District has the following item(s) to sell by sealed bid:

- 2003 Buick LeSabre
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To view, contact the school transportation supervisor
Damian Bahr at 605-290-4410.

Mark your bid envelope "School Vehicle Bid" and return it to the Groton Area School District Business Office at 502 N 2nd Street,

Groton, SD 57445, no later than 2:00 pm, Monday, July 13, 2026.

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Groton Area School Project
Groton Area School District 06-6, South Dakota is soliciting Request for Proposals for Construction Manager at Risk Services (CMAr) from interested firms to assist with additions and renovations to the existing facilities located in Groton, SD.

Requests for Proposals will be sent out Thursday June 11, 2026, and Proposal responses will be received by 1:00 p.m., local time on Thursday July 2, 2026.

The District has contracted with CO-OP Architecture for Architecture and Engineering services in preparation for a potential bond vote. The selected firm would be assisting throughout the design and specification development of this project and would also provide construction manager services throughout

the construction. The District is required to competitively bid the project once plans and specifications are complete and the School Board is comfortable with the cost estimates and construction timelines. AIA Document A133 will be utilized for the agreement between the CMAr and District.

Contact Kyle Raph, CO-OP Architecture, at 605-334-9999 or kyle@co-oparch.com to receive the RFP and more detailed project information.

One (1) electronic copy of the RFP response must be submitted to CO-OP Architecture at:

CO-OP Architecture, c/o Kyle Raph

kyle@co-oparch.com

Groton Area School District 06-6 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities therein.

Groton Area School District 06-6, South Dakota

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State Of The Art Pollution Tracking Key To Pollution Reduction

by Rachel Berliner

Dear EarthTalk: Why is real-time or near-time tracking of pollution and other environmental markers important today and who is leading the charge?

-- Barry Jenkins, Erie, PA

Pollution tracking is a way of continuously monitoring the air quality of an environment. Though this technology has been used since the mid-20th century, it has become increasingly more reliable in recent years. Pollutants like carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and others are detected and monitored by a variety of technological systems, providing key insights for scientists,



Without state-of-the-art pollution tracking technology and communications infrastructure, we don't stand a chance in reducing pollution.

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researchers and the public.

Pollution tracking serves many roles, including providing a means to detect an issue and trigger a quick response to a rise in pollutants. This helps implement protections before the pollutant levels become dangerous. Also, pollution tracking helps educate the general public about the impact of poor air quality.

Recently, there have been various advances in real-time technology, making it more accurate and reactive. These improvements are essential for a speedy and precise response to a rise in pollutants. "Regulators can pinpoint precise interventions, and cities can compete on measurable impacts, not vague promises," says Ingmar Rentzhog, the founder and CEO of We Don't Have Time, the largest global climate action media platform. "Investors, regulators, insurers, and policymakers now have regular insight into exactly who is polluting, how much, and where."

In addition, experts are developing a wider variety of detection systems for different settings. For example, continuous emissions monitoring systems are used by industries subject to regulatory emissions standards. Another form of pollution monitoring is a geographic information system, which creates spatial data that can be used by environmentalists and policymakers. Indoor air quality monitoring systems are useful for businesses and individuals monitoring healthy enclosed environments.

There are many groups leading the charge toward faster, more reliable pollution detection. Climate TRACE is one group that is publishing reports accessed by large audiences. "Worldwide, we're seeing the rapid rise in clean energy jobs overtake dirty energy jobs, and we're seeing people all around the world continue to demand that we respect their future," says Al Gore, one of Climate TRACE's founders. Such tracking can have a profound impact on legislation, too. "This is a tool to show the threat to our own children...and politicians are going to have to yield to this technology," says Jay Inslee, former governor of the State of Washington.

Readers interested in getting involved can stay updated by reading pollution tracking reports from Climate TRACE or other sources and take measures to reduce carbon emissions and air pollutant production.

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Groton teams battle through busy week on the diamond

Groton baseball teams logged another busy week of competition across amateur, junior legion, senior legion and 14U levels, with Locke Electric earning a dramatic comeback victory, the 14U squad sweeping Webster, and both legion teams battling tough competition.

Groton Locke Electric split its two amateur contests during the week. On Wednesday, Aberdeen Circus Baseball pulled away late for a 14-7 victory despite Groton showing patience at the plate with 13 walks. Groton fell behind 1-0 early but answered in the third inning when Brian Hansen singled home a run and Korbin Kucker drew a bases-loaded walk to give Groton a 2-1 lead. Aberdeen responded immediately in the fourth and gradually built its advantage. Brevin Fliehs led Groton with two hits, while Nick Morris drove in two runs. Ty Sieber reached base repeatedly and drew four walks. Aberdeen collected 10 hits and benefited from 10 walks of its own in the contest.

Locke Electric bounced back Sunday with one of its best performances of the season, rallying from a four-run deficit to defeat the Merchants 12-5. After falling behind 5-1 following a grand slam by Ashton Remily, Groton stormed back in the fourth inning. A wild pitch, a Korbin Kucker triple and a Brevin Fliehs RBI single tied the game at 5-5. Ty Sieber then put Groton in front for good with a solo home run in the fifth inning before the hosts erupted for five more runs in the sixth. Sieber finished 4-for-4 with a home run, double and four RBIs, while Ben Althoff and Alex Morris also delivered key run-scoring hits. Morris earned the victory with five innings of scoreless relief, allowing just one hit while striking out six.

The Groton Post 39 Junior Legion team faced a demanding stretch of four games, including two heartbreaking walk-off losses. The Juniors opened play Saturday at Clark with a wild 14-13 defeat to the Ashley/Wishek Rattlers. Groton jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning but quickly found itself trailing after the Rattlers scored nine runs



Keegan Kucker is on the mound warming up. Pictured behind him are Graham Rose, Asher Zimmerman, Tucker Leicht and Owen Tewksbury. (Photo courtesy Tara Hill)



Groton U 14, Graham Rose, pitching vs Webster in double header Tuesday evening. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)

over the first two innings. Refusing to quit, Groton erupted for seven runs in the fifth inning, with Zach Fliehs, Lincoln Shilhanek, Trayce Schelle and Xavier Ellenbecker all delivering key hits. The comeback tied the game before Ashley/Wishek answered in the bottom half with the winning run. Shilhanek, Schelle, Wesley Borg and Asher Zimmerman each had two hits, while Fliehs, Borg, Shilhanek and Schelle drove in two runs apiece.

Later Saturday, Vermillion Post 1 used a five-run third inning to earn a 9-1 victory. Wesley Borg battled on the mound and struck out five, while Zach Fliehs accounted for Groton's lone RBI. Vermillion piled up 14 hits and received a strong pitching performance from Jackson Beacom, who struck out 10 Groton hitters over six innings.

Sunday's contest against Watertown provided another near miss. Groton out-hit Watertown 12-9 and carried a 6-5 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning. Alex Abeln and Lincoln Shilhanek each collected three hits, while Zach Fliehs drove in two runs. Noah Scepaniak stole home during a three-run sixth inning that briefly put Groton in front. Watertown tied the game in the sixth and eventually won 7-6 on a walk-off single in the seventh. Jordan Schwan added three stolen bases, and Groton played error-free defense.

The week concluded Monday with a 23-5 loss to a powerful Selby squad. Selby scored six runs in the first inning and added nine more in the second to seize control early. Noah Scepaniak and John Bisbee each recorded two hits for Groton, while Bisbee, Fliehs and Ellenbecker drove in runs. Despite the final score, Groton continued to battle offensively and finished with seven hits.

Groton Post 39 Senior Legion also faced a difficult week against strong opponents. Groton opened Saturday with a 7-2 loss at Redfield. TC Schuster delivered an impressive start, allowing just two hits while striking out nine batters over four innings. Redfield led only 2-0 entering the fifth before breaking the game open with five runs, highlighted by a two-run home run from Jet Kleinsasser. Alex Abeln paced Groton's offense with two hits.

A Monday trip to Watertown resulted in losses of 11-1 and 13-3. In the opener, Watertown scored three runs in the first inning and added two more in the second to build an early advantage. Jarrett Erdmann struck out four over four innings, while Alex Abeln drove in Groton's lone run and added a hit.

The second game followed a similar pattern. Groton tied the game 1-1 in the second inning on an RBI walk by Erdmann, but Watertown answered with six runs in the bottom of the inning and never looked back. Alex Abeln and Carter Simon each collected two hits, while Erdmann, Gavin Englund and Nick Groebelinghoff drove in runs. Groton showed patience at the plate by drawing seven walks but was unable to overcome Watertown's 10-hit attack.

The brightest results of the week came from the 14U team, which completed a doubleheader sweep of Webster on Tuesday. In the opener, Groton rolled to an 18-8 victory behind a 16-hit attack. Webster led 6-4 after two innings before Groton exploded for six runs in the bottom of the second to take control. Easton Weber was nearly unstoppable, going 4-for-5 at the plate. Kyson Kiesz also recorded four hits, while Mason Leddy drove in three runs. Trayce Schelle added two hits, and Groton aggressively attacked the basepaths with 23 stolen bases. Bentley Englund provided solid relief work after Tucker Leicht started the game.



John Bisbee delivers a pitch with Tucker Leicht looking on at first in the Junior Legion game against Selby. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)

The nightcap proved much tighter. Webster built a 2-0 lead before Groton answered with three runs in the third inning. After Webster tied the contest at 3-3, Groton pushed across the decisive runs in the fourth on a Keegan Kiesz RBI single and an Owen Tietz walk. Tietz drove in two runs, Knox Madsen went 2-for-2 at the plate and Kiesz earned the win with two scoreless innings of relief. Defensively, Groton turned two double plays to preserve the 5-3 victory and complete the sweep.

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