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Northern names Schwan associate VP for academic affairs

Northern State University has named Dr. Anna Schwan associate vice president for academic affairs, expanding her leadership role while she continues to serve as dean of the Millicent Atkins School of Education.

In her new role, Schwan will oversee Graduate Studies, Online Learning and Continuing Education, Empowering Innovators and Northern's Center for Statewide E-Learning. She will also chair Northern's Graduate Council and represent the university on the South Dakota Board of Regents' Academic Affairs Council.

Schwan has served as dean of the Millicent Atkins School of Education since 2023 after previously serving as interim dean. During her tenure, the school has expanded teacher apprenticeship programs, added a Career and Technical Education degree and increased scholarship opportunities.

Schwan joined Northern in 2017 following 16 years in public K-12 education as a teacher and secondary school administrator, including time at Groton Area.

She earned a Doctor of Education and Specialist in Education degree from the University of South Dakota, a master's degree from Valley City State University and a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University.



Dr. Anna Schwan

Groton wastewater project faces delays, cost increase

By Elizabeth Varin

Infrastructure concerns took center stage Tuesday evening as the Groton City Council discussed rising costs of a major wastewater project as well as curb and gutter on the west side of town.

The city's multi-million-dollar wastewater system project is facing delays and the potential for higher construction costs, Ken Hier of IMEG Corporation told the council Tuesday.

Hier said the project's planning process is behind schedule, in part because of additional issues involving easements needed for the project. The city also is facing challenges with its wastewater ponds, which will require additional lining because of high groundwater levels.

Two options are being considered for addressing the pond issue, both of which would add significantly to the project's cost. Installing a synthetic liner is estimated to cost about \$1 million, while bringing in approximately 53,000 cubic yards of clay dirt to provide the necessary lining would cost around \$450,000.

Hier presented the council with options for moving forward, including bidding the force main and lift station as one project and bidding the wastewater pond work separately. However, the project plans cannot be submitted to the South Dakota Department of Natural Resources for approval until the necessary easements are resolved.

The Department of Natural Resources is a major funding partner for the project, providing a \$4.59 million loan and a \$2 million Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant. The additional pond work could therefore add between roughly \$450,000 and \$1 million to the project's construction costs, depending on which option the city ultimately selects.

The council also heard a request from Mary Carrico, a west-side resident, about adding curb and gutter in her neighborhood. Carrico told the council about the muddy conditions outside her property at 309 North Lincoln Street.

This led the council to revisit past conversations about adding curb and gutter on unpaved portions of North Lincoln Street and some surrounding roadways.

The council discussed whether it would be feasible to add curb and gutters one block at a time, but Street/Water/Wastewater Superintendent Dwight Zerr said it makes more financial sense to do all the blocks at once and there are other issues the city will have to deal with when working on roadways in the area.

Mayor Scott Hanlon asked Ken Hier with IMEG Corporation to get a ballpark price together to give residents in the area an idea of how much the project would cost.

The city pays up front for the cost of the improvement, with property owners in that area paying a special assessment twice a year for 10 years, said Assistant Finance Officer Kellie Locke.

Zerr added that the city facing a lot of other projects coming up, including a highway project tentatively scheduled for 2030 and storm sewers needing to be cleared out.

"I'm not saying it's not going to be done, but we've got to be smart with our money," he said.

Both discussions highlighted the financial and infrastructure challenges facing the city as officials weigh needed improvements against the costs of completing them.

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Groton Area September Students of the Month



Liby Althoff
Senior



Kyleigh Kroll
Junior



Aspen Beto
Sophomore



Hudson Eichler
Freshman



Peyton Padfield
Freshman



Keith Fruman
Eighth Grader



Zoe Olson
Eighth Grader



Shaelee Gilchrist
Seventh Grader



Jozie Lord
Sixth Grader

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Tigers wrap up busy week of fall sports action

Groton Area athletes had a busy week of postseason and regular-season competition, highlighted by the Class A State Boys Golf Tournament, soccer playoffs, volleyball action and strong performances at the Steve Grode Memorial Invitational cross country meet.

Soccer seasons come to an end

The Groton Area girls soccer season came to a heartbreaking conclusion with a 1-0 playoff loss to St. Thomas More.

The Tigers and Cavaliers battled through a scoreless first half as Groton elected to take advantage of a 15-20 mph north wind. Coach Matt Baumgartner said both teams had roughly an equal number of scoring opportunities before halftime.

Groton then had to work into the wind during the second half but continued to battle.

“We came out of the break very motivated and dominated certain moments but were unlucky to not create enough scoring opportunities,” Baumgartner said.

St. Thomas More created several opportunities from long range, including a shot that hit the crossbar, while goalkeeper Tori Schuster made several key stops to keep Groton in the game.

The deciding goal came with about 2½ minutes remaining. Schuster came off her line and dove to her left to make an initial save, but the rebound went to a St. Thomas More attacker, who converted the opportunity.

It marked the second time this season Groton lost to St. Thomas More on the same field on a goal scored during the final five minutes.

“Losing twice to STM on the same field this year both in the last five minutes and under stings a lot,” Baumgartner said. “This group was dealt a tough and jam-packed start of the year but battled and adjusted to play very good soccer over the last few weeks.”

Baumgartner said he was proud of the progress made by the Tigers and especially appreciative of the seniors who completed their careers.

“I’m very proud of our program this season and tearful as another great group of seniors exit,” he said. “Their dedication and impact on our team, myself and all future Tigers will always remain.”

Groton had earned its playoff opportunity after closing the regular season with a 3-2 victory over Garretson.

Garretson grabbed leads of 1-0 and 2-1 during the first half, but Groton answered each time. Sydney Locke scored in the 14th minute off an assist from Ruelle Gilbert, and McKenna Tietz tied the game in the 30th minute.

Tietz then supplied the game-winner in the 49th minute, scoring off an assist from Addison Steffes.

Schuster finished with four saves.

The Groton Area boys also saw their season come to an end in postseason play, falling to Hot Springs, 4-1.

Johnsons improve on final day of state golf

Groton Area’s Jace Johnson and Liam Johnson both saved their best rounds for Tuesday as the Class A State Boys Golf Tournament concluded at Lakeview Golf Course in Mitchell.

Jace Johnson followed an opening-round 85 with a 78 Tuesday for a two-day total of 163, 19-over par. He tied for 40th place.

Johnson was particularly strong on the front nine during his final round, making the turn with a 37. He birdied Nos. 6 and 9 before adding another birdie on No. 15 and finished the back nine with a 41.

His 78 was seven strokes better than his opening round.

Liam Johnson also posted a major second-day improvement. After shooting a 90 Monday, he recorded an 82 Tuesday for a 172 total, 28-over par, tying for 64th.

Liam shot matching 41s on the front and back and birdied the par-4 15th hole. His Tuesday score was eight strokes better than Monday.

The individual championship came down to a playoff between Vermillion teammates Rylan Moran and Jeran Carr, who both finished at 2-under-par 142.

Moran won the state championship with a birdie on the first playoff hole.

Parkston’s Landon Weber, Rapid City Christian’s Jaxon Remington and Chamberlain’s Chase McQuirk tied for third at 143, one stroke behind the leaders.

Tigers go 2-2 at Redfield, sweep Tiospa Zina



Kella Tracy

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Chesney Weber led Groton Area with 26 kills during the tournament while adding four ace serves, 15 digs, seven assists and two block assists.

Taryn Traphagen finished with 20 kills, one ace, four solo blocks, five block assists and 16 digs. Tevan Hanson recorded 16 kills, 32 digs, one ace and six assists, while Kella Tracy contributed 14 kills.

Sydney Locke led the defensive effort with 39 digs. McKenna Tietz had 18 digs and three aces, while Libby Althoff handed out 33 assists to go with three aces, 18 digs, two kills and a block assist.

The Tigers had little trouble against Tiospa Zina in their next outing, winning 25-8, 25-8 and 25-6 to improve to 11-10.

Groton finished the match with 41 kills, 16 ace serves and 37 digs.

Traphagen powered the Tiger attack with 16 kills along with a solo block and an assisted block. Hanson had eight kills, four aces and 12 digs, while Weber recorded seven kills, three aces, seven digs, a block assist and 18 assists.

Tracy added five kills, McKenna Krause had four and Althoff finished with two kills, an ace and 12 assists.

Tietz led Groton at the service line with seven aces, while Locke added three aces and nine digs.

Coach Chelsea Hanson said the match was a chance for the Tigers to regain some offensive rhythm following a demanding portion of their schedule.

“We did what we needed to do and tried to keep our errors low,” Hanson said. “We got to take some big swings, and we needed that too.”

She said Groton had struggled at times to get its setters and hitters connected consistently.

“It was good for us to get Taryn having some good swings, Kella having some good swings and Tevan having some good swings,” Hanson said. “We needed that.”

The junior varsity Tigers also swept Tiospa Zina, 25-7 and 25-8.

Tori Schuster had seven ace serves and a kill. Abby Fjeldheim finished with five kills and an ace, Kinley Sandness had four kills and an ace, Brooklyn Spanier recorded three kills and four aces, and Neely Althoff contributed two kills and four aces.

Groton won the C match 25-6 and 25-13.

Brynlee Dunker had five kills and two aces, Charli Jacobsen recorded two kills and five aces, and Sophia Fliehs finished with seven aces and a kill. Maycee Moody added three kills and two aces.

Groton Area returns to action Monday at Britton-Hecla.

Deuel rolls past Groton Area

Groton Area ran into an experienced Deuel football team Friday night in Clear Lake as the Cardinals scored on all but two possessions in a 41-0 victory.

The two Deuel possessions that did not result in points ended in Tiger takeaways. Asher Johnson intercepted a pass and Layne Johnson recovered a fumble.

Deuel improved to 6-1, while Groton Area dropped to 2-4.

The Cardinals rushed for 268 yards on 35 carries. Quarterback Aidan Sievers led the way with 182 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries while completing six of 11 passes for 143 yards.

Groton Area statistician Tom Woods said the Tigers knew they faced a difficult challenge.

“We knew it was going to be a tough game,” Woods said. “They’re a very experienced team and a very mature team, and it shows.”

Woods also noted Friday’s game was the 855th varsity football game in Groton history dating back to 1914 and the 29th meeting between Groton and the Clear Lake-Deuel program.

The series began in 1985 with Groton winning 16-0. Groton entered Friday holding a 15-13 advantage in the series.



Chesney Weber

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Liam Johnson

(Photo courtesy Becca Johnson)



Jace Johnson

(Photo courtesy Becca Johnson)

Deuel broke a scoreless tie with 41 seconds remaining in the opening quarter on Gavin Kloos’ five-yard touchdown run.

Sievers scored on runs of 26 and 10 yards during the second quarter to put Deuel ahead 19-0 at halftime.

The Cardinals continued to pull away after the break. Kloos connected with Sievers on a 67-yard touchdown pass, and Sievers later broke free for a 77-yard scoring run.

Jaxton Winter added a safety before Kloos completed the scoring on a 13-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Groton finished with seven first downs and 59 rushing yards. Johnson carried 13 times for 30 yards, Anthony Tracy had 16 yards on seven carries and Ryder Schwan added 11 yards on four attempts.

Johnson completed six of 16 passes for 86 yards. Tracy caught four passes for 55 yards, while Ryder Schelle had a 31-yard reception.

Schwan and Schelle led the Tiger defense with five tackles apiece. TC Schuster and Asher Johnson each had four tackles, with Johnson adding his interception. Layne Johnson recorded four tackles and the fumble recovery.

Woods noted Groton is a young team with only five seniors, two of whom were sidelined by injuries.

“Playing football is hard,” Woods said. “It’s not meant for everybody. I told all the boys how proud I am of them and just to keep working hard.”

Groton Area will return to action Oct. 11 against Mobridge-Pollock.

Pharis, Hill win at Steve Grode Memorial

Groton Area sixth-graders Henry Pharis and Hazel Hill captured individual championships in the middle school races to highlight the Tigers’ performance at the Steve Grode Memorial Invitational cross country meet.

Pharis won the boys 3,000-meter race with a personal-best time of 11 minutes, 42.7 seconds. He finished more than seven seconds ahead of Aberdeen Roncalli’s Lincoln Lunzman, who was second in 11:50.0.



Riley Shellenberger
(Courtesy Photo)



Henry Pharis
(Courtesy Photo)



Tate Johnson
(Courtesy Photo)



Hazel Hill
(Courtesy Photo)

Groton Area’s Calvin Locken placed sixth in 13:09.9, while Titan Johnson was 22nd with a personal-best time of 17:00.7.

Hill produced an even closer finish in the girls 3,000-meter race. She won in 13:17.8, edging Aberdeen Roncalli’s Taylen Waage by just two-tenths of a second.

Anna Oswald placed ninth for Groton with a personal-best 14:23.6. Haley Erickson was 15th, Railey Mulder finished 18th and Presley Olson placed 20th.

Ryelle Gilbert paced Groton Area in the varsity girls 5,000-meter race, finishing fourth in a season-best 20:52.0.

Ipswich claimed the first three positions, led by Isabella Galbraith’s winning time of 19:33.4. Jayla Stiles finished second and Kalynn Oban was third.

Groton senior Ashlynn Warrington placed 16th in 23:32.3.

Riley Shellenberger led Groton Area in the varsity boys race with a sixth-place finish in 19:03.0.

Tate Johnson placed 22nd in 21:59.7, while Logan Clocksene finished 33rd with a personal-best 30:39.1.



Presley Olson, Anna Oswald, Hazel Hill, Jozie Lord, Railey Mulder, Haley Erickson. (Courtesy Photo)

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Oct. 5 Team Standings: Cubs 10, Stooges 9, Pirates 9, Braves 7, Mets 7, Giants 6.

Men’s High Games: Cortney Dinger 244, Evan Easthouse 234, Brody Carlson 228.

Men’s High Series: Evan Easthouse 644, Cortney Dinger 622, Brody Carlson 580.

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26 Beach robes

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36 Long lunch?

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47 "Sheesh!"

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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope; "Brown County Elevator Remodel or Upgrade" to be opened on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.
Proposal Guaranty: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.
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Brown County Auditor's Office: 25 Market Street, Ste.1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone 605-626-7110
Brown County Maintenance: 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen SD 57401. Phone 605-626-7124
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the Brown County Auditor's Office to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov or at <https://www.brown.sd.us/departments/auditors/elections>
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Brown County P & Z Pence/Burns Rezoning

NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Michael & Mary Ann Pence / Lance & Kristen Burns
Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Pence Second Subdivision" in the S1/2 of the S1/2 of Section 9-T125N-R64W and Lot 1, "Pence First Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 9-T125N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (38444 & 38474 120th Street; Westport Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 7th day of October 2026.
Planning/Zoning Commission and
Scott Bader – P&Z Director
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Aberdeen, SD 57401
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Brown County P & Z Hadrick Variance

NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Derek & Krista Hadrick
Description of property: Lot 11, "Lutgen's West Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127370 West Shore Drive; Ravinia Township).

Reason: Variance to Setbacks in a Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to allow a (West) Rear Yard Setback of 7'-0" rather than the 30'-0" setback required and a 4'-0" (North) Side Yard Setback rather than the 7'-0" required by Brown County Ordinance 4.1006 to build a new garage.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.
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Brown County P & Z Lien Restoration CUP

NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Lien Restoration, LLC
Legal description of property: "Lien Outlot A" in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 14, & the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R64W, except H-1, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2204 W Hwy 12; Aberdeen Twp.)
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new metal roof on an existing building in a Heavy Industrial District (H-I).
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.
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Planning/Zoning Commission and
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Brown County P & Z Napton Variance

NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Darrel Napton
Description of property: Lot 5, "Replat of Borden's Subdivision" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 3-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38590 107th Street; Frederick Township).
Reason: Variance to Setbacks in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to allow a south Front Yard Setback of 60'-0" rather than the 100'-0" setback required by Brown County Ordinance 4.0606 to build a new shop.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.
Dated this 7th day of October 2026.
Planning/Zoning Commission and Scott Bader – P&Z Director
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Aberdeen, SD 57401
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Brown County P & Z Hoeft Variance

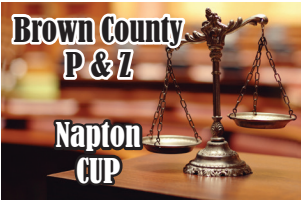
NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Anne Elizabeth Isaacson-Hoeft
Description of property: Lot 1, "Hanson Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 9-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14354 396th Avenue; East Rondell Township).
Reason: Variance to Setbacks in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to allow a west Front Yard Setback of 15'-0" rather than the 100'-0" setback required by Brown County Ordinance 4.0606 to build a new hoop barn.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.
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Brown County P & Z Goldade Variance

NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Jeff Goldade
Description of property: Lot 3, "Jody and Stacy Linsey Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (807 135th Street; Aberdeen Township).
Reason: Variance to Shelterbelt Setbacks in a Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to have a north Shelterbelt Setback of 75'-0" from the section line rather than the 150'-0" setback required by Brown County Ordinance 4.0606 for 5 new rows of trees.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP)**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Darrel Napton
Legal description of property: Lots 1-7, "Replat of Borden's Subdivision" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 3-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10695 386th Avenue; Frederick Twp.)

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to continue to sell fireworks in a proposed Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated this 7th day of October 2026.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Curtis Reuer
Description of property: The 330' next South of the North 755' of the West 1320' & the S1/2 Vacated Derian Drive of the NW1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1913 385th Avenue S; Aberdeen Twp.)

Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers.

Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 7th day of October 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Darrel Napton
Description of property: Lots 1-7, "Replat of Borden's Subdivision" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 3-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10695 386th Avenue; Frederick Twp.)

Reason: Rezone parcels from

Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers.

Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

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2026 Statewide Ballot Measures
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Constitutional Amendment I
Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution that Repeals Expanded Medicaid Coverage if Federal Funding for the Program Drops below 90%.

Attorney General Explanation: Medicaid is a program, funded by the State and the federal government, to provide medical coverage for low-income children, pregnant women, disabled individuals, and the elderly. In the 2022 General Election the voters approved Constitutional Amendment D, which expanded Medicaid eligibility in South Dakota. Amendment D requires the State to also provide Medicaid benefits to anyone over the age of 18 and under 65 whose income is at or below 133% of the federal property level, plus 5% of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size. Currently, federal law requires the federal government to fund 90% of South Dakota's Medicaid expansion.

This proposed Constitutional Amendment ends the expanded Medicaid coverage if the federal funding for expansion drops below 90%. If federal funding drops below that 90% threshold, Medicaid coverage will once again only apply to low-income children, pregnant women, disabled individuals, and the elderly.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment I:

A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general election an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, conditioning the requirement of expanded Medicaid on the level of federal medical assistance.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to Article XXI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, be submitted to the electors of the state for approval.

Section 2. That Article XXI, § 10 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be AMENDED:

§ 10. Beginning For the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on the day that the federal medical assistance percentage, described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(y) (January 1, 2025), is reduced below ninety percent, the State of South Dakota shall provide Medicaid benefits to any person over eighteen and under sixty-five whose income is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level plus five percent of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size, as authorized by federal law as of January 1, 2021. Such person

shall receive coverage that meets or exceeds the benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage requirements, as such terms are defined by federal law as of January 1, 2021.

The State of South Dakota may not impose greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies, or practices on any person eligible under this section than on any person otherwise eligible for Medicaid under South Dakota law, except that the State of South Dakota may, to the extent permitted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, impose a work requirement on any person, eligible under this section, who has not been diagnosed as being physically or mentally disabled.

No later than March 1, 2023, the Department of Social Services shall submit all state plan amendments necessary to implement this section to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The State of South Dakota shall take all actions necessary to maximize the federal financial medical assistance percentage in funding medical assistance pursuant to this section.

This section shall be broadly construed to accomplish its purposes and intents. If any provision in this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

Constitutional Amendment J
Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Clarifying that an Individual Must Be a Citizen of the United States to be Eligible to Vote.

Attorney General Explanation: Article VII, § 2 of the South Dakota Constitution defines who is qualified to vote in state elections. Among these qualifications are age, residency, and United States citizenship requirements. Article VII, § 2 also establishes that individuals may be disqualified from voting because of mental incompetence or a felony conviction.

This constitutional amendment adds people who are not United States citizens to the list of individuals disqualified from voting, clarifying the existing requirement that only citizens may vote in state elections.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment J:

A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general election an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, clarifying that an individual must be a citizen of the United States to be eligible to vote.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, be submitted to the electors of the state for approval.

Section 2. That Article VII, § 2 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be AMENDED:

§ 2. Every United States individual who is a citizen of the United States, is eighteen years of age or older who, and has met all residency and registration requirements shall be is entitled to vote in all elections and upon all questions submitted to the voters of the state unless, An individual may be disqualified by law for mental incompetence or the conviction of a felony. An individual who is not a citizen of the United States is disqualified from voting in any election or upon any question submitted to the voters of this state. The Legislature may by law establish reasonable requirements to insure ensure the integrity of the vote.

Each elector who qualified qualifies to vote within a precinct shall be is entitled to vote in that precinct until he the elector establishes another voting residence. An elector shall may never lose his residency for vot-

ing solely by reason of his the elector's absence from the state.

Constitutional Amendment K

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Establishing the Trust for Unclaimed Property Fund.

Attorney General Explanation: Under South Dakota statute, intangible property is presumed to be abandoned if it remains unclaimed by the owner for more than three years after it became payable or distributable. Examples of intangible property are traveler's checks, money orders, bank deposits, refunds, stocks, funds owed under a life insurance policy, and property held in a safe deposit box. Abandoned intangible property is transferred to the State Treasurer to hold while waiting for the owner to claim it. The State Treasurer must provide public notice of the abandoned property.

This proposed constitutional amendment establishes a trust fund where unclaimed abandoned property will be deposited. Portions of the interest and income from this fund will be distributed into the general fund for the benefit of the state. This proposed amendment requires the Legislature to determine the amount to be distributed that promotes the growth of the trust fund and the distributed amount.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment K:

A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general election an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, establishing the trust for unclaimed property fund.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to Article XII of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, be submitted to the electors of the state for approval.

Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to Article XII of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota:

There is created in the state treasury a trust fund named the trust for unclaimed property fund. Upon passage of this Act and after each receipt of any unclaimed property thereafter, the state treasurer shall, after paying all claims, expenses authorized by law, and deposits into the general fund as authorized by law, deposit into the trust fund the net receipts from unclaimed property.

Beginning July 1, 2027, and each July first thereafter, the state treasurer shall distribute a portion of the interest and income of the trust fund into the general fund. The calculation of the amount to be distributed must be determined by law and must promote growth of the trust fund and a steadily growing distribution amount.

Neither the interest and income of the trust fund nor its principal may be diverted for any other purpose unless:

(1) The state treasurer determines the amount is necessary for the payment of claims associated with unclaimed property;

(2) The state treasurer determines the amount must, by law, be returned as unclaimed property; or

(3) The amount is appropriated by a three-fourths vote of all the members-elect of each house of the Legislature.

The State Investment Council, or its successor, shall invest the trust fund in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial instruments, as provided by law.

Constitutional Amendment L

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Requiring that a Proposed Constitutional Amendment or Revision Receive an Affirmative Vote of Sixty Percent of the Votes Cast.

Attorney General Explanation: The State Constitution provides that any proposed constitutional amendment or revision must be submitted to the voters for approval. Currently, a proposed constitutional amendment or revision becomes part of the Constitution if approved by a majority of the votes cast.

This proposed Constitutional Amendment increases the number of votes required for a proposed constitutional amendment

or revision to become part of the Constitution. If passed, further constitutional amendments must receive an affirmative vote of sixty percent of the votes cast to be implemented.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment L:

A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general election an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, requiring that a constitutional amendment receive an affirmative vote of sixty percent of the votes cast before the measure is enacted.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to Article XXIII of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, be submitted to the electors of the state for approval.

Section 2. That Article XXIII, § 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be AMENDED:

§ 3. AnyA constitutional amendment or revision must be submitted to the voters and shall become becomes a part of the Constitution only when if approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon an affirmative vote of sixty percent of the votes cast on the question. The Legislature may provide for the withdrawal by its sponsors of an initiated amendment, by its sponsors, at any time prior to its submission to the voters.

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TOWN OF CLAREMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

September 15, 2026
The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on September 15, 2026, at 8 p.m. in City Hall.

President Jason called the meeting to order with Trustees Jones and Rasmussen.

On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Jones, the minutes of the August meeting were approved.

On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Jones, the

following agreement was made: That State and City concur in the proposed project for the Sign and Delineation Project identified as Roadway Safety Improvement Project Number PH 8007(215) PCN 07XP, located on various City roads in the City of Claremont, referred to in this Agreement as the Project.

The City, once the project is completed, will have the sole obligation and responsibility for maintaining, repairing and replacing all traffic control devices on all highways and for all bridges identified. In addition, the City will maintain, repair and replace all street name signs installed on any part of the project inside the City's municipal boundaries, regardless of whether or not the signs were installed on highways or for bridges identified in Exhibit A. The City will perform all maintenance, repair and replacement work in conformance with the most recent version of the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)" as of the date work is performed.

On a motion by Jones and seconded by Rasmussen, the following bills were allowed:

General
Don Vander Vorst, mowing/clean up & post — \$184.90; Full Circle Ag, propane, 200.2 gal. — \$299.30; Damar, diesel and gas — \$2,025.33; Br. Co. Treasurer, mosquito spraying — \$1,209.60; NVC, phone, internet + sewer phone — \$151.15; Charlie Rye, wage — \$500.00; NWE, street lights — \$637.29; NWE, City Hall — \$173.41; Carlson Crushing and Excavating, crushed gravel, crushed rock — \$678.08; Amy Keough, mowing — \$280.74; GDI — \$11.24

WSSW
BDM, water purchased — \$1,483.90; ECOLAB, pest elimination — \$198.31; HF Jacobs, valve repair, pit up syphon (sewer) — \$9,574.51; DANR, Storm Cons. — \$100.00; NWE, pump house — \$62.64; NWE, lift station — \$32.44; NWE, new sewer lift — \$87.15; SD Dept. of Health Lab., coliform testing — \$41.00; Rural Development, water loan — \$5,746.00; Malinda Spencer, water meters — \$118.20

A motion was made by Spencer to charge a reconnect fee for water that was turned off for nonpayment of \$50, which must be paid at the time of reconnection. Motion was made and seconded by Rasmussen. All board members agreed. Motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

C. Rye, F.O.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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SEPTEMBER 29, 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 and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Dennert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
DATA CENTER ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Clark Thares met with the Commission stating he had spoke with the City of Aberdeen and feels there is a lack of transparency and secrecy happening because on August 31st Tim Hanigan with Aberdeen Development Corporation (ADC) stated there was no pending projects but prior to this ADC purchased 106 acres north of 3M and sold it the very next day to Green Volt Power for \$3 Million and Green Volt has also purchased 35 acres by the Beef Plant for \$515 thousand. Green Volt is owned by KKR, which is the number two ranked investor in data center expansion. Clark is concerned about the size, scale, noise, etc. from these data centers. He feels the County Ordinance needs some work. Clark also mentioned about water being trucked to Ellendale, so he reached out to the city and was told it was only a few times but came to find out it was 200 times and 1 million gallons – again where is the transparency? Clark feels the County Ordinance needs to state ‘No Grid Access’ to prioritize the right to citizens over data centers. He asked to create a task force between the City of Aberdeen and the County and hoped this opportunity would mend the relationship between the two entities and Clark offered to be a liaison in this effort. He asked why the city gave up the 3-mile jurisdiction. Chairman Sutton shared he can’t state exactly why the City asked to dissolve the joint jurisdiction but prior to that the City and the County were on different sides on a couple of issues than it was shortly after that the city asked to dissolve the joint jurisdiction. Clark stated the city is wanting to take back at least 1-mile of joint jurisdiction and wanted to know the Commissions thoughts. Chairman Sutton replied that they have not requested that from the County, but his time on the Commission that the County has had fewer complaints and things are progressing at a much smoother level than they did before, because the people that were in that 3-mile joint jurisdiction had to go before both boards and those people that did are very appreciative that it was dissolved because they find the County rules and ordinances much easier to work with and deal with, we have heard nothing but good comments from the people we serve outside the city limits as to dissolving it. He also stated that again we haven’t been approached but would need to hear their reasoning and then think long and hard on bringing the joint jurisdiction back. Clark stated he is not against data centers, just want it done responsibly. Clark then asked if they are willing to relook at the Data Center Ordinance to protect the rights of the citizens and work with the city to create a unified ordinance. Chairman Sutton stated he visited with Planning & Zoning Director, Scott Bader and Commissioner Gage, liaison to the Planning & Zoning Board about the concerns you voiced previously, those concerns can be stipulated during the process if and when they come in for Conditional Use Permit or whatever other permits are necessary from the County level. Chairman Sutton shared that he received a call from the State Level last week, they had nothing but praise for our Ordinance and they are sharing our ordinance with other counties. Clark shared that Northwestern Energy and Black Hills Energy are merging and they are both 98% owned by Institutional

Investors, Black Hills Energy has asked for a \$51 Million increase or 25% of their total revenue, which is before the PUC at this time but that is only made up of 3 people. His concerns are they need to consider what this will do to the citizens. Commissioner Dennert commented that he refers to the Ordinance that was passed by the County as an 80/20 – meaning that probably 80% of the people would agree with the Ordinance as it is written, willing to look into it more but would like to start with the 80/20 issues, with broad buy-in from the people having more exposure is a good thing. Chairman Sutton shared that if or when the time comes for the County to consider a data center it will be in an open public meeting along with the details. Commissioner Dinger stated that nothing has been behind doors regarding a Data Center. Clark stated he didn’t know why the parcels that were purchased weren’t asked to be annexed into the city but doesn’t know how that whole process works. Why not do a press release of these large purchases – where is the transparency in this process.

ABERDEEN HOMELESS: Melanie Bobby informed the Commission that she started helping the Non-Profit - Aberdeen New Start Program a year ago, with the City of Aberdeen condemning properties and Landlord’s no longer taking Section 8 Housing vouchers there is an increase in the number of homeless people in Aberdeen. Currently, there are 26 people living in tents. Salvation Army and other coalitions are providing meals for them a couple nights a week. Melanie asked the Commissioners about having a place to use as an Emergency Shelter. Chairman Sutton stated that since is the first request for this he would visit with the Buildings & Grounds department and get back to her if they come up with something.

RICHMOND DAM UPDATE: Chairman Sutton shared that he hadn’t received any updates. Mike Russell, Richmond Lake Association shared that he thinks the cutoff wall should be done so they can start filling the lake back-up.

QUOTES FOR ZERO-TURN MOWER FOR FAIRGROUNDS: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/ Parks Manager presented the following quotes to the Commission to purchase a Zero-Turn Mower:

Company	Location	Mower	Price w/ Trade
Gary’s Engine & Repair.....	Aberdeen	72” Z Master	\$16,169.97
Dakota Sales	Corsica	Bad Boy BRG7235KA	\$15,505.00
Nelson’s Sales & Service.....	Aberdeen	Gravely 72”	\$20,382.00
Doug’s Custom Paint.....	Mitchell	Hustler Super Z 72”	\$21,917.00
RDO Equipment.....	Aberdeen	Z97OR Ztrak	\$21,280.00
Eastside Equipment	Watertown	Kubota ZD1200	\$23,949.00
Bobcat/JGE	Aberdeen	ZT7000 Zero Turn Riding	\$18,599.00

Rachel recommended going with Floyd’s Kubota from Ft. Pierre because the windshield is different and said they will deliver it as well. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to accept the quote from Floyd’s Kubota for Kubota D1105 for the final cost of \$17,845.96. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUOTES FOR WEED & PEST SHOP OVERHEAD DOOR OPENERS: Randy Zens, Building Superintendent, presented the following quotes to the Commission for openers for Overhead Doors at the Weed & Pest Shop: Overhead Door at the cost of \$3,977.96 and House of Glass at the cost of \$5,354.75. Randy suggested accepting the quote from Overhead Door. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to accept the quote from the Overhead Door company at the cost of \$3,977.96 for overhead door openers. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSS DISCRETIONARY FORMULA: Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization, shared that the Department of Revenue had reached out to him regarding our Discretionary Formula for the Downtown area. To clarify things, he asked to dissolve Resolution #18-24 because those properties in the downtown historical are included in Resolution #2025-58. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to dissolve Resolution #18-24. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID CONTRACT WITH BASIN CONSTRUCTION FOR ERICKSON APPROACH: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Bid Contract with Basin Construction for the Erickson Approach. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADOPT 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Commissioner Gage offered the following Resolution:
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD

For the Year January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027

RESOLUTION #2026-40

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and WHEREAS, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget, and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that such Provisional Budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth. SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET ON THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota this 29th day of September. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

COUNTY TAX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY	Dollars	\$/S/1,000
General County Purposes (10-12-9)	\$19,509,951.00	3.348
County Road & Bridge (10-12-13)*	\$ 2,247,823.00	0.386
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	\$21,757,774.00	3.734

Company	Location	Mower	Retail	Price w/ Trade
Gary’s Engine & Repair.....	Aberdeen	72” Z Master	\$16,169.97	\$15,699.00
Dakota Sales	Corsica	Bad Boy BRG7235KA	\$15,505.00	\$12,250.00
Nelson’s Sales & Service.....	Aberdeen	Gravely 72”	\$20,382.00	\$15,897.96
Doug’s Custom Paint.....	Mitchell	Hustler Super Z 72”	\$21,917.00	\$16,363.00
RDO Equipment.....	Aberdeen	Z97OR Ztrak	\$21,280.00	\$17,511.34
Eastside Equipment	Watertown	Kubota ZD1200	\$23,949.00	\$19,342.72
Bobcat/JGE	Aberdeen	ZT7000 Zero Turn Riding	\$18,599.00	\$14,513.26

*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

Seconded by Commissioner Dennert.

Commissioner Dennert shared that the 2026 Budget was \$56,706,544.69 thousand and 2027 Budget was \$52,974,775.38. It is actually going down, two reasons: Sand Lake Bridge and Landfill Cell not happing in 2027.

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-absent. Resolution adopted.

QUOTES FOR COPIER/SCANNER: Auditor Heupel presented the following quotes for a new Copier/Scanner to be used in the Auditor’s Office for Elections, Auditor’s Office and Welfare Office:

Lynn shared that she asked Pat, IT Director, to look over the quotes as well and his recommendation was to go with Century Business Products because

they don’t have a monthly fee and you only pay for the copies you actually make. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to accept the quote from Century Business Products for \$10,572.06 to purchase a Kyocera Talkalfa MZ3501ci Copier and then be charged at rates listed per copy. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG): Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 4th quarter LEMPG Grant Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Bill Schaefer \$32.00; Brick’s TV and Appliance \$930.00; CenturyLink-Lumen \$225.96; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$1,793.40; Domestic Violence Consulting Services Inc \$12,030.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$360.00; Kelli Lardy \$25.50; Kuck Law Office \$5,827.60; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$5,662.00; Lucy Lewno \$192.00; Mark Katterhagen \$20.00; Sanford Health \$594.00; SD Dept of Public Safety \$5,400.00; Sewer Duck \$200.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$24.25; Valerie Larson \$52.00; Grand Jury – Not Seated \$71.00; Grand Jury R \$16,249.80; US Bank \$2,950.53. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$161.96; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$164.21; US Bank \$327.82. Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Doors Inc \$297.96; Dependable Sanitation \$387.00; DG Investment Intermediate Holdings 2, Inc \$1,168.01; House of Glass \$1,105.43; Mid Dakota Equipment & Service \$415.00; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$54.50; Schwan Welding \$1,792.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$425.00; Team Lab \$16,276.00; Vosika Fencing \$1,081.00; US Bank \$291.57. Supplies & Materials: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$707.29; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen

Prof. LLC \$400.00; Michael Gage \$328.15; Neil Bittner \$19.00; Scott Kolb \$19.00; Stephanie Morgan \$526.55; US Bank \$3,543.70. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation \$322.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$39.17; Northwestern Energy \$1,332.12; T-Mobile USA Inc \$3,969.95; US Bank \$4,769.36. Machinery & Equipment: Bobcat of Aberdeen \$14,513.26; Floyd’s Truck Center, Inc \$17,845.96. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

o Employment ending for Mackenzie Berninghaus, Brown County Deputy Treasurer, FT; effective October 2, 2026. Request to fill.

o Hiring of Abigail Dorn as Brown County Museum Intern, PT; starting wage \$15.00/hr. – effective September 28, 2026.

o Adding Museum Volunteer, Vernon Flint, to the approved list for Work Comp purposes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR’S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST 2026: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the Auditor’s Report of Accounts for August 2026: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: \$15,951,561.70; Total Savings Account Balances: \$1,375,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$13,412,557.63; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$30,747,266.75. General Fund \$18,527,471.24; Road & Bridge Fund \$1,225,987.24; 911 Service \$588,084.73; Emergency & Disaster \$127,695.14; Domestic Abuse \$1,084.03; SA Grants \$182,753.80; 24/7 Sobriety \$55,032.84; ROD M&P \$78,185.02; Opioid Settlement Fund \$69,484.11; Rural Access Infrastructure \$473,290.90; TIF Debt Service \$78,175.39; Landfill + cash change \$7,386,519.62; Landfill - restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$1,953,502.69; GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS \$30,747,266.75. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.



October 6, 2026

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Cutler via phone, Bahr, Nehls, Voss-Severson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Chad Locken, Kellie Locke, Elizabeth Varin, Mary Carrico, Dwight Zerr and Ken Hier.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Voss-Severson to approve the agenda with no additions or changes. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Discussion took place regarding curb and gutter at Mary Carrico’s property on Lincoln Street. Carrico exited the meeting.

Department reports were discussed.

Hier gave council an update on the Wastewater Project.

Zerr and Hier exited the meeting.

Groton’s 150th Anniversary celebration in 2031 was discussed.

Moved by Voss-Severson and seconded by Nehls to sign code enforcement contract with Code Enforcement Specialists. All members present voted aye.

Monitoring system at the rubble site was discussed.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to table the 2026 baseball report. All members present voted aye.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 798 – Certifying 2027 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County was approved on a motion by Voss-Severson and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to approve the 2027 Liquor & Wine Renewals for The Jungle, American Legion Post #39, Ken’s Food Fair, American Grain LLC (DBA Red Horse Inn), Olive Grove Golf Course, Dollar General and MJ’s Sinclair. All members voted aye.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Voss-Severson and seconded by Nehls. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$34,162.30, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,770.69; Public Safety, \$10,824.94; Public Works, \$16,579.11; Culture & Recreation, \$1,987.56; NW Energy, \$860.96, Natural gas service at water tower and swimming pool; Dacotah Bank, \$6,946.28, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$689.57, HSA contributions; Health Pool of SD, \$18,106.19, Employee insurance; Reliance Standard Life Insurance, \$91.00, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$456.96, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Dacotah Bank, \$4,081.11, Withholding/SS/Medicare; City of Groton, \$525.53, Family crisis utility assistance; Douglas Heinrich, \$90.26, Med flex - Final for 2026; Auto Value Aberdeen, \$79.99, Blower motor - City Shop; EcoLab Pest Elimination, \$182.70, Rodent/ant control - Rubble Site & Community Center; The Groton Independent, \$128.96, Publishing costs; Steven Lust Automotive, \$1,368.96, Repairs to 2023 Tahoe - PD; SD Department of Transportation, \$34.80, Windsock - Airport; Rite-way Business Forms, \$217.84, x1000 checks - City Hall; Associated Supply Company, Inc., \$95.50, Pool chemicals; SD Department of Health, \$729.00, Pool/water/sewer testing; SD Supplemental Retirement ,

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Loffler	\$10,205.41	Xerox Altalink Multifunction C8255	\$256.00 that includes 8000 b/w copies and 4000 color copies	B/W Overages \$.0075	Color Overages \$0.049
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\$740.00, Supplemental retirement; Vestis, \$70.43, Rug rent - City Hall; Farmers Union Coop Association, \$1,395.00, Diesel fuel - Street Dept.; Locke Electric, \$1,743.16, Outlet repairs at community center, sewer lift station repairs, new panel and outlets at park; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; Cole Papers, \$98.13, Garbage bags - Community Center; Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair, \$246.00, Rebar for cemetery; Pipe Detectives, \$22,444.66, Sewer line cleaning - Sewer Dept.; Dakota Pump & Control, \$30,576.18, SCADA system upgrades - Sewer Dept.; Glenn Bitz, \$175.00, Window cleaning - City Hall; Summit Infrastructure LLC, \$9,915.00, Abeln lift station rehabilitation; J's Superior Cleaning, \$225.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall/PD; Olson Consulting/Contracting Service, \$820.72, Code enforcement services 9/2/26-10/2/26; Stacy Mayou, \$172.93, MedFlex; Announcement: City Hall, Wage Memorial Library and City Shop will be closed Monday, October 12, 2026 for Columbus Day.

Moved by Voss-Severson and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25- 2 (1) & (3) at 9:13pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:28pm.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to hire Jeff Uzzle as the Electric Utility Supervisor at \$55.50 per hour with 20 hours of vacation time immediately, with normal new employee vacation time accrual thereafter. This motion will also approve the \$5,000.00 signing bonus from Heartland Energy. All members voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Voss-Severson to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Kellie Locke, Assistant Finance Officer

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Ordinance 798
An Ordinance certifying the 2027 City of Groton Property Tax Levy to Brown County

Be It Ordained by the governing body of the City of Groton, South Dakota that the City Finance Officer is hereby directed to certify the following amount of property tax levy to the County Auditor of Brown County, South Dakota, in the manner provided by law.

General Fund \$604,698
The amount of tax levy request is \$604,698. The amount of opt out request is \$230,000. The total request being \$834,698 for general purposes.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
ATTEST:
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

First Reading: 9/15/2026
Second Reading: 10/06/2026
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- The council approved hiring Jeff Uzzle as electric superintendent with wages set at \$55.50 per hour, as well as a \$5,000 signing bonus from Heartland Energy.
- Groton is approaching its 150th anniversary of incorporation. Those interested in participating with the celebration, helping out or those with ideas are invited to a public meeting at 5:15 p.m. Jan. 6, 2027 at City Hall.
- The council approved a contract for code enforcement services. The

city had previously worked with Dennis "Mike" Olson, However, he announced his plans to retire, prompting the city to contract Code Enforcement Specialist, LLC, for code enforcement in the city.

• The city continued to review changes to the monitoring system at the rubble site on the south side of town. A new system may go into place around the beginning of the year at the same time new entry codes are issued. Council members emphasized that city hall staff need to feel comfortable with whatever new system is put in place.

• The council again tabled the 2026 baseball report, as council members want a full council present to discuss the report.

• The council approved renewing liquor and wine licenses for the following businesses.

o The Jungle – package off-sale liquor and retail on-sale liquor

o American Legion Post No. 39 – package off-sale liquor and retail on-sale liquor

o Ken's Food Fair – package off-sale liquor

o American Grain LLC DBA Red Horse Inn – retail on-sale liquor

o Olive Grove Golf Course – retail on-sale liquor

o Dollar General – retail on/off-sale wine and cider

o MJ's Sinclair – package off-sale liquor

• City offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 12 for Columbus Day.

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The Minnesota Vikings moved to 4-0 this season after beating the Miami Dolphins 15-10 on Sunday. Despite being one of only three teams to remain undefeated through Week 4, talk to any Vikings fan and you'd think the sky was falling. Is this team a fraudulent 4-0? Are fans too pessimistic? Let's break it down.

The Good

We have to start with the fact that this team is 4-0 this season (and has won their last nine games going back to last season). Winning is tough in the NFL, and at the end of the season they don't ask HOW you won. A team's record is all that matters when it comes to playoff seeding.

The Vikings defense is legit. I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it, because what this defense is doing is otherworldly. Through four games, the defense has only given up 51 points. That's only 12.7 points per game. The 1985 Bears, considered one of the best defenses of all time, allowed 12.4 ppg.

Minnesota's special teams have also been... well, special this season. Kick returner Myles Price was recently named the NFC Special Teams Player of the Month, and he continued playing at a high level on Sunday, averaging 35 yards per kick return and 17 yards per punt return. Kicker Will Reichard was 5/5 on field goals against the Dolphins and is 12/12 this season. (The Vikings' punt team was horrible Sunday, but we're going to conveniently forget about that, okay?)

The Bad

If “The Good” section started with the defense, then “The Bad” section must start with the offense. After putting up 39 points in Week 1 against the Packers, the Vikings’ offense has only found the end zone once in Weeks 2-4. It was easy to dismiss the poor performance in Week 2, because the Vikings were playing with their backup QB, and the weather was atrocious. Week 3 was a little concerning, but it was Kyler Murray’s first full game, so we could chalk it up to him still learning the system. But at home, against one of the worst teams in the league, we should have seen things start to click.

Injuries are starting to stack up. Kyler Murray was injured in the first quarter of Week 1. Co-starting RB Jordan Mason is on IR with a thumb injury. Superstar WR Justin Jefferson is dealing with an ankle injury. Left tackle Christian Darrisaw left the game against the Dolphins with concussion symptoms. Left guard Donovan Jackson left the game in the first quarter with a knee injury. Injuries are going to happen in the NFL, but this many, to key players, this early in the season? It's concerning.

The Verdict

So... is the sky falling? Or are fans just being too pessimistic? In my opinion, the answer lies somewhere in the middle. I'm not ready to call Kyler Murray a bust yet, and I'm certainly not grabbing my pitchfork and joining the mob calling for Kevin O'Connell to be fired. But I need to see something. The Vikings have the best defense in the NFL, an offensive-minded head coach, a Heisman-winning and former No. 1 overall pick QB, and a superstar wide receiver. This offense really needs to get on track, because even an average offense would make this team dangerous.

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to New Orleans to face the Aints Saints. (Yes, I still have not forgiven them for 2009). I'm writing this Sunday evening, so the Saints haven't played their Week 4 matchup against the Atlanta Falcons yet, but they are 1-2 entering the game. They lost to the Lions by one point in Week 1, beat the Ravens in Week 2, and lost to the Raiders in Week 3. Are the Vikings the better team who should be able to leave this game with their undefeated streak intact? Yes. Am I confident they'll pull it off? Of course not.

"Alphabet Soup: GLP-1s, DPP-4s and SGLT-2s"

Medications used to treat Type 2 diabetes have changed dramatically over the past 20 years. As our understanding of the disease has grown, scientists have learned that Type 2 diabetes is not caused by a single problem in the pancreas. Several organs and hormones play a role. E can completely add led to several new c for the enzyme, hor



Jill Kruse, DO

mones play a role. Because of this, there is no single medication that can completely address every aspect of diabetes. This research has led to several new classes of medications, many of which are named for the enzyme, hormone or pathway they target.

While you may not recognize the acronyms, you have likely seen commercials for some of these medications. Let's break down the alphabet soup and explain how they work. Although drug names can look like someone grabbed a handful of Scrabble tiles, the ending of a generic drug name often provides a clue about its class. GLP-1 medications generally end in -tide, DPP-4 medications end in -gliptin, and SGLT-2 medications end in -iflozin.

The first GLP-1 receptor agonist, exenatide (Byetta), was introduced in 2005. GLP-1 stands for glucagon-like peptide-1. These medications mimic a naturally occurring hormone called an incretin, which helps regulate blood sugar by stimulating the body to release insulin when blood sugar is elevated. They also reduce the amount of sugar released by the liver, slow digestion and increase feelings of fullness. Together, these effects can improve blood sugar control and may lead to weight loss. Other medications in this group include semaglutide (Ozempic and Wegovy), liraglutide (Victoza) and dulaglutide (Trulicity). Tirzepatide (Mounjaro and Zepbound) works on both GLP-1 and GIP pathways.

DPP-4 inhibitors were introduced in 2006, with sitagliptin (Januvia) as the first medication in the class. DPP-4 stands for dipeptidyl peptidase-4, an enzyme that breaks down incretin hormones in the body. By blocking this enzyme, these medications allow incretins to remain active longer. This helps increase insulin release and lower blood sugar. Other medications in this class include saxagliptin (Onglyza) and linagliptin (Tradjenta).

SGLT-2 inhibitors arrived in 2013, beginning with canagliflozin (Invokana). These medications lower blood sugar by helping the kidneys remove extra glucose through the urine. Because some calories are lost along with that glucose, they can also contribute to modest weight loss. However, they do not cause as much weight loss as the GLP-1s and do not cause weight loss in people without Diabetes. SGLT-2 inhibitors have also been shown to provide benefits for some people with diabetes, including reducing the risk of hospitalization for heart failure and slowing the progression of chronic kidney disease.

While all these acronyms may seem like alphabet soup, each represents a different approach to treating diabetes. Finding the medication that is right for you takes more than choosing the commercial you like best. Talk with your health care provider about your current medications, health conditions and treatment goals. Together, you can determine whether a -tide, -gliptin or -iflozin medication is right for you. Remember, there's more to staying healthy than knowing your ABCs—or your GLP-1s, DPP-4s and SGLT-2s. You do not need a prescription to stay active and eat a healthy diet, which will also help you stay healthy out there, people!

Dr. Jill Kruse is a hospitalist at the Brookings Health System and owner of Flight Time Medical in Brookings, SD. She serves as a volunteer host for the Prairie Doc® team, which is currently celebrating its 25th season of providing health education based on science and built on trust. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok to stay connected. Our programming includes the medical Q&A show On Call with the Prairie Doc® (most Thursdays at 7pm on SDPB, YouTube, and Facebook), along with two podcasts and a weekly radio program (Sundays at 6am and 1pm on SDPB).

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