

Happy Easter!  
Our Lord has risen!

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**Stations of the Cross**

The youth of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church put on the annual Stations of the Cross presentation Wednesday evening. The cast is pictured above.

In back, left to right, are Korbin Blackmun, Isaac Smith, Jordan Bjerke, Lucas Simon, Jackson Cogley as Jesus, Tristan Traphagen, Trey Gengerke, Evan Nehls and Wyatt Locke (director).

In the middle row, left to right, are Garrett Schroeder, Ashley Flihs, Caycee Schneider, Grace Wambach, Alexa Herr, Nicole Marzahn and Alexis Simon (director).

In front, left to right, are AnneMarie Smith, Alexis Hanten, Megan Flihs, Kelsie Frost, and advisors Carol and Steve Smith.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Easter Cantatas held**

Pictured in back, left to right are Bill Duncan, Adam Franken, Rick Buhler, Scott Krueger, Lowell Harms, Larry Remington, Lars Tunby, Dale Grenz, Mike Ehresmann

Second row: Deb Jacobs, JoAnne Ehresmann, Kimberly Edmunds, Jana Duncan, Glenna Remington, Joyce Grenz, (seated) Paul Perkins

Front row: Sierra Tunby, Julianna Kosel, Linda Bahr, Darinda Tunby, Ryley Harms, Nancy Cutler, Kara Jetto, (Director: Carrie Olson)

The Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church and Emmanuel Lutheran Church both held Easter Cantatas in Groton on Sunday. Pictured above is the group from the C&MA Church. They were directed by Carrie Olson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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**Groton School  
April 8, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 8, 2019

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School conference room. Members present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Pharis. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Official Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rix, second Fjelstad to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of March 11 and 25, bills and North Central Special Ed Coop agenda items. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 176,646.61; FIT - 16,527.13; Medicare - 6,673.92; FICA - 28,536.84; American Funds Service Co. - 542.80; Washington National - 98.40; SD Retirement - 29,112.94; HSA

Contribution - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,440.00; Horace Mann - 1,011.61; Thrivent - 228.90; AFLAC - 3,044.02; Delta Dental - 3,898.40; SD Supplemental Retirement - 981.19; Breit Law Office Garnishment - 626.45; Groton School Lunch Donation - 138.52; Wellmark - 59,976.00; Reliastar Life - 742.68; Avesis Vision - 240.25; A&B - staples, 259.70; Aberdeen Awards - awards, 113.50; Acme Tools - sharpening, 139.85; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 33,484.98; Allied Climate Professionals - repairs, 6,417.99; Amazon - supplies, 364.50; American Solutions - supplies, 18.35; Angela Antonson - shirts, 48.00; Cintas - rugs, 607.87; Clubhouse Hotel - rooms, 453.00; Shelley Coats - services, 840.00; Cole Papers - supplies, 117.18; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,238.00; Gabe Dohman - services, 60.00; Dollar General - supplies, 20.20; Dornie's Piano Tuning - piano tuning, 100.00; East River Plumbing - repairs, 543.15; Farnam's - break fluid, 35.99; Adam Franken - supplies, 50.80; GCR Tires - repairs, 1,203.19; Geffdog - shirts, 101.90; Groton Area - snacks, 261.18; Groton Chiropractic - physicals, 190.00; GDI - publications, 105.22; Groton Ford - repairs, 476.66; Justin Hanson - services, 20.00; Travis Hoyle - services, 210.00; Instrumentalist Awards - music, 81.00;

JW Pepper - music, 223.45; Gabriel Kjellsen - services, 80.00; Jordan Kjellsen - fee refund, 35.00; Matt Locke - services, 450.00; McLeod's - supplies, 166.32; NASSP - membership, 385.00; Gordon Nelson - services, 550.00; Wilbur Nelson - services, 200.00; Northside Implement - repairs, 1,481.86; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 5,593.89; Olive Grove - membership, 650.00; Otis Elevator - repairs, 1,260.36; Prorate Services - testing, 140.00; S&S Lumber - supplies, 145.23; Joseph Schwan - meals, 74.01; SDHSA - fees, 1,080.00; Ashlyn Sperry - services, 28.00; SW Education Services - training, 800.00; Cody Swanson - supplies, 695.98; Taylor Music - repairs, 157.60; Tom Tietz - services, 40.00; Walmart - supplies, 186.37; Andrew Wanner - services, 540.00; Martin Weismantel - services, 320.00; Jesse Zak - services, 40.00. Total General Fund - \$393,451.94.  
CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund - advanced pays, 3,388.14; Amazon - desks, 3,583.01; Connecting Point - computer items, 1,468.24; Follett - library books, 1,655.31; S&S Lumber - step stools, 19.99. Total Capital Outlay - \$10,114.69.  
SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 28,241.73; FIT - 2,163.43; Medicare - 1,041.64; FICA - 4,453.86; SD Retirement

- 4,532.84; Waddell & Reed - 200.00; AFLAC - 774.68; Delta Dental - 707.34; SD Supplemental Retirement - 100.00; Wellmark - 10,057.00; Reliastar Life - 192.37; Avesis Vision - 53.45; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 152.35; Amazon - tape, 45.77; Groton DQ - dilly bars, 27.96; Todd Peterson - meals, 19.16; Judy or Gene Williamson - mileage, 529.20. Total Special Ed - \$53,292.78.  
ENTERPRISE: Fund 51-Net Salary - 5,889.93; FIT - 336.40; Medicare - 207.98; FICA - 889.10; SD Retirement - 611.54; AFLAC - 241.12; Wellmark - 1,526.00; Reliastar Life - 3.84; Avesis Vision - 53.86; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 758.00; Cintas - cleaning, 192.37; CWD - food, 869.53; Dean Foods - milk, 889.75; Earthgrains - food, 163.56; Reinhart - food, 2,678.43; US Foods - food, 1,511.49. Total Fund 51 - \$16,822.90. Fund 53-Net Salary - 2,039.53; FIT - 108.34; Medicare - 71.26; FICA - 304.74; SDRS - 214.70; AFLAC - 163.93; Wellmark - 671.00; Reliastar Life - 16.92; Agency Fund - advanced pays, 278.07; Dollar General - supplies, 199.45. Total Fund 53 - \$4,067.94. Total Enterprise - \$20,890.84.  
AGENCY FUND: Total - \$54,226.79  
RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 136,873.55; Other Local

Sources - 84,957.90; County Sources - 3,425.74; State Sources - 68,594.78; Federal Sources - 5,796.94. Total Receipts - \$299,648.91.  
Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.  
Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve financial report, agency accounts and investments. Motion carried.  
Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to approve the school transportation report. Motion carried.  
Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve the school lunch report. Motion carried.  
Negotiation committee members reported that they are meeting with teacher negotiators Tuesday evening, April 9th.  
The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: ASBSD Annual Meeting, School Finance Meeting, school district app/website, district transportation, OST fundraiser, Kindergarten roundup and visitation, elementary track and field day, teacher evaluations, ELA curriculum review, elementary health fair, FCCLA Banquet time change, Prom, FFA Ag Fair, Spring testing, School Board Election and requisitions.

The board reviewed health insurance options for 2019-20. Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to offer the following single/family deductible plans: \$1,000/\$2,000, \$2,000/\$4,000 and \$3,000/\$6,000 HSA. Motion carried.  
Moved by Gengerke, second Fjelstad to renew ASBSD Protective Trust Agreement for Health Insurance for 2019-20. Motion carried.  
Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to renew ASBSD Protective Trust Agreement for Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2019-20. Motion carried.  
The board took a short recess at 7:52 pm and returned at 7:59 pm.  
Moved by Gengerke, second Fjelstad to go into executive session at 8:00 pm for personnel issues pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). Motion carried.  
President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:39 pm.  
Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to adjourn. Motion carried.  
M. J. Weber, Business Manager Steven R. Smith, President  
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.  
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MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6  
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending March 31, 2019

|                                | General Fund        | Restricted Gen Funds | Capital Outlay      | Special Education | Pension Fund  | Bond Redemption   | Capital Projects    | Enterprise Fund   | Agency Fund       | Total for District  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1. Beginning Balance</b>    | <b>897,628.74</b>   | <b>32,052.21</b>     | <b>489,434.08</b>   | <b>12,306.23</b>  | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>134,552.63</b> | <b>1,314,764.45</b> | <b>48,128.70</b>  | <b>247,806.64</b> | <b>3,176,673.68</b> |
| a. cash                        | 897,628.74          | 32,052.21            | 489,434.08          | 12,306.23         | 0.00          | 134,552.63        | 1,314,764.45        | 48,128.70         | 247,806.64        | 3,176,673.68        |
| b. petty cash                  | 0.00                | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00          | 0.00              | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| <b>2. Transfers in</b>         |                     |                      |                     |                   |               |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |
| <b>3. Revenue to date</b>      | <b>3,008,396.10</b> | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>905,319.54</b>   | <b>544,337.64</b> | <b>580.85</b> | <b>127,899.86</b> | <b>0.00</b>         | <b>215,449.28</b> | <b>678,730.30</b> | <b>5,480,713.57</b> |
| <b>4. Total accounted for</b>  | <b>3,906,024.84</b> | <b>32,052.21</b>     | <b>1,394,753.62</b> | <b>556,643.87</b> | <b>580.85</b> | <b>262,452.49</b> | <b>1,314,764.45</b> | <b>263,577.98</b> | <b>926,536.94</b> | <b>8,657,387.25</b> |
| <b>5. Transfers out</b>        |                     |                      |                     |                   |               |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |
| <b>6. Expenditures to date</b> | <b>3,234,109.59</b> | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>1,182,474.94</b> | <b>508,177.66</b> | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>210,266.25</b> | <b>282,401.10</b>   | <b>229,334.49</b> | <b>706,205.86</b> | <b>6,352,969.89</b> |
| a. encumbrances                | 0.00                | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00          | 0.00              | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| b. disbursements               | 3,234,109.59        | 0.00                 | 1,182,474.94        | 508,177.66        | 0.00          | 210,266.25        | 282,401.10          | 229,334.49        | 706,205.86        | 6,352,969.89        |
| <b>7. Ending Balance</b>       | <b>671,915.25</b>   | <b>32,052.21</b>     | <b>212,278.68</b>   | <b>48,466.21</b>  | <b>580.85</b> | <b>52,186.24</b>  | <b>1,032,363.35</b> | <b>34,243.49</b>  | <b>220,531.08</b> | <b>2,304,617.36</b> |
| a. checking                    | 671,915.25          | 32,052.21            | 212,278.68          | 48,466.21         | 580.85        | 52,186.24         | 1,032,363.35        | 34,243.49         | 220,331.08        | 2,304,417.36        |
| b. petty cash                  | (0.00)              | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00          | 0.00              | 0.00                | 0.00              | 200.00            | 200.00              |
| March Receipts                 | 140,664.20          | 0.00                 | 43,493.91           | 23,722.63         | 0.15          | 4,142.78          | 0.00                | 19,100.45         | 68,524.79         | 299,648.91          |
| March Expenses                 | 393,032.24          | 0.00                 | 7,760.68            | 89,861.30         | 0.00          | 0.00              | (13,531.40)         | 25,233.22         | 54,226.79         | 556,582.83          |
| Agency Checking                | 220,331.08          |                      |                     |                   |               |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |
| District Checking              | 2,084,086.28        |                      |                     |                   |               |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |
| Certificate of Deposit         | 0.00                |                      |                     |                   |               |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |
| Agency Cash on Hand            | 200.00              |                      |                     |                   |               |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |
| <b>Total all Funds</b>         | <b>2,304,617.36</b> |                      |                     |                   |               |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |

**Groton Area Third Quarter Honor Roll**

**Seniors**

4.0 GPA: Taylor Holm, Kaitlyn Kassube, Kylie Kassube, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson, Jillian Barton, Cassandra Townsend, Kaitlyn Anderson, Alexis Simon, Samantha Geffre, Samantha Menzia

3.99-3.50: Ashley Garduno, Miranda Hanson, Alexa Hickenbotham, Micah Poor, Devan Howard, Tylan Glover, Jennie Doeden, Payton Maine

3.49-3.00: Brandon Gackle, Portia Kettering, Jeremy Johnson, Wyatt Locke, Shannon Wiedrick, Shyla Larson, Korbin Blackmun, Emily Blocker, Josie LaMee

**Juniors**

4.0 GPA: Kaycie Hawkins, Kaylin Kucker, KaSandra Pappas, Nicole Marzahn

3.99-3.50: Jaime Ruiz de Medina Maroto, Indigo Rogers, Kayla Jensen, Payton Colestock, Tady Glover, Benjamin Higgins, Madeline Schuelke

3.49-3.00: Kya Jandel, Caitlynn Barse, Rylee Rosenau

**Sophomores**

4.0 GPA: Samantha Pappas, Alexis Hanten, Hailey Monson, Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen

3.99-3.50: Sage Mortenson, Grace Wambach, Alexa Herr, Tanae Lipp, Steven Paulson, Jasmine Gengerke, Alyssa Fordham, Grace Wiedrick, Regan Leicht, Paloma Fernandez Gonzalez, Tessa Erdmann, Brooklyn Gilbert, Dragr Monson, Braden Freeman

3.49-3.00: Kannon Coats, Trey Gengerke, Alex Morris, Eh Tha You Say

**Freshmen**

4.0 GPA: Madeline Fliehs, Allyssa Locke, Stella Meier

3.99-3.50: Travis Townsend, Trista Keith, Seth

Johnson, Madisen Bjerke, Jordan Bjerke, Pierce Kettering, Kansas Kroll

3.49-3.00: Landon Kokales, Alexander Dutchuk, Jace Kroll, Julianna Kosel, Lane Krueger, Kennedy Anderson, Rease Jandel

**Eighth Grade**

4.0 GPA: None  
3.99-3.50: Jackson Dinger, Elliana Weismantel, Caleb Hanten, Jacob Lewandowski, Kaleb Antonsen, Ethan Clark, Cadance Tullis, Carter Barse, Aspen Johnson, Cole Bisbee, Brenna Carda, Isaac Higgins, Brooke Gengerke

3.49-3.00: Sierra Ehresmann, Shallyn Foertsch, Cade Larson, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon, Tate Larson, Gracie Traphagen, Jacelynn Gleason, Shaylee Peterson, Porter Johnson, Jackson Bahr, KayLynn Overacker, Marlee Tollifson, Hollie Frost

**Seventh Grade**

4.0 GPA: None  
3.99-3.50: Emily Clark, Claire Heinrich, Hannah Monson, Holden Sippel, Jaycie Lier, Emma Schinkel, Lydia Meier, Dillon Abeln, Ashlyn Sperry, Anna Fjeldheim, Lexi Osterman, Kyleigh Englund, Sara Menzia, Bradin Althoff

3.49-3.00: Abigail Jensen, Anna Bisbee, Cadance Feist, Faith Fliehs, Camryn Kurtz, Karsyn Jangula, Colby Dunker, Lane Tietz, Shea Jandel, Sydney Leicht

**Sixth Grade**

4.0 GPA: None  
3.99-3.50: Gretchen Dinger, Axel Warrington, Payton Mitchell, Elizabeth Fliehs, Blake Dennert  
3.49-3.00: Alexis Geffre, Ashlyn Feser, Blake Pauli, Rebecca Poor, Jeslyn Kosel, Turner Thompson

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## Police agencies in South Dakota struggle to recruit, retain officers

By: Bart Pfankuch

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Law enforcement agencies across South Dakota and the nation are struggling to find enough qualified people to serve as police officers, potentially putting the safety of the public and existing on-duty officers at risk.

Recruitment challenges and difficulty in retaining officers have caused some departments to endure reduced officer counts at a time when populations are increasing. That can mean fewer officers on the road or less efficiency among officers who are forced to work long hours to pick up the slack.

The decline in applicants, experts say, is due to a combination of relatively low pay, high stress and danger on the job, increased training and certification requirements and general disinterest in policing among recent college and technical school graduates.

Retention challenges, particularly in small, rural departments in South Dakota, are being driven by a historically low overall unemployment rate, a lack of opportunities for career advancement, and long workdays and on-call periods that intrude on living a full life away from the job.

Hovering over the hiring challenges is a negative public discourse on social media, about policing, driven by fallout from highly publicized, videotaped incidents of police misconduct and resulting national protests.

Nationally, the number of full-time sworn officers on duty fell by 11 percent from 1997 to 2016 as a rate per 1,000 residents, according to the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics. Urban departments are seeing the biggest decline in officer applications; the city of Seattle, for example, saw a 90 percent decline in applicants over the past decade.

South Dakota agencies face similar challenges. The Sioux Falls Police Department received 634 applications for open officer jobs in 2010, but only 373 applications during a 12-month period in 2018-19, a 41 percent decline.

Meanwhile, the number of officers in Sioux Falls has not kept up with the population. From 2010 to 2019, the number of officers on duty rose by 13.5 percent while the population rose by 21.4 percent.

"Everybody nationwide has challenges in that way, just because of the unique people you're looking for and because they're not out there in the numbers we would like," said Lt. Toby Benson, head of recruitment for the Sioux Falls Police Department. "What we're trying to do is find the right people because obviously law enforcement is a very specific skill set, and it's not right for everybody."

Officer pay has risen steadily in South Dakota over the past decade, with most agencies paying about \$40,000 to \$48,000 a year to start with full benefits. The statewide average salary for all jobs is about \$41,000, though not many career fields carry the dangers of police work.

Larger departments typically have enough officers to handle fluctuations in hiring without great risk. But smaller South Dakota agencies — including 34 sheriff's offices with four deputies or fewer and 19 cities with only one or two officers — are less able to maintain service levels when staffing falls short.

Recruitment efforts have been heightened in recent years to find more applicants overall but also more women and minorities interested in

the field.

Administrators from departments both large and small emphasize, however, that police agencies are increasing training and certification standards and not lowering them in order to lure more applicants. They also stress that public safety remains paramount whether they are fully staffed or have open positions.

"Even with the number of individuals we're down right now, we're still able to provide an adequate level of safety for the citizens of South Dakota and those traveling through our state," said Lt. Randi Erickson, director of training and professional standards for the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

### Little leeway for small departments



**Eight new Sioux Falls Police Department officers took part in a swearing-in process led by Judge Susan Sabers in 2017. Photo: Courtesy of Sioux Falls Police Department**

If the number of officers on a police force falls too low, the safety of the public and the on-duty officers can be threatened, particularly in small departments that cover large swaths of geography.

Years ago, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in northwestern South Dakota had nearly two dozen certified law enforcement officers on its force. Now, due to funding reductions and difficulty in hiring qualified applicants, the force is down to about 10 officers, according to Capt. Joe Brings Plenty of the Cheyenne River tribal law enforcement agency.

At times, that means only two or three officers are on patrol and responding to calls on the reservation of about 4,300 square miles and roughly 18,000 residents.

"If we have events coming up, we can prepare, but if it's just a shift and something is happening and the officer needs help, that's a huge safety factor," Brings Plenty said.

Officers in the small tribal agency, with its headquarters in Eagle Butte, are often on-call to respond while off duty, adding to stress and pressure on officers and making the job less desirable to new recruits.

"Our funding source has shrunk and our population has grown," Brings Plenty said. "Even though we have a smaller town, we take an enormous number of calls."

The instantaneous and expansive reach of social media can hurt a police agency's reputation and morale if someone is unhappy how an incident played out, Brings Plenty said.

"With social media, if somebody isn't happy, they're going to let the world know they're unhappy," he said.

The complaints, whether founded or unfounded, can tarnish an agency's reputation in the community and hurt recruitment, especially in a department seeking to build its force by hiring mostly local candidates.

The Cheyenne River force looks to its corrections staff, including workers at its detention facility, as a sort of farm club for future patrol

officers. Leaders in the agency also reach out to children and youth at career days and other events to gain the trust of young people and hopefully spark an interest in a career in law enforcement, Brings Plenty said.

"Some of the youth that you meet out there, they're intrigued with law enforcement, the idea of it," he said. "The little ones, they want you to put on your lights and sirens. It shows them what we do, and they get to meet the officers on a more human level."

"They've built up something in their head and this is what it's like and what I want to do, but when they see the daily grind and experience what we do with the stresses and the long hours, it's not always what they thought."

- Lt. Toby Benson, head of recruitment, Sioux Falls Police Department

### Small staffs juggle stressful situations

According to the 2018 crime report released recently by the state Attorney General's Office, staffing surveys show several South Dakota agencies have limited officer counts at any given time.

The cities of Avon, Beresford, Kadoka, Kimball, Lake Norden, Menno, Murdo, Platte, Scotland and Tripp have only one officer. Municipal forces with only two officers include Alcester, Clark, Eagle Butte, Jefferson, Faith, Freeman, Parkston, Philip and Tyndall, according to the report.

Finding qualified applicants to fill positions in remote rural areas is difficult and having a single opening on a small force can dramatically affect the safety of the community and the officers themselves.

Jeremy Wellnitz, chief of police in Clark, S.D., is one of two full-time officers in the city of about 1,050 people located 30 miles west of Watertown. Even with two officers and a pair of part-time officers who help out on weekends, providing 24-hour police service puts a great burden on Wellnitz and his full-time colleague.

On a recent day, Wellnitz took his first call at 3:51 a.m. and didn't return home until 4 p.m. During a phone call with a reporter, a trespassing complaint came in and Wellnitz got back in his patrol car and responded to the incident.

He said it is a challenge to find a qualified applicant willing to move to Clark for a \$40,000-a-year salaried position that requires 12 to 14 hours a day on patrol and also to be on call almost constantly when not on duty.

One major drawback of small forces is that it is nearly impossible for a full-time officer to go on vacation. "That's one major downfall in a small department," he said.

After leaving many hours of vacation time on the table in recent years, Wellnitz said the Clark City Council agreed to pay up to 40 hours of lost vacation time each year to its officers.

But the extra pay doesn't reduce stress the way a vacation could, Wellnitz said. "I'd rather take a vacation and spend some time away to refresh and regroup," he said.

The challenge of recruiting a qualified officer will soon become real for Wellnitz as he prepares for the departure of the other full-time officer who will be deployed for about a year with the Army Reserves.

In addition to the typical recruiting challenges, Willnitz faces the hurdle of finding a qualified candidate willing to move there for

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only a 1-year stint.

If he can't hire someone, Wellnitz assumes he will be working more hours than ever during his colleague's deployment.

"I could try to hire somebody, but I could only have them for basically a year, and nobody wants to come out to Clark to work for just one year," Wellnitz said.



Police agencies across the state are finding it difficult to recruit and retain qualified employees to respond to incidents such as this one in Hughes County. Photo: Courtesy of Pierre Capital Journal

## Recruiting hard, seeking diversity

Benson, head of recruiting for Sioux Falls police, said the department aggressively recruits new officers throughout the year.

The department, which has 260 officers and is fully staffed at 269, has about 20 employees who visit colleges and technical schools about three times a month to meet with potential officer candidates in classes or at educational seminars. A few times a year the recruiters, who are full-time patrol or administrative officers, also attend job fairs to find candidates, mainly targeting Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. A main goal is to meet candidates in person to answer their questions but also to sell the idea of working in the agency and living in Sioux Falls.

Recent graduates or late-stage college or tech school students take a different approach to a job hunt than candidates in the past. These days, Benson said, officer candidates want information about the job but also the community where they will live and specifics about opportunities for career advancement or specialties such as detective work or handling dogs.

"The younger people now are looking at communities more than they did before... they're asking, 'What do you have to offer?'" Benson said. "They're looking for a place to live primarily and then they think about work."

Benson said the best officer candidates see policing as a calling or a mission to help others and keep communities safe, but that isn't always the case.

"There's been a mindset shift," said Benson, a native of Sioux Falls. "When I started 24 years ago, this was one of those dream jobs. It was what you wanted to do and all you thought about. But people now aren't as sure if it's what they want to do."

Retaining officers has also become a challenge for many departments and is one major cause of the overall officer shortage.

"They've built up something in their head and this is what it's like and what I want to do, but when they see the daily grind and experience what we do with the stresses and the long hours, it's not always what they thought," said Benson.

Erickson, the highway patrol lieutenant, said potential hires generally ask three questions: how much is the pay, what shifts will they work and where will they have to live. Most candidates want to live in populated areas with more services, he said.

Even with aggressive recruiting, the agency is unable to reach full staffing, Erickson said.

According to the 2018 state crime report, the department at the time of its survey had 181 patrol officers. The fully budgeted patrol staff would be 193.

Brendyn Medina, spokesperson for the Rapid City Police Department, said the agency is generally able to hire enough people to compensate for retirements and the normal turnover of officers.

"We do a pretty good job on trying to stay on top of our number," Medina said. "But over the years, we've had to think a little more creatively to try in our recruitment efforts to garner interest in the law enforcement field."

Recent efforts include more aggressive attempts to attract officer candidates who reflect the diversity of the community, which mostly means trying to recruit women and Native Americans.

In mid-March, the department hosted a recruitment event called Strong{HER} focused on educating potential female candidates about police work and employment opportunities.

Along with the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, the Rapid City Police Department also participates in the Akicita Mentorship Program that pairs working officers with Native American students in the criminal justice program at Western Dakota Tech.

The intent of Akicita — the Lakota word for "soldier" or "warrior" — is to heighten interest in law enforcement among Native Americans while building relationships between police agencies and Rapid City's largest minority population.

The program has seen some early success, as have efforts to lure more women into policing, said Peter Ragnone, criminal justice program director at WDT.

Women made up about half of the fall 2018 class of new enrollees in criminal justice at the technical school, he said.

Ragnone, who spent about 25 years on the Rapid City police force, said that when he was hired as an officer in 1991 more than 100 people applied for about five openings, a ratio of 20 applicants for one job.

Now, he said, the agency and others in South Dakota typically see about only three applicants for each open officer position.



**Despite challenges in recruiting, South Dakota police agencies continue to hire and train new recruits. In this photo from March, new Sioux Falls Police Department officers Carter Hand, Nery Garcia, and Vivek Shrestha are shown upon completion of their academy training in Pierre.** Photo: Courtesy of Sioux Falls Police Department

## Battling distrust of the profession

Ragnone said the typical turnover rate among the state's roughly 1,700 law enforcement officers is about 10 percent per year. The high rate puts great pressure on departments statewide, especially those with larger forces, to fill those 170 positions just to keep up.

Enrollment in the WDT justice program has been steady, with about 50 new students in fall 2018, Ragnone said.

Still, those and others who seek to become certified in law enforcement at colleges and tech schools cannot meet the increasing demand caused by rising population and a growing population of officers reaching retirement age, Ragnone said.

"Our program numbers are good; larger than

what we see in recent years, but the demand also has increased, and the demand is more than what our program alone could supply," he said. "It is definitely what we would call an applicant's market because of the opportunities."

National experts and some police officials in South Dakota say interest in becoming an officer was dampened by the recent spate of high-profile incidents in which police officers have become embroiled in use-of-force and racial controversies or have been videotaped beating or killing unarmed citizens.

Ragnone said he discusses those events with his students who often see those incidents as caused by poor decision making on the part of an individual officer and not as a larger trend in policing.

"My students seem to think that these are individual decisions, and whether an officer is a hero or a heel is based on decisions that the officer made on their own," Ragnone said.

However, the vilification of officers and distrust in some communities has likely lowered the interest in law enforcement as a career for some young people, said David McNeil, chief of the Aberdeen Police Department and president of the South Dakota Police Chiefs' Association.

"I can see that some people would have an apprehension about going into law environment because of those very publicized national incidents, those tragic situations that have occurred," McNeil said. "If people have a limited connection or frame of view or understanding of what police do, maybe they would be less inclined to explore this career, or parents might try to persuade their recent college graduate to look somewhere other than law enforcement."

When McNeil entered law enforcement 27 years ago, an open position as a patrol officer would attract up to 250 applications from people eager to be an officer.

"In recent years, we have had the jobs open until filled, so somebody can come in off the street and start the process," McNeil said.

McNeil and others say a quick solution to the officer shortage is unlikely, so they stress to front-line officer that every interaction with a citizen is a chance to form a lasting positive impression that could pay off through increased officer applications down the road.

"In general, we have to do a better job of showing our communities what their law enforcement agencies do for them" McNeil said. "What are our operations, our strategies and our philosophies to explain our mission and be better connected."

Many agencies are using social media to reach out to the public to show the positive sides of policing, McNeil said.

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# Claremont Town Resolution 211

## Loan Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 211

RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO CERTAIN SEWER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; GIVING APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A REVENUE BOND TO FINANCE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE REVENUE BOND AND PLEDGING PROJECT REVENUES AND COLLATERAL TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND; AND CREATING SPECIAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND AND PROVIDING FOR A SEGREGATED SPECIAL CHARGE OR SURCHARGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town as follows:

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

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

"Loan" means the Loan made by the South Dakota Conservancy District to the Town pur-

suant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and as evidenced by the Revenue Bond.

"Project" means the Town of Claremont Wastewater Improvements.

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

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

SECTION 2. Declaration of Necessity and Findings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.1. Authorization of Loan. The Town hereby determines and declares it necessary to finance up to \$1,832,000 of the costs of the Project through the issuance of bonds payable from the revenue of the Project and other funds secured by the Town. The Town hereby determines that because the Revenue Bond is issued in connection with a financing agreement described in SDCL 46A-1-49, pursuant to Section 15 of the Act no election is required to issue the Revenue Bond.

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

any interested party.

3.3. Approval of Revenue Bond. The issuance of a revenue bond in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,832,000 as determined according to the Loan Agreement in the form and content set forth in Appendix B attached to the form of Loan Agreement (the "Revenue Bond") shall be and the same is, in all respects, hereby authorized, approved, and confirmed and the President, Finance Officer, and other appropriate officials shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and seal the Revenue Bond and deliver the Revenue Bond to the District, for and on behalf of the Town, upon receipt of the purchase price, and to use the proceeds thereof in the manner set forth in the Loan Agreement. The President and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to approve the final terms of the Revenue Bond and their execution and delivery thereof shall evidence that approval. The Revenue Bond shall be issued under the authority of SDCL Chapter 9-40 and SDCL Chapter 6-8B, and the provisions of the Act are hereby expressly incorporated herein as provided in Section 19 of the Act.

3.4. Pledge of Revenues. The Revenue Bond together with the interest thereon, shall not constitute a charge against the Town's general credit or taxing power, but shall be a limited obligation of the Town payable solely out of the Project Debt Service Account, which payments, revenues and receipts are hereby and in the Loan Agreement pledged and assigned for the equal and ratable payments of the Revenue Bond and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay the principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond, except as may be otherwise expressly authorized in the Loan Agreement (including the purpose of securing Additional Bonds issued as permitted by the terms thereof). The Town covenants and agrees to charge rates for all services from the Project or establish special charges or surcharges which will be sufficient to provide for the payments upon the Revenue Bond issued hereunder as and when the same become due, and as may be necessary to provide for the operation and maintenance and repairs of the Project, and depreciation, and the Rate Resolution shall be revised from time to time so as to produce these amounts. The Town hereby reserves the right to determine on a periodic basis the appropriate allocation of operation and maintenance expenses, depreciation, repair and reserves associated with the facilities financed with the Revenue Bond, provided that such determination of allocable operation and maintenance expenses shall in no event abrogate, abridge or otherwise contravene the covenant of the Town set forth in this Section 3 or any other covenant or agreement in the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 4. Special Charge or Surcharge for Revenue Bond.

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

4.2. Rates and collection. The rate herein specific will be collected as a special charge or surcharge for the Project. This

special charge or surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the Revenue Bond is defeased or paid in full.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6.3. Depreciation Account. There shall be established a General Depreciation Account. Out

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. Approval of Paying Agent/Registrar. The Revenue Bond shall be payable at the office of The First National Bank in Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, hereby designated as paying agent and registrar.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10.4. The Town covenants and agrees with the District and

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

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

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

SECTION 13. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution, the Loan Agreement, the Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution or said Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document.

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

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

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

Adopted at Claremont, South Dakota, this 4th day of April, 2019.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Shane Johnson  
President  
(SEAL)  
Attest: /s/ Charla Rye  
Finance Officer  
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## Brown County April 9, Consolidated Equalization

APRIL 9, 2019 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Members of the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School District 6-1 organized themselves as the 2019 Consolidated Board of Equalization, in accordance with SDCL 10-11-66 at 1:00 P.M. on April 9, 2019 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Oaths of Office were taken by Commissioners Duane Sutton, Doug Fjeldheim, Rachel Kippley, Aberdeen School Board Member Duane Alm and Aberdeen Mayor Mike Levsen. Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke and Appraisers Russell Metz, Barry Kusler and Joe Kraft were also in attendance. Auditor Cathy McNickle called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Sutton nominated Commissioner Fjeldheim as Chairman for the 2019 Consolidated Board of Equalization. Moved by Alm, seconded by Kippley that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Fjeldheim for Chairman of the 2019 Consolidated Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPEALS:** Moved by Levsen, seconded by Alm to approve the following recommendation from the Director of Equalization: Aberdeen City #32 Jerome Wahl on Lt 7 Burrish SD LT 10 Piersons SD SE 18-123-63 from \$128,244 to \$48,435; Darrell Phillips on N 19.5' LT 12 & S 30.5' LT 11 BK 22 Simmons 1st Add from \$128,686 to \$121,906; Jade Weideman on LT 23-24 BK 41 Hagerty & Lloyd Add from \$107,860 to \$55,000; Dennis Curry on LT 1 BK 4 Garden Park Add from \$87,967 to \$82,340; Jon Malsom Rentals on LT 3 Henry Millers RLP LT 11-12 BK 19 Thomas Add from \$97,187 to \$55,000; Cheryl Severance on N 32' LT 5 Petersons RPL BK 14 West Hill Add from \$75,536 to \$49,070; Diana Binfet on N 4.5' LT 1 BK 15 Garden Park Add & 66' V/S; Carrols Rental Properties on LT 6 EX E 50' BK 15 Simmons 1st Add from \$101,730 to \$16,436; Jordan McQuillen on LT 2 BK 4 HAPI 3rd Central SD W2 NE 30-123-63 from \$154,564 to \$136,522; Rocksetp Aberdeen LLC on \$5,935,056 to \$3,903,324; Teton Development LT 3 Teton Development 1st SD SW 17-123-63 from \$481,336 to \$114,184; LT 2 Teton Development 1st SD SW 17-123-63 from \$752,825 to \$650,920; Herman Properties LLC on W 68' LT 2 BK 4 College SD of BK 8-11 Simmons 1st Add from \$122,681 to \$107,000; Northern Commons LLC on LT 1 Corrective McDonald 2nd Cons Add from \$1,571,812 to \$1,238,524; State street Commons LLC on LT 1 Old Parks & Recreation Add from \$2,157,853 to \$1,802,463; to maintain equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RECESS:** The Chair declared the Board of Equalization recessed until 1:00 p.m. on April 23, 2019. Cathy McNickle – Brown County Auditor  
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## Frederick Town April 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick  
April 2019 Minutes

Frederick Town Board meeting was held Monday night, April 8, 2019, in the Frederick Community Center. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman R. Scott Campbell at 7 PM. Attending with the Chairman were Board Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine and Finance Officer Diane Bruns.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The Financials including revised March Financials were approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The Accounts Payable and Revised March A/P were approved with a motion by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**  
JHC Service, LLC plow trk Sts \$327.30; Aberdeen Security upgrade PC FO \$149; Badger Meter fees Wtr \$115.70; Community Store sup FO \$10.88; D. Bruns wage CC \$144.99;

D. Bruns, exp FO/CC \$58.46; D. Bruns wage+mtgs+mileage FO \$1495.47; Dependable Sanitation, Inc. 1st Qtr pick-up Garb \$4237; Ellendale True Value sup Wtr \$10.78; FDC Econ Dev Econ Dev \$1200; FU Oil Co propane Mun Bldg \$644.87; G. Schlosser wage+mtgs Gen'l \$69.26; GDI legals Gen'l \$103.28; I. Morlock snow removal Mun Bldg \$50; JC Campbell, Inc. city insurances Gen'l \$7138; JVT phones, services Gen'l/FO/Wtr/Gen'l \$374.01; M. Cox wage EBL \$511.40; M. Heine wage+mtgs FO \$899.41; MDU elect Mun

Bldg/Wtr/BP/SP/Swr/St/EBL \$1146.16; Menard's sup Wtr \$439.09; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$445.40; R. Bakeberg VA Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; RS Campbell wage Gen'l \$46.17; SD Dept of Rev lab Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$78.54; T. Millard wage+mtgs Gen'l \$69.26; T. Millard exp Wtr \$164.86; US Treasury 941 1st Qtr Employer Tax Cem/Gen'l/EBL/FO/CC/St/Wtr/Swr \$2339.24; USDA-RD AP Water loan Wtr Rpr \$475; WEB Water Water 469,700 gallons \$2473.70. Total A/P \$25,307.23.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg was absent from meeting due to manning the pump at the Lagoon from the flooding of the Maple River. All the Board Members have been taking their turns. Chairman Campbell reported cells 1 and 2 are down.

No one present from Frederick Forward. Bill was presented that had been sent for the FYI. It was agreed to keep supporting the FYI and donate \$1000 to its' costs. The Board also agreed to pay for 2 dumpsters during Day of Champions on April 27. Motion made by SC/GS. Motion Carried.

Emma Burnham Library is celebrating 'National Library Week' this week. An Open House will be held Friday, April 12, at the library from 1:30-5 PM.

No representation from EBL or FDC.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** included discussion on Wastewater Project which is waiting for note to get set up after release of funds. The FO is going to do ongoing checking into One Call. It was noted Windows 7 will not be updated after the end of this year.

### NEW BUSINESS

A Special Meeting was set for April 22, 2019, at 7 PM in the Community Center to review the Annual Report, Revenue/Expenditure Report and any other business that may need discussion. Motion made by TM/SC. Motion Carried.

The EBL 1st Quarter Report was accepted with a motion by TM/SC. Motion Carried.

Surplus equipment tabled. Brown County Risk Map flooding discussed as was the SD Drinking Water/DENR Flood Response letter.

Troy and Scott will be attending a meeting in Aberdeen Friday morning, April 12, to discuss Main Street.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Gave Midco permission to lay cable in Frederick per their contract.

Credits will be applied to those whom have been without water due to frozen valves. One customer will be credited for electricity used from her apartment.

No credit to customers for personal needs.

Blading of streets was discussed and Gary is contacting maintenance contractor.

Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine will be attending SD Govt Finance Officer's School in Sioux Falls June 12-14.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2019, 7 PM, Frederick Community Center. Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer

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## Frederick School April 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

APRIL 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order on April 8, 2019, at 7:00pm by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Alex Hart, Dan Nickelson and Jon Ellwein. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public were allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 18-129 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Enter Richard Achen at 7:01pm.

Action 18-130 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held March 11, 2019; March 2019 financial report, agency accounts and investments; District bills and March 2019 payroll. All aye, carried.

| Ending March 31, 2019            | GENERAL FUND | CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND | SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND | PENSION FUND | FOODDRIVERS ED SERVICE FUND | TRUST & AGENCY |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Beginning checking Balance ..... | \$146,684.81 | \$346,251.72        | \$651,469.80           | \$7,798.67   | \$2,025.96                  | \$96.38        |
| Revenue: .....                   |              |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| Taxes.....                       | \$28,627.24  | \$24,172.74         | \$16,149.60            |              |                             |                |
| Local Sources.....               | \$225.22     |                     |                        |              | \$3,630.80                  | \$3,413.54     |
| Interest .....                   | \$38.74      |                     |                        |              |                             | \$2.23         |
| Federal & State .....            | \$73,244.29  |                     | \$222.31               |              | \$2,905.79                  |                |
| Total Revenue .....              | \$102,135.49 | \$24,172.74         | \$16,371.91            | \$0.00       | \$6,536.59                  | \$3,415.77     |
| Disbursements .....              |              |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| Bills.....                       | \$19,871.79  | \$50,810.74         | \$9,807.43             |              | \$4,164.13                  | \$12,405.23    |
| Payroll.....                     | \$121,300.86 |                     | \$14,790.67            |              | \$3,767.61                  |                |
| Total Disbursements .....        | \$141,172.65 | \$50,810.74         | \$24,598.10            | \$0.00       | \$7,931.74                  | \$12,405.23    |
| Transfers.....                   |              |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| Transfer-Gen Fund to             |              |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| Food Service .....               | (\$2,000.00) |                     |                        |              | \$2,000.00                  |                |
| Transfer-Gen Fund to             |              |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| Drivers Education .....          | (\$700.00)   |                     |                        |              |                             | \$700.00       |
| Transfer to investments.....     |              |                     | (\$500,000.00)         |              |                             |                |
| Transfer-Cap Outlay to           |              |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| Gen Fund.....                    | \$150,000.00 | (\$150,000.00)      |                        |              |                             |                |
| Transfer-Gate Revenue            |              |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| to Gen Fund.....                 | \$8,005.00   |                     |                        |              |                             | (\$8,005.00)   |
| Total Net Transfers.....         | \$155,305.00 | (\$150,000.00)      | (\$500,000.00)         | \$0.00       | \$2,000.00                  | \$700.00       |
| Total checking balance.....      | \$262,952.65 | \$169,613.72        | \$143,243.61           | \$7,798.67   | \$2,630.81                  | \$796.38       |
| Beginning investment balance ..  | \$358,494.60 | \$1,493,634.20      | \$456,175.05           | \$45,189.23  |                             | \$42,176.71    |
| Interest .....                   | \$10,232.90  |                     |                        |              |                             |                |
| Transfer from checking .....     |              |                     | \$500,000.00           |              |                             |                |
| Total investment balance.....    | \$368,727.50 | \$1,493,634.20      | \$956,175.05           | \$45,189.23  |                             |                |
| Ending Balance.....              | \$631,680.15 | \$1,663,247.92      | \$1,099,418.66         | \$52,987.90  | \$2,630.81                  | \$796.38       |

March 2019 Payroll – General Fund salaries 70,616.45; Special Education salaries 9,427.42; Food Service salaries 1,867.95. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 21,477.69; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 837.01; American Funds, retirement 1,115.50; Delta Dental, insurance 1,612.74; Express Collections, garnishment 431.92; Reliastar Life, insurance 261.78; Security Benefits, retirement 417.50; VSP, vision insurance 270.28; Wellmark, health insurance 18,640.00, SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.50.

General Fund: All Partitions & Parts, repairs 93.25; Ag-tegra, gasoline/diesel 4,302.73; Amazon, supplies 51.48; Brown County Treasurer, property taxes-home 1,334.38; Bytespeed LLC, repairs 50.00; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 736.62; Community Store, supplies 20.43; CWD, FFVP 394.74; Dakota Electronics,

alarm maintenance 60.00; Division of Criminal Investigation, background check 43.25; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 841.19; GDI News, publishing 261.53; Holiday Station Stores, gasoline 21.81; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 252.67; Johnson Controls, HVAC service contract 11,380.65; Jostens Inc, graduation supplies 142.40; JW Pepper & Son Inc, supplies 84.98; Kessler's, supplies 90.99; Leola School District, North Border cost share 1,049.00; Mac's Inc, repairs 80.02; Main Street Station, cell phone/repairs 385.00; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, check blanks/election supplies 282.76; Menards, supplies 298.76; Merchant Services, lunch payment fees 28.81; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 536.22; Midstates Group, track banner 252.50; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electricity 3,548.66; O'Reilly Auto Parts, repairs 14.80; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 128.35; Podoll, Lance, mileage 211.68; Ramkota Hotel, hotel 300.00; Running Supply Inc, supplies 65.21; School Specialty, supplies 10.27; SD High School Activities Association, participation fees 660.00; SDCA, conference registration fee 300.00; Sportboardz, track record board 715.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 200.68; Trust & Agency Account, Imprest 486.00; Tschosik, Paula, Family Fun Night supplies 489.70; United States Postal Service, postage 11.62. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, printer contract 630.34;

contract for Jeff Kosters at \$4,772.07. All aye, carried.

Action 18-132 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to approve 2019 Drama Club advisor contract for Jessica Ringgenberg at \$1,243.52. All aye, carried.

Action 18-133 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to surplus the previous set of girls' basketball uniforms and place a value of \$25 per set – which includes both light and dark tops and bottoms, and \$10 per jersey for those that do not have a matching pair, and authorize the Business Manager to dispose of the items. All aye, carried.

Action 18-134 Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District does authorize membership in the South Dakota Activities Association for 2019-2020. Ellwein-yes, Achen-yes, Schlosser-yes, Nickelson-yes, Hart-yes. Carried.

Mrs. Ringgenberg presented applications received for the Stevens and Gelling scholarships. Recipients were selected based on application criteria. Awardees will be announced at Awards Night in May.

Action 18-135 Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District does authorize participation in the Associated School Boards Protective Trust Workers' Compensation Fund. Ellwein-yes, Achen-yes, Schlosser-yes, Nickelson-yes, Hart-yes. Carried.

Action 18-136 Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Edu-

the school to make changes to some Trust & Agency accounts, including the FYI account. She explained the plans to close out the FYI account and transfer fiscal responsibilities to Frederick Forward.

Mr. Kosters invited Mr. Jason Boddicker from Johnson Controls by telephone to discuss options to update the fire alarm system. Mr. Boddicker will obtain quotes for panel and device replacement that will be presented at the May meeting. No action taken.

Action 18-140 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to enter into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (2) personnel matters at 8:13pm. All aye, carried.

President Schlosser declared board out of executive session at 10:11pm.

Action 18-141 Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to approve the 2019-2020 Negotiated Agreement. All aye, carried.

Exit Jessica Ringgenberg at 10:11pm.

Action 18-142 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to offer 2019-2020 certified contracts per negotiated agreement with salaries to be published in July. All aye, carried.

Action 18-143 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to offer 2019-2020 non-certified employment agreements with salaries to be published in July. All aye, carried.

Action 18-144 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to offer 2019-2020 administrative contacts to Jeff Kosters, Jessica

Ringgenberg, Christine Kosters, Janel Wagner and Julie Brotzel. All aye, carried.

The school board would like to recognize the following Northern South Dakota Science and Mathematics Fair participants Sofia Losure and Jocelynn Ellwein for receiving an Honorable Mention; Simon Selzer for receiving an Outstanding Achievement award; and the Junior High Quiz Bowl team Kierah Nickelson, Levi Little, Nolan Jensen and Stephen Achen for a third place finish. A special thank you to Hunter Bretsch and Matt Olson for their community service for assisting with flood preparation.

Action 18-137 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to elect three deductible options for the SDSDBF Group Health Plan. All aye, carried.

Action 18-138 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to purchase upright freezer from CWD per quote. All aye, carried.

Action 18-139 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to adopt the Frederick Area School District Child Nutrition Program Procurement Plan. All aye, carried.

Mrs. Wagner presented information regarding changes to governmental accounting standards, which will require

Ringgenberg, Christine Kosters, Janel Wagner and Julie Brotzel. All aye, carried.

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Action 18-145 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to adjourn at 10:14pm. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Janel Wagner, Business Manager

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**Brown County  
April 9, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

APRIL 9, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Kippley, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the Brown County Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Dakota Forensic Consulting \$300.00; Hiplink Software \$6,712.00; Kuck Law Office \$972.50; Taylor Kwass \$374.90; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc \$4,556.00; Nathan Phillips, DDS \$2,500.00; Pulsepoint Foundation \$8,000.00; Jill Schoen \$1,600.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$3.00; Sheriff of Chippewa County \$63.92; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$4,008.91; Jennifer Stoddard \$1,208.23; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$451.70; Taliaferro Law Firm \$1,919.65; University of North Dakota \$2,127.75; Luther Yellow Robe \$5,000.00; Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,250.09; Groton Independent \$237.80; Rapid City Journal \$22.85; Repairs & Maintenance: Mark Kolb \$380.00; Clark Engineering Inc \$1,216.81; Dakota Doors Inc \$179.90; Diesel Machinery \$9,880.00; GCS Service Inc \$43.27; Great Western Tire Inc \$20.00; APH Stores Inc \$21.96; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$3,796.75; House of Glass \$115.40; Lawson Products Inc \$16.09; Leidholt Electric LLC \$147.08; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$93.50; Fritz W. Pigors \$400.00; Powerplan \$44,407.84; CNH Industrial America LLC \$51.67; Harvin Schlosser \$900.00; Kirby K. Kiesz \$166.50; Transource Truck & Equipment \$478.73; Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$31,994.12; Bakken Building Maint \$500.00; Butler Machinery Co \$56.70; Cartney Bearing \$617.77; Century Business Products \$208.41; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$2,363.14; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$1,222.15; Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$2,680.78; Dakota Oil \$1,747.00; Deans Foods North Central \$826.70; Diesel Machinery \$9,460.00; Earthgrains Baking Co. Inc \$699.78; Farnams Genuine Parts Inc \$149.89; Fastenal Co \$1,122.73; Fisher's Cleaning Service \$2,010.00; Govconnection Inc \$366.27; Great Western Tire Inc \$11,633.40; Heartland Paper \$341.40; APH Stores Inc \$476.37; J Gross Equipment \$22.01; Kesslers \$42.50; L.G. Everist, Inc \$2,289.00; Lawson Products Inc \$218.89; Matthew Bender & Co Inc \$55.44; Menards \$73.43; Midstates Printing \$1,097.00; Midwest Card & ID Solutions \$62.78; Powerplan \$10,863.67; CNH Industrial America LLC \$309.25; Stan Houston Equipment Co. \$9.90; Kirby Kiesz \$368.13; Transource Truck & Equipment \$3,438.36; Tri State Water \$39.00; Web Water Bottling Company \$26.00; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$34.62; Travel & Conference: Sarah Hartje \$37.60; Ramkota Companies \$679.92; Mike Scott \$11.00; Stacy Sprengeler \$11.00; Other: SD Assoc. of County Officials \$854.00; SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources \$3,607.92; Utilities: AT&T \$286.73; Economy Propane LLC \$3,209.55; State of South Dakota \$73.15; Midcontinent Communications \$338.55; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$4,533.42; Town of Frederick \$61.00; Web Water Development Assoc \$74.91 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve hiring Robert Haliburton as Full-Time Landfill Equipment Operator Labor Grade 4, effective April 22, 2019 at \$18.63 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACT:** Moved Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contract for 2019 Brown County Fair: Best Western Ramkota Hotel @ \$20,697.70 (rooms). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following lease agreement: First United

Methodist Church for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on April 12-14, 2019 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**INDIGENT DEFENSE COUNSEL:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the withdrawal of Contract Attorney Jennifer Stoddard due to accepting a position with the States Attorney Office (payment and workload will be divided among remaining attorneys). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY APPLICATION:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following application: American Legion, Post #24 for lottery to be held at the Brown County Fairgrounds on May 18-19 & 25-26 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MILLIM BUILDING:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with NEAA Inc. to complete an appraisal assignment to the property located at 1019 1st Ave SE Aberdeen, SD Lt 2 Brown County Commissioner's 3rd Subdivision to the City of Aberdeen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID – CHEMICAL FOR WEED & PEST SPRAYING SEASON:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing chemical for the 2019 Weed and Pest Department spraying season. Bids were received from Van Diest Supply Company, Webster City, IA; ADAPCO, Sanford, FL; and the State of SD herbicides annual notice of awards. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to refer all bids to Chris Hemen, W&P Department Director for review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Chris White, Gary Vetter and Derek Ricci in attendance; additional personnel was discussed with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

**COUNTY WILDLIFE:** Densley Zambo met to discuss his concerns regarding famished deer in Brown County.

**DISASTER DECLARATION:** Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #14-19 RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER

**WHEREAS,** Brown County, South Dakota has suffered severe damage, brought on by the flooding from spring runoff. On the date and around the dates of March 15 and ongoing, 2019.

**WHEREAS,** Brown County has committed all available resources and taken all possible actions within the jurisdictional boundaries to combat and to alleviate the emergency/disaster, local resources are not adequate to cope with the situation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Brown County Commission at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2019, it is hereby requested that the Governor declare an emergency/disaster to exist for the County of Brown. Adopted this 9th day of April 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

**ABERDEEN AIRPORT HIGH VOLUME PUMP:** Discussion only. No action taken.

**LANDFILL SPRING RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Spring Residential Cleanup at the Brown County Landfill, to be held from April 26 thru May 11, 2019. Tire disposal is limited to four (4) car or pickup tires per customer. No large demo projects (houses, tree belts etc) will be allowed for free. No free waste will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (including mobile homes). In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission reserves the right to end the free cleanup period at such time and implement the regular fee structure. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REGIONAL TRAINING:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the Brown County Community Room as host site for regional training by Tyler Technologies INCODE Financial users, with cost to Brown County being snacks and drinks for all

attendees, to be held July 23-25, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:40 a.m.. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sara Swisher, Chief Deputy Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$88.16. 17423

**Brown County  
Notice Sale of  
Property**

**NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY**  
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on April

29, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**  
MINIMUM BID

**HECLA CITY**  
Lot 5-6 Block 25 of the plat "N1/2 Block 25, \$ 1,000 35 – 46" inclusive and OL M – BARE LOT  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0410.0417)  
Published twice at the approximate total cost of \$19.39. 17418

**Elementary Spring Concert  
"Let's Go to the Movies"**



The fifth graders sang, "Moment of Truth."



The fourth graders sang, "Theme from Spider Man."



The third graders sang, "Better When I'm Dancing."



The second graders sang, "Try Everything."





The first graders sang, "We Know the Way."



The junior kindergarten/kindergarten group sang, "Zip-A-Dee-Do-Dah."



The fifth grade band performed, "Theme from Jurassic Park" and "12 The Clock Strikes."



The finale of the entire group was, "Let's Go to the Movies."



**Zoellner is ROAR Recipient**  
 Anne Zoellner (middle) was chosen as the first ROAR (Respectful, Outstanding, Attitude, Role Model) Award. The Groton Area Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) decided to introduce this award this year and to honor an elementary teacher. Zoellner also won \$500. On the right is Tara Hill, PAC vice president, and on the left is Kayla Krause, PAC president. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

## Brown County April 9, County Equalization

APRIL 9, 2019 – BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

This being the second Tuesday, April 9, 2019, the Brown County Commission organized themselves as the Brown County Board of Equalization, in accordance with SDCL 10-11-25, at 11:00 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Oaths of office were taken by Commissioners Mike Wiese, Duane Sutton, Rachel Kippley, Dennis Feickert and Doug Fjeldheim. Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke, Appraisers Russell Metz, Sarah Swenson, Barry Kusler, Joe Kraft and Office Assistant Becky Desens were also present. Auditor Cathy McNickle called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Sutton nominated Doug Fjeldheim as Chair for the 2019 Brown County Board of Equalization. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Fjeldheim as Chair of the 2019 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sutton nominated Rachel Kippley as Vice Chair for the 2019 Brown County Board of Equalization. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Kippley as Vice Chair of the 2019 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Assessment Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled for 2019 (142). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption for 2019 (65). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Paraplegic Veteran Exemption and Paraplegic Exemption for 2019 (4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the applications submitted per SDCL 10-4-15 for 100% Tax Exempt Status (complete listing available for public inspection Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Director of Equalization Office, 25 Market Street Ste 6, Aberdeen, SD). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve 100% Tax Exempt Status, as requested, for the following new applications: Aberdeen Township #20 Aberdeen Aqua Addicts on LT 1 Aberdeen Aqua Addict's SD NW 35-123-64; Aberdeen City #32 Aberdeen Christian School Foundation on LT 1 Aberdeen Christian School Avera Add NW 11-123-64; Abiding Love Fellowship Inc. on S 25' LT 5 & LT 6 BK 9 1st Add to Highland; Ellsbee Estates of Aberdeen Inc LT 12 HHS Properties 3rd SD (LT 9 HHS Properties SD); Northern State University Foundation LT 1 & N 7' LT 2 SD of 421.7' BK 9 Simmons 1st Add 1st Add; NSU Foundation to NSU LT 1 Young Railroad Add (RR ROW); Frederick City #38 Frederick Area School District LT 1-3 BK 29 1st Add Frederick E2 11-127-64. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve partial Tax Exempt Status, as requested, for the following new applications: Warner Township #23 Foundation for Youth Firearms Safety Inc 80% on N 820' of SE 12-122-64 E of RR Ex Hwy; Aberdeen City #32 Aberdeen Development Corp 62% on LT 1 ABDN DEV CORP 2001-1 SD NE 13-123-63 (Industrial PK East); ACT 2 Inc 63% on Mezzanine Storage Unit

4A #4 Midwest Capitol Project of LT 13-18 BK 27 1st; #2 Midwest Capitol Project of LT 10-12 BK 27 1st Add, #3 Midwest Capitol Project of LT 13-18 BK 27 1st Add Ex Mezzanine Hallway Unit 3; Avera St. Lukes 40% on Lt 3 Avera- Land-O-Lakes 2nd SD (B72 H&L & OL 2 Lanes); 47% on Lot 2 Avera Land-O-Lakes 2nd SD; 71.8% on LT 1 Avera St Lukes SD (B73&82 H&L) building; 77.5% on LT 1 Avera St Lukes SD (B73&82 H&L) land; 73.48% on LOT 1 Avera Land -O-Lakes 2nd SD; 75% on LT 4 Hagerty & Lloyds 3rd SD SE 13-123-64; 89% on #1B Physicians Plaza BK 83 Hagerty & Lloyd Add (Suite W240) 3.34% Interest; 99.26 % on LT 1 Avera St Lukes Add (B86,87, &96 H&L ETC); First United Methodist Church 33% on LT 12-13 BK 29 SD of LT 4-5 BK 29 1st Add & LT 12-13 BK 29 2nd Add; Freedom Worship Center 96% on LT 2 ADC 2005-1 SD NE 13-123-63 (Industrial PK East) Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #590 80% on LT 1-8 & All of Vac Alley BLK 54 2nd Add; TDAF/Tom Aman 36% on LT 1 Blackstone 2nd SD (2.48AC) (RR ROW); Yelduz Temple 90% on LT 1-3 BLK 50 2nd Add; Groton City #33 Groton American Legion Post #39 60% on LT 22-25 BK 11 Orig Plat Groton; Groton Community Transit Inc 75% LT 9-12 Blk 10 Orig Plat Groton; Highland Township #35 St. John Lutheran Church, LCMS (Highland) 85% St John Evangelical Lutheran Church OL Lots 1 & 2 SW 24-122-65. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to remove Tax Exempt status on the following:

Aberdeen City #32 Avera St Lukes on #8B Physicians Plaza BK 83 Hagerty & Lloyd Add (Suite W260) 2.32% Interest, on #2B Physicians Plaza BK 83 Hagerty & Lloyd Add (Suite W220) 2.17% Interest; The Limited Liability Company on LT 3 BLK 34 Thomas Addition, Lt 6 BLK 39 Thomas Addition. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### APPEALS:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following recommendation from the Director of Equalization: Aberdeen Township #20 Terry Huffman on LT 2 Huffman's SD LT 2 B & J 1st SD NE 15-123-64 from \$313,451 to \$282,870; Prairiewood Township #53 Jeff Stockert on LT 15-16 BK 10 Prairiewood VLG S2 33-124-63 from \$73,143 to \$39,780; Groton City #33 Doug Sombke on LT 6-9 BK 10 Randalls Add Groton from \$157,056 to \$148,632; Groton Township #17 Gilbert Hinkelman on BOLS SE 17-123-60 1969 New Moon 12x64 VIN#F122245 from \$2,500 to \$0.00; to maintain equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chair declared the Board of Equalization recessed until 1:00 p.m. on April 16, 2019.

Cathy McNickle – Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$63.47. 17424

## Brown County April 8, Joint Meeting Minutes

APRIL 8, 2019 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Johnson, Lunzman, Olson (teleconference), Remily, Ronayne, Rux, Slight-Hansen and Mayor Levsen. Present from County were Commissioners Kippley, Feickert, Sutton, Wiese and Fjeldheim. ABERDEEN CITY AIRPORT HIGH VOLUME WATER PUMP USE REQUEST: Discussion Only. No Action Taken. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 6:14 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$9.11. 17426

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Friday, April 19, 2019

3 p.m.-7 p.m.: Dick Kolker's 80th Birthday celebration at the Legion  
No School - Good Friday  
7 p.m.: Community Good Friday service at the United Methodist Church

## Saturday, April 20

10 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park

## Monday, April 22

No School - Easter Vacation

## Tuesday, April 23

**Cancelled:** Track meet in Groton

7 p.m.: City Council meeting

7 p.m.: School Board meeting

2:15 p.m.: Tour of Kindness program at Groton Area Elementary. Justine Kougal began the Tour of Kindness last year when her daughter turned 2, she was born with Treacher Collins Syndrome, the same as Auggie in the movie Wonder. She is traveling around the Midwest to schools throughout the region to spread the word of kindness and making the choice to Be The Difference and Choose Kind to kids and adults alike. The public is invited to attend.

## Thursday, April 25, 2019

10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Redfield Golf Course

3:30pm: Track: 7th/8th Meet @ Milbank High School

## NSU School of Education's Schwan to be a part of Japan Studies Institute Fellowship

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The Northern State University School of Education's Dr. Anna Schwan of Groton has been awarded an American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Japan Studies Institute Fellowship.

Schwan, assistant professor of education, will attend a two-week intensive institute in San Diego, Calif., this summer, which will be focused on the study of modern Japan. Schwan was chosen as one of thirteen individuals across the United States to be awarded the fellowship. Nearly all of her costs to attend the event are covered by the fellowship.

The Japan Studies Institute (JSI) offers college and university faculty members without prior experience in Japanese studies to learn from scholars, business leaders, artists and journalists about Japan, both past and present. The institute encourages participants to develop strategies for incorporating Japanese studies into courses on their campuses. The institute involves two weeks of intensive seminars, lectures, readings, films and cultural activities related to Japanese history, culture, literature, government, business, language and education.

Previous programs have included topics as diverse as wartime and occupation Japan, social relations and the changing role of women in Japan, Japanese foreign policy and regional relations, classical music, ikebana, calligraphy, introductory Japanese, Japanese film in the classroom, and philosophical and religious traditions in Japan. Classes are held Monday through Friday, from morning until late afternoon. The formal program is complemented by a number of off-campus and evening activities. Institute faculty will include scholars, representatives from the local Japanese community, artists, journalists and government officials.



Dr. Anna Schwan

"I am incredibly proud to have been selected for a fellowship to attend the Japan Studies Institute. The core of who I am as an educator is to foster a love for lifelong learning in my future teachers, and I am so excited to be given this opportunity to learn more about the Japanese culture," said Schwan. "Education is so much more than what can be read in books; it's the experiences, the people and the stories that breathe life into our classrooms. I consider this adventure in cultural appreciation a gift that I will lovingly share with my students at NSU who will, in turn, share it with their own someday."

## Brand New at Groton Ken's Food Fair

### Lunch and Dinner Menu

SNACKS INCLUDE: 3 POTATO WEDGES | MEALS INCLUDE: ONE SMALL SIDE & ONE BISCUIT



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|---|---|--|---|
| #1 2PC CHICKEN STRIPS<br>Snack \$3.99   Meal \$5.99   | #2 3PC CHICKEN STRIPS<br>Snack \$4.99   Meal \$6.99 | #3 6PC CHICKEN BITES<br>Snack \$3.99   Meal \$5.99 | Sandwiches<br>Sandwich \$3.99   +3 Wedges \$4.99<br>Fish Fillet<br>Famous Chicken |
| #4 KEN'S FAMOUS HUB CITY CHICKEN BOWL<br>Sides included in bowl. *SIGNATURE ITEM!<br>\$5.99 | #5 1PC FISH FILLET<br>Snack \$4.99   Meal \$6.99    | #6 2PC FRIED CHICKEN<br>Snack \$4.99   Meal \$6.49 |   |

### Delicious A la Carte Items



|          | CHICKEN STRIPS | WHITE FISH | FRIED CHICKEN | ADD sides to make it a meal        |
|----------|----------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 8 Piece  | \$9.99         | \$18.99    | \$9.99        | 1 large side & 3 biscuits \$6.49   |
| 12 Piece | 13.99          | 27.99      | 14.99         | 2 large sides & 4 biscuits \$11.99 |
| 16 Piece | 18.99          | 36.99      | 19.99         | 2 large sides & 6 biscuits 12.49   |
| 20 Piece | 22.99          | 45.99      | 24.99         |                                    |
| 24 Piece | 25.99          | 44.99      | 29.99         |                                    |

### Breakfast Menu 7AM-10AM

SANDWICHES SERVED ON CHOICE OF BISCUIT OR CROISSANT

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|--|---|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| #1 SAUSAGE SANDWICH<br>Sausage, Egg, & Cheese \$3.29 | #2 BACON SANDWICH<br>Bacon, Egg & Cheese \$3.29 | #3 HAM SANDWICH<br>Ham, Egg, & Cheese \$3.29 | #4 BISCUITS & GRAVY<br>Half \$1.99   Full \$2.99 | #5 Ken's FAMOUS BISCUITS & GRAVY \$4.99 | #6 Ken's BREAKFAST BURRITO \$2.29 |
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Potato Wedges Add 3 to any breakfast item \$1.79

Groton Area's  
**KG Roundup**  
has been rescheduled to  
**April 30th**  
All scheduled times will stay the same. Please contact Heidi Krueger at the elementary school to confirm this new date.  
605/397-2317



4255 6th Ave SE,  
Aberdeen

Hi, my name is Bary Keith, a Groton resident. I have just recently joined the Harr Motors sales team. I'm excited to start helping people get into the right vehicle for them. Right now, any vehicle purchased from me, until the end of April, will receive an Autostart at no charge. Give me a call (605-216-6952) or (605-725-8624) or stop out and see me at Harr Motors today!!!