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## Mock crash demonstrates dangers of drinking, texting, distracted driving

by Elizabeth Varin

Monday marked a somber morning for Groton Area High School students as they saw a classmate die, four receive life-changing injuries and another tried for drunk driving.

Groton Fire & Rescue hosted a mock crash Monday, April 17 for high school students, showing the dangers of drinking, texting and distracted driving.

"It just happens so fast," said Patti Woods, assistant director of emergency management for Brown County and a member of Groton Fire & Rescue. "I just hope they realize how important it is to pay attention when they drive."

Mock crashes are hosted every couple of years since 2008, Woods said, though the pandemic changed up that schedule. Each time, though, there are some new things added.

Monday's mock crash began as Andrew Marzahn exited the van, "blood" and injuries visible on his face. He stumbled to the body on the ground, Sierra Ehresmann, before declar-

ing he told the driver Jacob Lewandowski not to drive drunk. Marzahn pulled out his phone and called 911.

Emergency personnel soon flooded the high school parking lots. Brown County Sheriff's Office deputies, Highway Patrol officers and Groton Police Department Chief Stacy Mayou checked on those involved before Groton Fire & Rescue firefighters and emergency medical technicians took over, treating wounds and getting passengers to air and ground ambulances.

The high school students headed into the gym where they learned the fates of those involved in the mock crash.

Gracie Traphagen, Ashtyn Bahr and Cole Simon were brought in to the gym on stretchers. Marzahn stood among them with his parents with him. Lewandowski was brought into the gymnasium wearing an orange jumpsuit, hands and feet shackled flanked by a highway patrol trooper and his parents.

Lewandowski could face multiple Class 4 felonies and years in prison, said Kari Bartling, attorney at Kolker Law Office in Groton. While his classmates would get their diplomas, jobs and families, he would be behind bars.

"If you think it can't happen to you, it can and it's happened here," she said. "I would caution you to never drink and drive."

Senior Sierra Ehresmann was rolled into the gym in a black casket, followed by her parents Chris and Kelsie Ehresmann and her grandmother Jo Anne Ehresmann. All were somber as they walked in to the quiet gym.

Sierra said she wasn't originally going to ask her grandmother to come, as her grandmother lost a relative a few years ago in a car crash.

"It was more of a learning experience to try and save someone else so that doesn't happen to them," she said.

Monday's event wasn't only emotional for the crowd, but also the actors.

"It really got me when I heard my mom," Sierra said. "That's when it really hit me."

"When they put me in the casket, that was really emotional," she added.

While Sierra, her parents and grandmother knew what would happen to her during the mock crash, her brother, sophomore Christian Ehresmann, didn't know his sister was going to be the dead body at the mock crash.

"I wasn't expecting that, seeing my sister in a casket," he said.



Andrew Marzahn and Sierra Ehresmann along with other students enacted an accident with severe and fatal injuries.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

It felt good to make an impact on the younger students, Jacob Lewandowski said.

"Even if it's just a few, it's worth it," he said.

He advises his fellow high schools to be careful while driving.

"This is real life," he said. "This isn't just made up."

The mock crash seemed to have an effect, including on junior Shea Jandel.

"It made me a little nervous but a good thing for everyone to see at the same time," she said.

"When the parents came in, that's when it became real, and I thought about how my parents would react," she added.

The crash made an impact on students throughout the school, partially because those involved were kids in their school, she said.

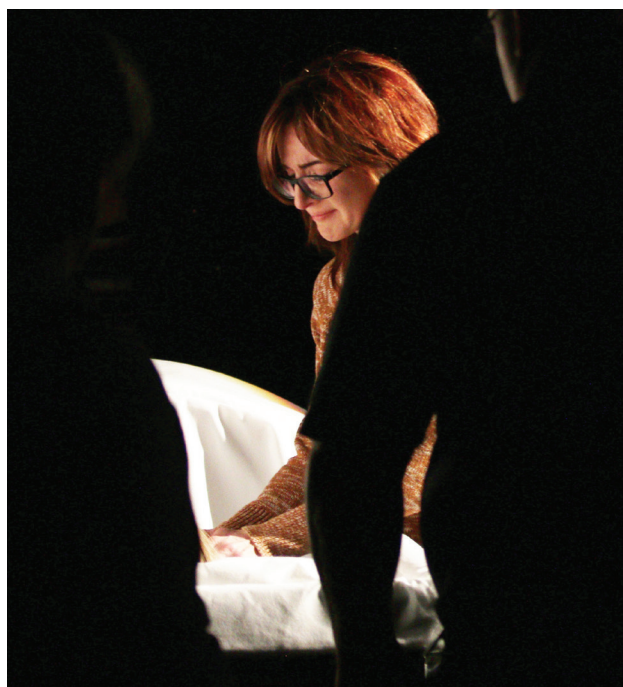
"And it really did (have an impact) for me," she said. "It made me think about all that stuff."

Agencies that participated were Groton Fire & Rescue, Groton Police Department, Aberdeen Fire & Rescue, Brown County Sheriff's Office, the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home, Brown County Emergency Management, Avera Careflight, Kari Bartling with Kolker Law Office, and Tom Wanttie and Shaun Chipman from the Aberdeen Haunted Forest. School representatives that helped include Jodi Schwan, Emily VanGerpen, Diane Kurtz, Scott Thorson and Desiree Yeigh.

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Jacob Lewandowski, flanked by his parents and State Highway Patrolman, was brought into the gym in orange and wearing handcuffs. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Sierra Ehresmann laid in a casket and the casket was brought into the gym. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Cole Simon and Jacob Lewandowski had their makeup put on prior to the event. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Emergency personnel attend to the wounded. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

## Prodigal son returns to baseball

*Writer's note: Tony took the week off. But, it's that season, and he's thinking about baseball. And, hey, the Twins are doing OK.*

We were sitting around a campfire high in the Rockies when my buddy Bob mused, a tinge of regret in his voice, that men of our vintage eventually come to realize that our baseball-playing days are done. Each spring I meditate on those words and think about those glorious, fleeting days when we braved feral fastball pitchers and bloodied our butts sliding into the gravel at second base.

I remember, too, that day at the batting cage when we realized just how swift Father Time was. I pulled muscles in my ribcage and raised blisters on my hands flailing at 65-mph pitches spat out with—I swear—contempt from some machine. And man, I used to eat fastballs alive. Couldn't throw one though. Oh, years after my retirement from Legion Ball, I managed 78 mph, which I suppose was respectable. I knocked down enough milk jugs to win a stuffed animal for my girl and her roommate.

Fast forward a couple decades. They set up a radar gun during a street fair, so I gave it what I thought was a fair toss. 56 mph. Eric Heupel, with pity in his eyes, offered me another go. "Nah," I said, "I like my arm just the way it is."

Like a prodigal son, I've returned to baseball. I'll be at Target Field soon. My interest waned during the steroid era, but when I watched Barry Bonds hit his 698th at Coors Field, I had to admit it was more than HGH. You have to put the bat on the ball. Despite getting just three pitches to hit the whole game, he launched one, drilled a single, and missed another that should have been 699. I think he walked the fourth time.

My love of the NFL isn't what it once was. Some of it's parity, which means there's only one team worth hating anymore, but I can't help myself, I admire what the Patriots have done. But seeing former gridiron heroes of mine crippled and confused gnaws at my conscience the way boxing ripped my heart out when it silenced Muhammad Ali. There's none of that with baseball.

Baseball demands impossible timing and agility, yet, even pedestrian players have moments when things come together—a Texas Leaguer brings home the winning run, and in the box score, it's forever a line drive. There were balls badly misplayed that turned into grass-stained, ice-cream cone catches. The time I charged a looper to right field, caught it on one hop, and threw out the runner at first, a miracle made memorable by a rare compliment from my crusty coach, Bob Fuhrman. When the kid came up again, he yelled, "You got 'em last time, Tony!" Every spring I hear those words, faintly, in the wind.

I saw Tony Oliva bat near the end of his career, horrified by the way his rickety knees bent impossibly inward. But man, he could still hit. I have a bat signed by Harmon Killebrew—purchased at a dear cost at a charity auction, donated by a man who spotted the slugger on an Idaho playground, and sprinted several blocks home to get the bat. I have the autographed Mickey Mantle ball I gave to my father, who bequeathed it back to me nearly 30 years ago.

I watched Barry Larken as a Denver Bear in Mile High Stadium often, once memorably, sitting in box seats, eating hot dogs in the sun with my grandfather. Grandpa's gone, but his words echo, "I feel chust like a king!" Larken became the eighth Cincinnati Red to make the Hall of Fame in 2012. Pete Rose remains unforgiven.

In 1971, Dad took me to an Aberdeen Pheasants game—a Baltimore Orioles farm club at the time. The O's were my favorite team. Brooks... Frank... Boog... We got to see Al Bumbry before he made The Show.

It was the only Pheasants game we saw together, but some summer nights, as the day surrendered, even though he was weary from working the driveway at the elevator, he'd hit flies to me behind the Methodist Church just up the street. I still hear the crack of the bat, the quiet rush of my breath, the rustle of the grass under circling feet, the soft pop as the ball nestles into my well-oiled glove. Sometimes, I'd look into the orangish setting sun and lose the ball for a desperate moment, but in time, like the game itself, it always reappeared.



### That's Life by Tony Bender

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## Weekly Vikings Recap - Drafting a Wide Receiver

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

With the NFL Draft less than two weeks away, it's time to start looking at possible players the Minnesota Vikings might draft at the 23rd overall pick in the first round, should they not trade out of that pick.

One of the most commonly mocked positions for the Vikings in the first round is wide receiver. The main name that seems to be going around is TCU wide receiver, Quentin Johnston. Johnston, who was a catalyst for a TCU football team who made a magical run to the national championship game, presents a unique skill set for the Vikings, should they draft him. Unlike Justin Jefferson, who has mastered the wide receiver position with his route-running and catching ability, Johnston seems to be very underdeveloped in those skill categories. However, what Johnston lacks in route-running and catching, he makes up for with his 6'3" size and ability to make plays once the ball is in his hands. To me, he reminds me a bit of Cordarrelle Patterson, without the kick-returning ability. Perhaps the Vikings see the potential to grow into a fundamentally sound wide receiver, but I think it would be somewhat of a reach if the Vikings were to take Johnston with their 23rd overall pick. Moreover, news came out this week that Johnston was not invited to attend the NFL Draft because it is believed he will not be taken in the first round.

The other two wide receivers that the Vikings might take at their 23rd overall pick are USC wide receiver Jordan Addison, and Boston College wide receiver Zay Flowers. Both Addison and Flowers are undersized wide receivers with dynamic quickness that the NFL seems to be looking for in wide receivers these days.

For Jordan Addison, his quickness is utilized in his route-running, as he has been labeled as the best route-runner in the entire draft. Addison, who won the Biletnikoff award in 2021 at Pitt for being the best wide receiver in all of college football, transferred to USC this past season and had an underwhelming season, to say the least. He finished with nearly half the stats he did the previous season at Pitt, despite having the Heisman trophy winner, Caleb Williams, as his quarterback. Perhaps this lack of production will help Addison drop to the Vikings at the 23rd pick.

The other intriguing wide receiver possibility for the Vikings in the first round, as mentioned, is Zay Flowers. Flowers, who stands only 5'10", is probably the most exciting player to watch of all the wide receiver prospects. When watching his college tape, the first player that comes to mind with Flowers is Tyreek Hill because of his ability to be the fastest guy on the field no matter the direction and angle he is running at. What is concerning with Flowers is that he only ran a 4.42 40-yard dash at the NFL combine earlier this year. Perhaps he is one of those players who has "game speed" and becomes faster once he steps on the field rather than when he is running a 40-yard dash in shorts. This may be a concern, however, to teams that Flowers' speed does not translate from college to the NFL.

If I had to rank these three wide receiver prospects based on how they would fit with the Vikings, the order would be Jordan Addison, Zay Flowers, and Quentin Johnston. If there is one player who can take Adam Thielen's role with the team, it's Jordan Addison. I would feel much better about the Vikings taking an elite route-runner in Addison rather than a guy like Johnston who needs the ball in his hands to see his value. As for Flowers, his size has me putting him behind Addison, but I also would prefer if the Vikings took him over Johnston as I think he is a better overall wide receiver. It will be interesting to see what the Vikings' regime thinks come draft time.

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# We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

## Applying Impeachment Clause to Supreme Court Justices

National conversations surrounding the remote possibility of impeaching Justice Clarence Thomas for accepting—and failing to report—lavish gifts from a GOP billionaire with interests before the Supreme Court have prompted important questions from readers about the application of the Impeachment Clause to Supreme Court Justices.

In a nutshell, curious readers wonder whether Justices and federal judges are subject to impeachment? If so, what are the criteria? Have we impeached a Supreme Court Justice?

The "impeachment process" involves two steps. First, the House of Representatives determines by majority vote whether a judge, like a president, is guilty of an impeachable offense, as defined by Article III of the Constitution. If indicted by the House, the judge is then subject to an impeachment trial conducted by the U.S. Senate. The threshold for removal from the bench, upon conviction, is a two-thirds majority. The Senate may impose an additional penalty: disqualification from holding public office in the future.

The framers of the Constitution, in Article II, section 4, provided that "The President, Vice President and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." Judges were understood to be "civil officers."

The heinous crimes of treason and bribery were familiar to the framers, who were steeped in English history and drew upon impeachment trials of ministers and judges to shape the Impeachment Clause. Those offenses required little discussion in the Constitutional Convention. The acts of selling out the nation and destroying the integrity of the judicial process were intolerable and thus disqualifying.

The category of "high crimes and misdemeanors" fell into recognizable categories under English common law, which they scrutinized as they carved out the conduct that would justify removal of U.S. officers from elected and appointed positions. Offenses included abuse of power, usurpation, subversion of the Constitution, corruption, and maladministration, each of which had a direct bearing on the conduct of judges.

Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, we should recall, were deeply committed to "judicial independence." Without it, the goal of fair and impartial trials would be unattainable, not to mention maintenance of the rule of law, the pillar of American Constitutionalism. Accordingly, the framers provided in Article III, that judges would serve during "good behavior." Critically, their salaries could not be diminished during their tenure on the bench. These invaluable protections reflected the

founders' understanding of the threats posed to English judges who dared to challenge the King's preferences. Indeed, until Parliament passed the 1701 Act of Settlement, judges were subject to removal by the monarch, without reason, merit, or cause. Few judges were willing to risk their careers and livelihood, which meant that the King was the ultimate interpreter of the laws of the realm and dispenser of justice.

The framers' commitment to judicial independence, however, did not mean that judges were beyond accountability. As James Madison explained in Federalist No. 51, governmental accountability was the sheet anchor of the republic. Judges were not immune from scrutiny of their conduct. "Good behavior"—the Article III standard for judges—was folded into the categories of impeachment, which meant that a Supreme Court Justice could face the rigors of an impeachment hearing and a Senate trial for removal from the High Bench for the commission of high crimes and misdemeanors. That category was brought center stage in 1805 in the impeachment of Justice Samuel Chase, the only Justice in our nation's history brought before the bar of impeachment.

Justice Chase was impeached by the House and saved by the thinnest of margins—one vote shy of the two-thirds requirement—from being removed by the Senate in a trial that featured another pitched battle between the Federalists and the Jeffersonians. The Federalists—the party of Washington, Hamilton, and Adams—dominated the American political landscape in the first decade following the adoption of the Constitution, until Thomas Jefferson defeated John Adams in the election of 1800, which constituted a peaceful revolution of sorts as voters swept the Federalists from power and handed the baton to the Jeffersonians.

One of the principal explanations for the Federalists' demise was the passage of the infamous Alien and Seditions Act of 1798, which provided the basis for convicting dissidents, including newspaper editors, who criticized certain governmental officials, including President Adams, in a way that caused their reputations to plummet.

One of those dissidents who was arrested and indicted by a grand jury was James Callendar, who published various pamphlets critical of the administrations of Washington and Adams. After the election of Jefferson, Callendar expected a political appointment in Jefferson's administration. When he did not receive an appointment, Callendar turned on Jefferson, a former ally, and accused him of fathering the children of his slave, Sally Hemmings.

Even before Jefferson's election, though, Callendar had been the subject of a sensational trial. Justice Chase, riding circuit, convicted Callendar of libel and slander against Adams. Chase's conduct of the trial led to his impeachment.

Scholars have debated whether Chase's acquittal in the Senate trial represented a victory for justice over partisanship or a failure to hold a Supreme Court Justice accountable for gross misbehavior. We turn to the essential question next week and its implications for potential impeachment efforts against federal judges.

## City Council Other Action

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### In Other Action:

- City officials will apply for a housing needs study through SD Housing. A study through that agency costs between \$5,000 and \$7,500, which is much cheaper than a study produced by a private company. Those could cost between \$20,000 and \$40,000, City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich said.
- The city approved having a U18 softball team that would play in an Aberdeen league. There are currently 16 applicants who want to play on the team, Heinrich said. The city would use the \$1,000 it would have paid a coach to instead enter the league. The team will have a parent coach.
- Updates on the city park bathrooms will be discussed at the council's May meeting.
- The council approved Spring City Wide Clean Up dates. Residents can bring items they wish to dispose of to the city shop at 10 East Railroad Avenue starting April 29 and running through May 5. Pickups are available by appointment from May 1 through 5.
- The council tabled discussion about joining the PFAS Cost Recovery Program to allow city attorney Drew Johnson time to look into the issue.

## Erdmann is 2023 Young Leader Scholarship Program Recipient

St. Louis, MO - The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) Board of Directors selected nine college students to participate in the MACA Young Leader Scholarship Program (YLSP).

Tessa Erdmann, from Groton, South Dakota, is a student at South Dakota State University. Erdmann is majoring in Agricultural Communications with a minor in Marketing and Public Relations. She'll graduate in May 2024. This summer she is interning at South Dakota State University's College of Ag, Marketing and Communications department.

This is the 11th year for the program, which is designed to expose future agriculturalists to the crop protection industry and potential career opportunities. Recipients receive financial compensation, additional training for finding a job plus the opportunity to network with MACA members. MACA members benefit by developing a talent pool of future industry leaders and through the heightened awareness of MACA within the participating universities.

The recipients' educational focus is agriculture, enrolled at one of the land-grant universities in the MACA region and have secured a 2023 summer internship related to agriculture, preferably within the crop protection industry. Additionally, the selected recipients will attend the MACA Annual Meeting September 5-7, 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana and speak about their internship experience and participate in the meeting with MACA members. After completing the summer internship, the scholarship recipients receive a \$2,000 scholarship to assist with their tuition expenses.



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# Kurtz awarded Medal of Honor



**Casey Kurtz was awarded the Medal of Honor.** (Photo from Brown County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page)

Brown County Deputy Casey Kurtz was awarded the Medal of Honor by the South Dakota Sheriff's Association and the South Dakota's Police Chief's Association. The medal is awarded to law enforcement officers who willingly distinguish themselves through an act of courage, involving a risk of imminent serious injury or death, for the purpose of saving or protecting a human life.

On July 22nd, 2022 Deputy Kurtz was dispatched to a call for service involving a juvenile who had accidentally fell into a river and the current pulled her downstream. She could not swim and the only thing keeping her from drowning was holding onto a large branch that was submerged in the water. Upon arriving on scene, Deputy Kurtz did not hesitate to immediately jump into the river and swim out to the juvenile. He gave her his own life jacket and swam her back to shore.

Due to his swift and selfless response, the juvenile survived the drowning incident unharmed. Deputy Kurtz is an outstanding Deputy who characterizes the value of service before self.

Brown County Sheriff's Office and the community thanks him for his hard work.

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## Columbia City Corrected 2022 Financial Report

Exhibit 1

### STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS December 31, 2022

	Sales Tax Fund	Ball Park Fund	Enterprise Funds Sewer Fund	Total
.....General Fund				
Cash Assets: .....				
Cash in Checking Accounts .....	87,130.23	7,837.76	192,294.75	429,429.24
Change and Petty Cash .....				0.00
Passbook Savings .....				0.00
Savings Certificates1 .....				14,720.80
SD FIT .....				14,155.02
Money Market Savings .....				26,066.72
Restricted Cash for Debt .....	13,608.00			13,608.00
101 FUND CASH BALANCES.....	87,130.23	7,837.76	192,294.75	483,844.74
Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:				
.....Dacotah Bank				469,689.72
.....SD FIT Account				14,155.02
.....TOTAL				483,844.74

Exhibit 2

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS

Receipts (Source):				
311 Property Taxes .....	58,929.09			58,929.09
313 Sales Tax .....		57,144.26		57,144.26
311-319 Other Taxes .....	1,377.29			1,377.29
320 Licenses and Permits .....	1,140.00			1,140.00
331 Federal Grants .....				0.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax.....	1,538.75			1,538.75
335.2 Prorate License Fees.....	1,222.74			1,222.74
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion .....	6,393.57			6,393.57
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%) .....	7,630.08			7,630.08
335.6 Fire Insurance Premium Reversion.....				0.00
335.8 Local Government Highway and Bridge Fund.....	22,693.30			22,693.30
338.1 County Road Tax (25%).....	99.53			99.53
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%) .....				0.00
338.3 County Wheel Tax .....	354.14			354.14
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue.....	1,248.98			1,248.98
341-349 Charges for Goods and Services .....				0.00
351-359 Fines and Forfeits .....				0.00
361 Investment Earnings .....			261.75	1,237.20
362 Rentals.....				0.00
363-369 Other Revenues.....		1,668.75		7,161.75
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
330 Operating Grants.....				0.00
371 Surcharge as Security of Debt.....				0.00
372-389 Enterprise Operating Revenue (380) .....			23,809.00	23,809.00
380.05 Lottery Revenues.....				0.00
Total Receipts.....	109,095.92	57,144.26	1,668.75	24,070.75
191,979.68				
Disbursements (Function):				
411--419 General Government.....	64,862.46			64,862.46
421 Police .....				0.00
422 Fire .....	2,723.01			2,723.01
423-429 Other Public Safety .....				0.00
431 Highways and Streets .....	12,793.19			12,793.19
432 Sanitation .....	14,936.25			14,936.25
437 Cemeteries .....				0.00
433-439 Other Public Works .....				0.00
441-449 Health and Welfare.....	1,248.98			1,248.98
451-459 Culture-Recreation.....	1,389.94			1,389.94
461-469 Conservation and Development .....				0.00
470 Debt Service .....	13,608.00			13,608.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures.....				0.00
490-493 Miscellaneous.....				0.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
410 Personal Services .....				0.00
420 Other Expenses.....			649.00	649.00
426 Supplies and Materials .....				0.00
Total Disbursements .....	97,953.83	13,608.00	0.00	649.00
112,210.83				
391.01 Transfers In .....				0.00
511 Transfers Out .....				0.00
391.03 Sale of Municipal Property .....				0.00
391.04 Compensation for Loss or Damage to Capital Assets .....				0.00
391.2 Money Received From Borrowing.....				0.00
391.07 Capital Contributions (Grants) .....				0.00
430 Capital Assets .....				0.00
441 Debt Service-Principal.....				0.00
442 Debt Service-Interest .....				0.00
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers.....	11,142.09	43,536.26	1,668.75	23,421.75
79,768.85				
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2022.....	131,062.88	43,593.97	6,169.01	168,873.00
349,698.86				
Adjustments:				
SD FIT Account not recorded.....	14,155.02			14,155.02
Cert. of Deposit not recorded .....	14,720.80			14,720.80
Savings.....	25,501.21			25,501.21
Restated Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2022.....	185,439.91	43,593.97	6,169.01	168,873.00
404,075.89				
FUND CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2022 .....	196,582.00	87,130.23	7,837.76	192,294.75
483,844.74				
Do amounts equal Exhibit 1 Fund Cash Balance? .....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

	Enterprise Revenue	Bonds	Total
.....Other			
Debt Payable, January 1, 2022 .....	232,776.01		232,776.01
Add New Issues: Less Debt Retired.....	6,133.86		6,133.86
DEBT PAYABLE, December 31, 2022 .....	226,642.15		226,642.15
(23700)			(23102)

Note: Amounts reported do not include interest.

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## Groton Area takes first in seven events at Roncalli Indoor Meet

Groton Area tracksters took first in seven events at the Aberdeen Roncalli Relays held Friday at Northern State University.

The girls won four events, winning two relay events, Taryn Traphagen in the 800m run and Emma Kutter in the shot put. The boys won three events, winning two relay events and Tristin McGannon in the 1600m run.

### Girl's Division

**55m Hurdles:** 4, McKenna Tietz, 10.72; 5, Talli Wright, 10.95; 7, Hannah Sandness, 12.11.

**55m Dash:** 2, Kella Tracy, 8.02; 4, Laila Roberts, 8:30; 8, Delavne Jones, 8:68.

**200m Dash:** 6, McKenna Tietz, 21.23; 8, Talli Wright, 31.52; 14, Delayne Jones, 33.32; 15, Hannah Sandness, 33.65.

**800m Run:** 1, Taryn Traphagen, 2:37.78; 3, Faith Traphagen, 2:40.64; 18, Elizabeth Fliehs, 3:18.17.

**4x160m Relay:** 1, Groton (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 1:31.45.

**4x400m Relay:** 1, Groton (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 4:32.37; 3, Groton (Rylee Dunker, Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, McKenna Tietz), 4:53.14.

**960m Sprint Relay:** 2, Groton (McKenna Tietz, Rylee Dunker, Kella Tracy, Taryn Traphagen), 4:43.27; 3, Groton (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Jerica Locke, Faith Traphagen), 3:45.61.

**High Jump:** 3 (tie), Anna Fjeldheim, 4-1; Emerlee Jones, 4-2.

**Long Jump:** 2, Anna Fjeldheim, 14-00.75; 4, Sydney Leicht, 13-05.50; 9, Shaela McGannon, 11-02.25.

**Triple Jump:** 5, Emerlee Jones, 25-09.00.

**Shot Put:** 1, Emma Kutter, 30-10.25; 3, Faith Fliehs, 28-05.00; 14, Ashley Johnson, 23-02.00; 17, Avery Crank, 22-02.75; 20, Kayleigh McGannon, 20-05.50.

### Boy's Division

**55m Hurdles:** 7, Caden McInerney, 10.49.

**55m Dash:** 3, Andrew Marzahn, 7.00; 7, Ryder Johnson, 7.07; 9, Taylor Diegel, 7.16; 18, Logan Ringgenberg, 7.89; 25, Payton Mitchell, 8.29.

**200m Dash:** 6, Caden McInerney, 27.55.

**400m Dash:** 3, Tristin McGannon, 1:01.76; 5, Gage Sippel, 1:04.04.

**800m Run:** 6, Blake Pauli, 2:30.57; 9, Jayden Schwan, 2:32.86; 10, Jacob Lewandowski, 2:35.11; 12, Gage Sippel, 2:35.38; 17, Garrett Schultz, 3:01.80.

**1600m Run:** 1, Tristin McGannon, 5:46.16; 2, Jayden Schwan, 5:52.87; 3, Jacob Lewandowski, 5:59.74; 5, Blake Pauli, 6:49.51.

**4x160m Relay:** 1, Groton (Andrew Marzahn, Keegan Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Taylor Diegel), 1:18.34; 4, Groton (Korbin Kucker, Lane Tietz, Colby Dunker, Cole Simon), 1:20.68.

**4x400m Relay:** 1, Groton (Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon), 3:49.28.

**960m Sprint Relay:** 2, Groton (Keegan Tracy, Taylor Diegel, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon), 3:09.16; 4, Groton (Korbin Kucker, Ryder Johnson, Colby Dunker, Lane Tietz), 3:13.87.

**High Jump:** 2, Keegan Tracy, 5-6; 5 (tie), Korbin Kucker, 5-2, and Tate Larson, 5-2.

**Long Jump:** 7, Jacob Zak, 17-4; 11, Tate Larson, 15-7.5; 15, Tristin McGannon, 14-10.5.

**Triple Jump:** 2, Jacob Zak, 35-9.5; 5, Tristin McGannon, 30-7.5.

**Shot Put:** 2, Holden Sippel, 43-2.5; 3, Logan Ringgenberg, 42-8.5; 4, Caleb Hanten, 41-8.5; 8, Kaleb Antonsen, 37-5; 10, Karter Moody, 35-10.5; 27, Drew Thurston, 24-11.5.

## Girls Golf Schedule

Thursday, April 27: at Redfield, 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 4: Roncalli at Lee Park, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 8: Olive Grove Golf Course, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 15: NEC at Sisseton, 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 18: at Sisseton, 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 25: Region 1A at Lee Park, 10 a.m.

June 5-6: State at Hart Golf Ranch, Rapid City

## Updated Groton Area Track Schedule

Thursday, April 20: Tuesday, April 25: Miller Booster Club Meet (Groton invite cancelled)

Friday, April 28: Webster Area Invitational

Tuesday, May 2: Valley Queen Cheese Invite, Milbank

Friday, May 5: Sisseton Twilight Meet

Saturday, May 6: Eureka Legion Meet

Thursday, May 11: Northeast Conference Meet at Groton Area

Thursday, May 18: Region 1A at Groton Area

May 25-27: State Track Meet, Sioux Falls

## Groton Area High School Baseball Schedule

Friday, April 21: (Oldham/Ramona/Rutland)/Arlington at Ramona, 6 p.m. (V/JV)

Wednesday, April 26: at Miller 6 p.m. (V/JV)

Sunday, April 30: Madison/Redfield at Redfield

Sunday, May 7: W.I.N./Elkton at Elkton, Noon

Tuesday, May 16: Hamlin at Groton, 6 p.m. (V/JV)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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A lot of people were involved in the mock crash simulation held Monday at the Groton Area School. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

## Mock Crash Photos



Patti Woods and Scott Meints from the Brown County Emergency Management, helped to coordinate the mock crash simulation. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Cole Simon (with the shovel) and Seth Erickson move snow at the ballfield. (Photo by Meri Erickson)

### It's Baseball Time!

One way or another, it's baseball time in Groton. Tigh Flihs and Seth Erickson brought their snowblowers to Locke-Karst Field on Monday to remove some of the snow so the high school team could have practice. Most of the practice has been in the gym with some in the school parking lot. Monday was the first time the team has been able to practice on the field. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Students watched as the action unfolded at the mock crash incident. Pictured are Andrew Marzahn with his parents. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



The injured were removed from the vehicle. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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## Brown County April 11, 2023

### County Equalization APRIL 11, 2023 – BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZA- TION

This being the second Tues- day, April 11, 2023, the Brown County Commission organized themselves as the Brown County Board of Equalization, in accordance with SDCL 10-11-25, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Commissioners Dennert, Wiese, Gage and Sutton along with Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke and Office Assistant Stephanie Morgan were present. Commissioner Fjeldheim was absent. Auditor Lynn Heupel called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Wiese nomi- nated Duane Sutton as Chair for the 2023 Brown County Board of Equalization. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sutton as Chair of the 2023 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wiese nomi- nated Mike Gage as Vice Chair for the 2023 Brown County Board of Equalization. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Gage as Vice Chair of the 2023 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Paraplegic Veteran Exemptions for 2023 (2) and Paraplegic Non-Veterans Exemptions for 2023 (2). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption for 2023 (108). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve 100% Tax Exempt Status, as requested, for the following new applications: Aberdeen City #32: Aberdeen Development Corp. on Lt 2 ADC 2022-1 SD NE 16-123-63 (LT 3 ADC 2019-1 1ST SD); E 94'8" LT 7-9 BK 38 Bennett & Thomas ADD; Lt 1 1st Overpass SD (BK 38 Benn & Thomas); LT 5-6 BK 15 North Abdn ADD. Aberdeen Family YMCA on LT 1 Hagerty & Lloyds 9th SD (PT BK 66 & 67 H&L). Sovereign Grace Church on Lt 2 American News 1st SD (Bk 18 1st ADD). Lincoln Town- ship #39: Old Apostolic Lutheran Church on Lt 2 OALC 1st SD SE 34-124-64. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve partial Tax Exempt Status for the following applications: Aberdeen City #32 - Aberdeen Development Corporation 86.9% on LT 4 Jones Natural Gold SD SE 16-123-63; ACT 2 INC. 63% on #2 Midwest Capitol Project of LT 10-12 BK 27 1st ADD; 63% on #3 Midwest Capitol Project on LT 13-18 BK 27 1st ADD EX Mez- zanine Hallway Unit 3; Mizzanine Storage Unit 4A, #4 Midwest Capitol Project of LT 13-18 BK 27 1st ADD; Avera St. Luke's 32.03% on LT 4 Hagerty & Lloyds 3rd SD SE 13-123-64; 40% on LT 3 Avera-Land-O- Lakes 2nd SD (B72 H&L & OL 2 Lanes); 76.94% on Lot 1 Avera Land-O-Lakes 2nd SD; 34.44% on Lot 2 Avera Land-O-Lakes 2nd SD; 99.28% on LT 1 Avera St. Luke's ADD (B86, 87 & 96 H&L ETC); 78.2% on LT 1 Avera St. Luke's 2nd SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L); 82.7% on LT 1 Avera St. Luke's 2nd SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L); 34.44% on Portion of BK 83 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD & ETC. (See ROD for full legal description). 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. LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE LODGE #590 80% on LT 1-8 & ALL of VAC ALLEY BLK 54 2nd ADDN. TDAF/TOM AMAN 37.5% on LT 1 Blackstone 2nd SD (2.48AC) (RR ROW). Yelduz Temple 90% on LT 1 Yelduz Corner SD (LT 1-3 BK 50 2nd ADD). Warner Town- ship #23 -Foundation for Youth FireArms Safety Inc. 80% on N 820' of SE 15-122-64 E of RR EX HWY. Groton City #33 – Groton American Legion Post #39 60% on LT 22-25 BK 11 Orig Plat Gro-

ton. Groton Community Transit Inc. 75% of LT 9-12 BLK 10 Orig Plat Groton. Highland Township #35 – St. John Lutheran Church LCMS (Highland) 85% on St John Evangelical Lutheran Church OL Lots 1 & 2 SW 24-122-65. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage 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 Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to remove Tax Exempt status on the following: Aberdeen City #32 – Aberdeen Development Corp. on LT 2 BK 1 Centennial Commons ADD SE 17-123-63; on LT 4 ADC 2020-1 1st SD NE 16-123-63; on LT 1 Midstates Printing/ADC SD ABDN Industrial Park East ADD (L2B7); on LT 1 BK 7 ABDN Industrial Park East ADD NE 16-123-63; on LT 3 ADC 2019-1 1st SD NE 16-123-63 (LT 1 ADC 2018-1 1st SD); on LT 1 ADC 2020-2 SD NE 16-123-63 (LT 1 ABDN DEV CORP 1999-2); on LT 3 BK 1 ABDN Industrial Park East ADD NE 16-123-6. Aber- deen Family Y on LT 1 Lincoln's RAR of LT 9-12 BK 67 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD; on Lt 2 Lincoln's RAR of LT 9-12 BK 67 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD; on Hagerty & Lloyd 7th SD (PT BK 66 & 67 H&L). Aberdeen Family Y YDC on LT 3 Isaac Lincoln's RAR of BK 67 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD. First Bap- tist Church on LT 1 Wells-Lawson Interconnect SD. FOHO I, LLC on LT 1 WSA 1st ADD (LT 788 BK 3 Addisons); on LT 1 Apartment Addition (BK 35 Thomas ADD). Presentation Sisters Convent on LT 1 BLK 4 Huffmans 1st ADD. Sovereign Grace Church on LT 1 Sovereign Grace Church 2nd SD SW 6-123-63 (LT 10 Gugles 1st SD). Oneota Township #6 – Barnard Community Church on LT 1-2 1st ADD Barnard NE 13-126-64. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Senior Tax Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled for 2023 (1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to declare the Board of Equalization recessed until 1:00 p.m. on April 18, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: Moved by Com- missioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to declare the Board of Equalization recessed until 1:00 p.m. on April 18, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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## Brown County April 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

APRIL 11, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Com- missioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda with amend- ments, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUB- LIC COMMENT: Dennis Feickert shared with the Commissioners a letter that was sent out to landowners from Summit Car- bon Solutions stating that this is the final attempt to come to an agreement otherwise will petition the courts for condemnation process.

Dewayne Siebrasse met with the Commissioners stating that he opposes the pipeline, and he knows of 650 Farmers that are not in favor of it, also. He stated that 82% of the land in South Dakota doesn't have any debt against it, the farmers own it 100%. If a landowner agrees to the Easement, they are going to lose a quarter of land.

Jared Bossly just wanted to encourage the Commissioners to get all the facts and reinforce that they are against the Carbon Pipeline. Another concern that has come up is the safety of the water in Brown County.

PROCLAMATION FOR NA- TIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELE- COMMUNICATIONS WEEK:

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #11-23 OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS: Emergencies may occur at any time that require law, fire, or medical services; and WHEREAS: When an emergen- cy occurs, the prompt response of law, fire, and emergency medical

professionals is critical to the protection of life and preser- vation of property; and

WHEREAS: The safety of our law enforcement officers, fire- fighters and EMT's is dependent upon the quality and

accuracy of information obtained from citizens who contact the Brown County Communica- tions Center; and

WHEREAS: Public Safety Dis- patchers are often the first and most critical contact our citizens have with

emergency services; and WHEREAS: Public Safety Dis- patchers are the single, vital link for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical

professionals by moni- toring their activities by radio, telephone, and computer, provid- ing them

information, and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS: Public Safety Dis- patchers of the Brown County Communications Center have contributed

substantially to the apprehen- sion of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients in Brown County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS: Each Brown County Communications Public Safety Dispatcher has exhibited compas- sion,

understanding and profes- sionalism during the perfor- mance of their duty in the past year

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, declares the

Week of April 9th through April 15th, 2023,

to be "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK" in Brown County in honor of the dispatchers whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

DONE AT THE BROWN COUN- TY COURTHOUSE THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Com- missioners Dennert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye and Sutton – aye. Resolution adopted.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization met for conference per SDCL 10-3-14, discussing the 2023 County Board of Equalization, Consolidated Board of Equalization and the Factors that were certified by the State of SD. Ag Factor is .85 and Non-Ag Factor is .97.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met with the Commissioners to ask them to waive the fees for the Spring Clean-up which will be from April 28th to May 13th. There is a 4-tire limit. Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve waiving the fees during Spring Clean-up, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Com- missioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting minutes of April 6, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Com- missioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the follow- ing claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$1,793.04; Dakotabilities \$1,440.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$315.09; Priority Dispatch Corp \$2,560.00; Sanford Health Net- work \$134.16; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$453.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,352.00; SDSU Extension \$215.18. Publishing: Hub City Radio \$600.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$300.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$668.15. Repairs & Maintenance: B & B Contracting, Inc \$875.00; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$2,840.00; Dakota Electronics \$187.40; State of South Dakota \$593.75; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$5,112.45. Supplies: Agetra Cooperative \$8,053.35; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$1,240.00; Century Business Products \$350.81; Dakota Electronics \$618.75; Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equip- ment \$139.26; Full Circle Ag \$3,056.85; Karen Swank \$54.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$84.00; PharmChem, Inc \$319.50; Runnings \$118.65; Tri-State Water \$106.00; US Foods \$10,045.00. Travel & Conference: SDAE4-HP \$35.00. Utilities: Northwestern Energy \$3,894.11; State of

South Dakota \$134.39. Oth- ers: SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$3,343.05. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FLOOR COVERING BIDS: Moved by Commissioner Denne- rt, seconded by Wiese to autho- rize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for removal and disposal of existing carpet, vinyl base, and install 24" x 24" carpet tiles and new vinyl base at 8:45 a.m., on April 25, 2023 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Specifications are available online at [brown.sd.us](http://brown.sd.us), Brown County Buildings/ Grounds Office and the Brown County Auditor's Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeld- heim, seconded by Gage to acknowledge the Landfill Ton- nage Report for March 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, second- ed by Gage to authorize and ap- prove the Auditor sign the Claim Assignment against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following lease agree- ment: Yelduz Shriners for lease of Holum Expo Building on April 3 - 6, 2023 for housing Circus Animals. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the Travel Request for Mike Scott, Landfill Manager to attend Spring SW Workshop in Chamberlain, SD on April 11-13, 2023. All mem- bers present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor Heupel reminded the Com- missioners of the Township Associa- tion meeting is today, April 11th with meal at 6pm, followed by meeting at 6:30pm in the Com- munity Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None  
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, second- ed by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:16 a.m. All mem- bers present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Big Screen Bid Notice

NOTICE TO BIG SCREEN CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M on May 2, 2023, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project – Provide Large Video Screens, all equipment, and technicians for Brown County Fair Grandstand Entertainment in years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026. Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the fol- lowing: Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aber- deen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope with "Brown County Fair Video Screen Bid" to be opened on May 2, 2023.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered un- less accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the propo- sal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications can be obtained at no charge and are on file at the following location:

Brown County Auditor's Of- fice: 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Phone: 605-626-7110

Brown County Building/ Grounds Office: 25 Market Street, Ste.1, Aberdeen SD 57401 Phone: 605-626-7124

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## Stratford Town Water System Bid Notice

Town of Stratford  
Stratford, South Dakota  
Water System Improvements  
General Notice

Town of Stratford (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construc- tion of the following Project: Water System Improvements, A-8992

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Helms & Associates located at 416 N. Production St., Aberdeen, SD, 57401 until Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 1:00 pm local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the fol- lowing Work: The project con- sists of the installation of new watermain piping, valves, curb- stops, water service piping and fire hydrants. Work also consists of asphalt street repair, concrete curb and gutter, gravel street repair, sidewalk repair, storm sewer repair along with other miscellaneous work.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Base Bid and Alternate Bid

Obtaining the Bidding Docu- ments

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following desig- nated website: <http://www.helmsengineering.com/biddocs.html>. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the desig- nated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be up- dated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifica- tions, addenda, and other Bid- ding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the desig- nated website.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Presidents Executive Order Nos. 11246 as amended, 11518, and 11625 as amended. The require- ments for bidders and contrac- tors under these orders are explained in the specifications.

The low responsive bidder will be required to certify to compliance with the American Iron and Steel provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. This certification form may be found on page AIS-21 of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) General Conditions and must be included in the bid proposal. The low responsive bidder must assure compliance with the requirements of Public Law 115-232, Section 889, Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

This project may be partially funded using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. As a condition of the ARPA funding guidelines, the Contractor is shall meet the following minimum re- quirements: Based on the "Build America, Buy America" provi- sions of the Infrastructure In- vestment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and E.O. 14005 which provide that, as appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, a preference will be provided to Contractors for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or

materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, ce- ment, and other manufactured products.) The Contractor shall provide documentation of their efforts to meet the provisions of "Build America, Buy America" upon request.

Please be advised that waivers or exemptions from the Ameri- can Iron and Steel provision that cite International Trade Agree- ments DO NOT comply with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 as it applies to the SRF programs. Claims from suppli- ers that the American Iron and Steel provision does not apply to certain products based on the International Trade Agreement exemptions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 will not be accepted.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR 33 and Executive Order 12138. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation which concerns utilization of Disadvantaged/ Minority Business Enterprises (DBE/MBE) and Women's Busi- ness Enterprises (WBE) are explained in the specifications. The goals for DBE/MBE participation are 1% and WBE participation are 4%.

Bidders are also reminded that not less than the minimum wages as determined by the Davis Bacon Act and set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the contractor and/or subcontractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

In addition to all of the above listed Federal requirements for work on this project, compliance with the contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Exe- cutive Order 11375, Copeland Act, the Clean Air Act, and Water Pollution Control Act, and subse- quent amendments to all of the above will be required of con- tractors and/or subcontractors performing work on this project.

The Issuing Office for the Bid- ding Documents is: Helms and Associates, 416 Production St. N. Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone (605)225-1212

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents on compact disk will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen. Bid- ding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats: Bidding Documents (including Full-Size Drawings (\$100.00) and electronic down- load of documents (\$20.00). Additionally, upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, nonconform- ing, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids. Owner also reserves the right to waive all minor Bid informalities not in- volving price, time, or changes in the Work.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, quali- fications, procedures, and con- tract award, refer to the Instruc- tions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:  
Owner: ..... Town of Stratford  
By: ..... Vern Prickett  
Title: ..... President  
Date: ..... 4/12/23 & 4/19/23  
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## Groton City April 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Wells, Babcock, Wambach, Cutler, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Jarod Fliehs, Kellie Locke, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Todd Gay, and Elizabeth Varin.

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

Three sealed bids were submitted for the 2023 Street Resurfacing Project – Topkote, Inc. at \$2.773 per sq. yd., The Road Guy Construction Co. at \$2.81 per sq. yd., and Bituminous Paving, Inc. at \$3.65 per sq. yd. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to award the project to Topkote, Inc.'s low bid of \$2.773 per sq. yd. All members present voted aye.

Department reports were reviewed.

Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, and Todd Gay exited the meeting.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to move forward with applying for the LWCF grant for the construction of a new concessions/bathroom facility at the ballpark. All members present voted aye.

Jarod Fliehs exited the meeting.

A donation for the purchase of a new sign for the Groton Police Department's building was received in the amount of \$905.00. Further discussion will take place at the next monthly meeting.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Cutler to appoint the following individuals to the Wage Memorial Library Board: Becca Johnson as Vice President for a 3-year term, Ashley Dunham as Trustee for 3-year term, Richal Wambach as Trustee for 1-year term, and Emily Sternhagen as Trustee for 1-year term. All members present voted aye.

Kellie Locke exited the meeting.

MJ's Sinclair, Ken's Food Fair, and Dollar General 2023-2024 Malt Beverage License Renewals were approved on a motion by Babcock and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye.

A Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for the Groton Fireman's Fun Night on April 22, 2023 was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Babcock. All members present voted aye.

The minutes from the previous city council meeting on March 22, 2023 were approved on a motion by Babcock and seconded by Cutler. All members present voted aye.

The minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting on March 22, 2023 were approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$28,011.71, Employee salaries; Executive, \$1,996.49; Administrative, \$4,891.89; Public Safety, \$8,343.45; Public Works, \$12,779.88; Allied Benefit Systems, \$10,386.77, Employee insurance; Employer's Mutual Insurance, \$82.70, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$336.62, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$38.49, Employee insurance; Dacotah Bank, \$5,839.38, SS/Medicare/Withholding; Dacotah Bank, \$3,186.45, SS/Medicare/Withholding; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA Distributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Galls, Inc., \$92.63, PD uniform purchases; JGE, Inc., \$7,838.63, Skidsteer repairs; Dakota Pump & Control, \$1,686.74, Trailer park & Olson lift station repairs; NW Energy, \$13.26, Natural gas service - PD; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental retirement; S&S Lumber Co., \$252.81, Ant traps, air hose blow gun, hose end, floor dry, diesel additive, door pull, twisted clevis, roof melt, snow shovel; AutoZone, Inc., \$52.06, Oil filter, spark plugs; SD Retirement System, \$12,704.40, Employee retirement; USPS, \$282.78, Utility postage; SD State Treasurer, \$10,072.73, Sales & Excise Tax - March 2023; Farmers Union Co-op, \$1,608.90, #2 dyed diesel; USPS, \$290.00, First-Class Pre-sort Permit #10 Renewal; Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation,

\$10,000.00, Donation from City; Resignation and the removal of a Irby, Inc., \$78.70, Sockets and discussion item: Safety Protocol. headlamp; J's Superior Cleaning, All aye, carried.

\$120.00, Commercial cleaning No conflict of interest disclosures - March 2023; SDPAA, \$1,299.30, Property value up - Motion 2023-096 Motion by dated coverage fee; Groton Daily, \$50.00, • March 2023 Payroll

Independent, \$97.52, Publishing approve the following consent Fees; Dollar General, \$120.31, agenda items. All voted Aye. Bottled water, lighter, toilet paper - Motion carried. per, tissues, batteries, plastic • .... March 13, 2023 Regular forks, candy, creamer, coffee, Meeting Minutes ketchup, soap; Smith Autobody, • ..... March 2023 Financial \$70.00, PD Tahoe dent and Report, Custodial Accounts and scratch repair; SD Gov't Hu-Investments

man Resources Assoc., \$50.00, • March 2023 Payroll HR School registration fee; SD Gov't Finance Officers' Assoc., Financial Report: \$75.00, FO School registration General Fund- Checking: Bal fee; Drew Johnson, \$600.00, 3-1-23: \$289,481.77; Receipts: Legal services - March 2023; \$101,782.71; Disbursements: WEB Water, \$17,796.52, Water \$175,622.09; Bal 3-31-23 services - March 2023; A&B Busi-\$216,642.39. Investments: Bal ness Solutions, \$341.40, Printer 3-1-23: \$288,896.07; Inter-lease; WAPA, \$26,054.69, Powerest: \$13,168.35; Bal 3-31-23 services - March 2023; Heart-\$302,064.42. Ending Fund Bal-land Energy, \$66,048.56, Powrance: \$517,706.81.

services - March 2023; Locke Imprest Fund: Bal 3-1-23: Electric, Inc., \$153.06, Family \$3,967.52; Receipts: \$0; Dis-Crisis Bill Payment; IT Outlet, bursements: \$772.00; Bal 3-31-Inc., \$720.00, Microsoft Office 23 \$3,195.52. 365 subscription - City Hall; Capital Outlay Fund- Check-onSolve, LLC., \$270.00, One Calling: Bal 3-1-23: \$637,260.02; Now credits; Lori's Pharmacy, Receipts: \$36,814.45; Disburse-\$33.50, Flower arrangement; ments: \$19,203.75; Bal 3-31-23 Darrel's Sinclair, \$367.40, (2) \$654,870.72. Investments: Bal batteries for bucket truck, tire 3-1-23: \$1,933,634.20. Ending repair - PD; Galls, Inc., \$130.91, Fund Balance: \$2,588,504.92. PD uniform purchases; Ken's Special Education Fund- Check-Fair Foods, \$147.45, Fuel pur-ing: Bal 3-1-23: \$63,798.43; chases; James Valley Telecom-Receipts: \$12,576.81; Disburse-communications, \$800.79, Telephones: \$39,234.00; Bal 3-31-23 & Internet Services; Dacotah \$39,234.00. Investments: Bal Bank Visa, \$2,108.10, Books for 3-1-23: \$1,446,175.05. Ending library, USB GPS receiver - PD, Fund Balance: \$1,485,409.05. thumb drives, postage, Dell com- Food Service Fund: Bal puter and adapters, fuel, annual 3-1-23: \$9,331.80; Receipts: camera and storage fees, pesti-\$23,364.90; Disbursements: cide certification fee; ; Economic \$8,968.97; Bal 3-31-23 development was discussed. \$23,727.73.

Announcement: Spring Gar- Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 3-1-23: bage Routes are In Effect. 66.35; Receipts: \$2,100.00; Elizabeth Varin exited the Disbursements: \$0; Bal 3-31-23 meeting. \$2,166.35.

Moved by Cutler and seconded Custodial Fund: Bal 3-1-1 by Wells to adjourn into execu-23: \$20,729.01; Receipts: tive session for personnel and \$11,596.60; Disbursements: legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) \$6,893.48; Bal 3-31-23 at 7:55pm. All members present \$25,432.13. voted aye. Council reconvened Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: into regular session at 8:21pm. Bal 3-1-23: \$.85; Receipts: \$0; Elizabeth Varin reentered the Disbursements: \$0; Bal 3-31-23 meeting. \$.85. Investments: Bal 3-1-23: \$26,471.58; Ending Fund Bal- by Babcock to approve the fol-ance: \$26,472.43.

lowing swimming pool wages: Claims approved: March \$14/hourly for Assistant Part-2023 Payroll - General Fund Time Managers and \$25 bonus salaries 72,585.81, Special for private swimming lesson Education salaries 14,159.86, instructors per (5) 30-minute Food Service salaries 2,521.96. sessions. The \$25 bonus for EFTPS, federal income tax/Social the private swimming lesson Security/Medicare 24,499.10; instructors is only received if the AFLAC, supplemental insurance employee works for the entire 1,530.49; American Funds, re-season. All members present retirement 1,536.18; Delta Den-tal, insurance 1,923.06; The Standard, life insurance 254.84; by Wells to hire the follow-Security Benefits, retirement ing season employees: Reilly, 1,333.22; Optilegra, vision insur-Fuhrman - U10 Softball Coachance 422.72; Wellmark, health and Braxton Imrie - Baseball insurance 18,059.00; SD Retire-Groundskeeper. All membership 14,265.88; SD Retirement present voted aye. Supplemental, 4,478.22. Total: \$157,570.34.

Moved by Wells and seconded Bills approved: General by Bahr to adjourn the meeting Fund: Aberdeen Awards-fb/ at 8:26pm. All members present Fund: Aberdeen Awards-fb/ voted aye. gbb plaques, 150.00; Agtegra-fuel, 3,268.12; Amazon-tech Douglas Heinrich, Financesupplies, 354.95; Arthurs, Cryst- tal-education reimbursement,

Published April 19, 2023, at \$191.97; ASBSD-board training, the total approximate cost of \$34.81; CWD-FFVP, 464.38; \$63.74 and may be viewed free Century Business Products-of charge at www.sdpublicno-copier coverage, 229.77; Cole tices.com. 22131 Papers-supplies, 1,036.51; Community Store-FACS supplies, 22.52; FASD Imprest Fund-misc, 835.25; GDI News-publishing, 213.30; Glazier Drive-fb renewal, 80.00; JHC Services-van-bus maintenance, 321.20; JVT-telephone, 245.55; Kesslers-FACS supplies, 74.45; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply-election supplies, 140.72; MDU-utilities, 5,773.81; Menards-maintenance supplies, 171.66; Merchant Ser-vices-lunch processing fees, 3.00; Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance supplies, 451.99; Midstates Group-bbb trophies, 62.25; O'Reilly Auto Parts-expedition parts, 81.56; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 217.65; Pashen, Jennifer-co-operating teacher for NSU stu-dent teacher, 200.00; Pauer and Business Manager Shauna Sound-sound system service, Severson. Tonya Zinter, Jayden 137.00; Pioneer Athletics-fb Ellwein, Jace Thorpe, Arabella field paint, 815.45; Porta Phone Clark, Jillian Ellwein, Crystal Co-fb headset reconditioning, Arthurs, David Clark, Carla Clark, 649.00; School Specialty-art sup-plies 28.94; SDASBO-conference Bev Myer and Brock Pashen were registration, 100.00; State of SD-medicaid admin fee, 26.50; Town of Frederick-utilities, 636.83; Waverly-South Shore School District-region 1b gbb cost share, 291.98. Capital Outlay Fund: Century Business Products-copier lease, 306.66; Interior Design Concepts-carpet tile prek/3/4, 14,150.61; Johnson Controls-building efficiency north entrance, 3,235.15; NSU-spring 23 digital textbooks, 71.00. Special Education Fund: ABACARE-consultations, 540.00; FASD Food Service-prek screening adult meals, 29.10; Geffre, Wen-

dy-mileage, 51.00. Food Service Fund: Cash-Wa Direct-food, 17.98; CWD Fargo-food/supplies, 4,417.85; CWD Kearney-food, 28.20; Child and Adult Nutrition-commodities processing, 307.84; Community Store-food, 16.25; FASD General-leftover conces-sion food, 371.07; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 56.75; Custodial Fund: Cox, Chandler-power-lifting fund, 122.10; Geffdog-bbb fund, 280.94; Kesslers-FCCLA, 56.00; Kosters, Jeff-region 1b bbb site admin-500.00; Pizza Ranch-LRC, 138.72; Reporter Farmer-region 1b bbb sodak 16 plaques, 57.00; SDFCCLA-FCCLA, 225.00; SDHSA-region 1b bbb share, 4,808.00; Sev-erson, Shauna-region 1b bbb secretary, 100.00; Webster Area School District-region 1b bbb site, 225.00. Imprest Fund: Brown Co. Sheriff-fingerprints, 20.00; Division of Criminal In-vestigation-background check, 43.25; Kosters-Jeff, AD confer-ence meals, 102.00; NSU TF-NSU track meets, 600.00; Region Music Contest-large group con-test, 70.00.

The 5-year Capital Outlay Plan was presented to the board and discussed. No action taken.

A special meeting for the 2023 school board election canvass was discussed. No action taken.

Make-up days for the recent school closure days were discussed. No action taken.

The following reports were presented: Jeff Kosters: Superinten-dent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Di-rector Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal Shauna Severson: Business Manager Sumption: NCSEC Achen/Hart: Building/Athletic Co-op Motion 2023-096 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to offer and approve the Work Agree-ment to Kristi Feil, Assistant Custodian for the remaining 2022-2023 school year \$14.00/hr. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-097 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to amend the appointed 2023 school board election workers and replace Kathy Schaunaman with Julie Brotzel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-098 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the Pre-School Policy and set out of district tuition to \$80/month. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-099 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to adopt the 2023-2024 SDHSA Mem-bership Resolution. Roll call vote: Achen-Aye, Hart-Aye, Ellwein-Aye, Sumption-Aye, Schlosser-Aye, carried.

Motion 2023-100 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the 2023-2024 North Central Special Education Co-operative District Membership Agreement. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-101 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the 2023-2024 Northern Plains Insurance Pool Joint Pow-ers Agreement. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-102 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to adopt the Associated School Boards Protective Trust Bylaws Resolution and approve the 2023-2024 ASBPT Workers' Compensation Fund Participa-tion Agreement and Renewal. Roll call vote: Achen-Aye, Hart-Aye, Ellwein-Aye, Sumption-Aye, Schlosser-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-103 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to accept the resignation from Chandler Cox, Strength and Conditioning Coach. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to congratulate the Math Counts team for placing 6th at state which consisted of Katie Bretsch, Jayden Ellwein, Jax Holmes and Titus Kippley. They would also like to recognize the science fair competitors and congratulate the following: Sofi Lousure and Laura Sumption earned honor-able mention and a USA Air Force award, Arabella Clark and Allysen Larsen received honor-able mention and Winston Clark for second place in Physics and Earth Science; Junior High quiz bowl also received first place in the quiz bowl. The following students competed at regions and received Gold and will be competing at state FCCLA: Arabella Clark, Jayden Ellwein, Jillian Ellwein and Jace Thorpe. Finally, they congratulated Jeff Kosters for being voted Region I coach of the year.

Motion 2023-104 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlusser declared the board out of executive session at 8:24 p.m.

Motion 2023-105 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to go into executive session at 8:24 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (4) Negotiations. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlusser declared the board out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion 2023-106 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to ap-prove the 2023-2024 Negotiated Agreement. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-107 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to offer 2023-2024 Certified Con-tracts to the following staff members. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Jennifer Anliker, Crystal Arthurs, Janelle Barondeau, Jennifer Dallmann, Morgan John-son, Christine Kosters, Sharon Langley, Jennifer Little, Melissa Meidinger, Marty Morlock, Brock Pashen, Jennifer Pashen, Caitlin Podoll, Ashley Schmidt, Shauna Severson, Sarah Sumption, Paula Tschosik, Maggie Ulmer and Tonya Zinter.

Motion 2023-108 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to offer a 2023-2024 Certified Con-tract to Ashley Gibbs, Preschool/ Title Interventionist. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-109 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to offer the following 2023-2024 Non-Certified Employee Work Agreements. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Rich Bakeberg-Transportation, Mark Christian-son-Transportation, Michelle Dosch-Paraprofessional, Janet Elsen-Paraprofessional, Kristi Feil- Assistant Custodian, Ash-ley Gunther-Assistant Cook, Faye Gunther-Head Cook, Jeff Kosters-Transportation, Zach-ary Kosters-Maintenance, Marie Knutson-Paraprofessional, Lance Podoll-Transportation, Traci Reineke-Paraprofessional, Jес-sica Mardian-Paraprofessional, Keith Underberg-Transportation. Motion 2023-110 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to offer a work agreement to Amanda Wolbeck, Paraprofessional. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-111 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to offer the following 2023-2024 Administrative Contracts. Achen, Ellwein, Hart, Schlosser- Aye, Sumption abstained. Motion carried. Julie Brotzel-Technology Coordinator, Christine Kosters-Special Education Director, Jeff Kosters-Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic and Transpor-tation Director, Jessica Ringgen-berg-PK-8 Principal, Shauna Severson-Business Manager, Stacey Sumption-Administrative Assistant. Motion 2023-112 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the 2022-2023 contract addendums for Jeff Kosters and Shauna Severson. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-113 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to offer 2023-2024 FASD Coaching and Extra-Curricular Contracts to the following. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Crystal Arthurs-FCCLA Advisor, Janelle Barondeau-Head Cross Country/Assistant Track, Wayne Haas-Assistant Track, Jeff Kosters-Head Golf, Marty Morlock-Head Track, Brock Pashen-Yearbook Advisor, Megan Russo-Assistant Track, Shauna Severson-Concessions Manager, Sarah Sumption-Assistant Cross Country/Science Fair. Motion 2023-114 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to offer 2023-2024 Leola/Frederick Co-op Coaching Contracts to the following. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Alura Johnson-Assistant Volleyball, Jeff Kosters-Head Football/ Head Girls Basketball, Marty Morlock-Assistant Football, Don Nickelson-Junior High Boys Basketball, Brock Pashen-Head Boys Basketball, Troy Podoll-Junior High Football/Junior High Girls Basketball, Alex Sumption-Assistant Boys Basketball, Sarah Sumption-Assistant Girls Basket-ball, Warren Sumption-Junior High Boys Basketball, Bryson Thorpe-Junior High Boys Basket-ball, Leesa Ware-Head Volleyball. Motion 2023-115 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Shauna Severson, Business Manager Published April 19, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$125.83 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicno-tices.com. 22129

## Brown County Floor Covering Bid Notice

NOTICE TO FLOOR COVER-ING RETAILERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on April 25, 2023, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Removal and disposal of existing carpet, vinyl base, and install 24"x24" carpet tiles and new vinyl base.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and be marked on the envelope. "Courthouse Carpet Tiles And Vinyl Base" to be opened on April 25, 2023.

CONTRACT: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications can be obtained at no charge and are on file at the following locations:

Brown County Auditor's Of-fice: 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Phone: 605-626-7110

Brown County Building/ Grounds Office: 25 Market Street, Ste.1, Aberdeen SD 57401 Phone: 605-626-7124

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## Claremont Town April 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Claremont met on April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

President Johnson called the meeting to order with Trustees Jason Spencer and Frank Ras-mussen present. Also present was Brett Gibbs representing the Community Club.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by Frank Rasmussen and seconded by Jason Spencer.

On a motion by Jason Spencer and seconded by Frank Rasmus-sen the following warrants were allowed:

General:

IRS, first quarter of federal tax, 632.24; James Valley Tele-communication, phone and in-ternet, 91.68; Full Circle Ag, dyed diesel, 297.38; GDI, March publication, 19.87; New, street lights, 252.69; New, city hall, 101.32; Missi Smith, cleaning city hall, 88.28; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Post Office, purchase stamps, 63.00; Shane Johnson, 18 hrs. snow removal, 265.97; Shane Johnson, Zep multi clean-er, 41.79; Jason Spencer, 23 hrs. snow removal, 339.86.

WSSW:

BDM, water purchased, 891.00; James Valley Telecom-munications, sewer lift station, 47.97; GDI, storm sewer resolu-tion, 22.38; New, pump house power, 168.53; New, sewer lift, 61.78; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00.

Follow up on payment box will be done by Shane Johnson.

Brett was present to update the board on the new sign to be used for upcoming events in town. He also noted that the community club will be holding a community clean up in the near future.

With no further business be-fore the board a motion was made by Frank Rasmussen to adjourn and seconded by Jason Spencer. Motion carried.

C.Rye, Finance Officer

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**Brown County  
April 11, 2023**

**Consol. Equalization**

APRIL 11, 2023 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Members of the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School District 6-1 organized themselves as the 2023 Consolidated Board of Equalization, in accordance with SDCL 10-11-66 at 1:00 P.M. on April 11, 2023, in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Oaths of Office were taken by Commissioners Drew Dennert, Mike Gage and Duane Sutton, Aberdeen School Board Member Duane Alm and Aberdeen Mayor Travis Schaunaman. Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke and Appraiser Russell Metz were also in attendance. Auditor Lynn Heupel called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Dennert nominated Commissioner Sutton as Chairman for the 2023 Consolidated Board of Equalization. Moved by Dennert, seconded by Mayor Schaunaman that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sutton for Chairman of the 2023 Consolidated Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dennert nominated Commissioner Gage as Vice-Chairman for the 2023 Consolidated Board of Equalization, seconded by Mayor Schaunaman. Moved by Dennert, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Gage for Vice-Chairman of the 2023 Consolidated Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Rockstep Aberdeen, LLC on LT 2A DIAL 3rd ADD Se 17-123-63 from \$4,346,077.00 to \$3,780,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Acadia Creek Limited Partnership on LT F HAPI 1st Central SD W2 NE 30-123-63 from \$2,561,917.00 to \$2,168,120.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Carlyle Limited Partnership on LT 14A Pierson SD SE 18-123-63 from \$2,077,986.00 to \$1,266,673.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations

from the Director of Equalization for Jordan Park Limited Partnership on S 300' OL 4A Ganje ADD of Melros Est from \$1,955,885.00 to \$1,498,886.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Mayor Schaunaman to approve the Director of Equalization to do an Omitted for Pierson Ford on LT 3 Auto Plaza ADD to raise from \$990,839.00 to \$1,056,179.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to declare the Consolidated Board of Equalization recessed until 1:00 p.m. on April 25, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Westport Town  
April 3, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting

April 3rd, 2023

The Town of Westport met on April 3rd, 2023 with Larry Schmit, Shane Storm and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$614.64), B&B contracting – snow removal (\$552.50), Card member services- printer ink (\$151.98), US treasury (\$460.82) & SD Unemployment (\$17.01).

Sewer NWPS (\$51.54) DANR- Loan repayment (\$9,310.01) & NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13).

Water Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$600.00) & WEB(\$2,029.62).

Larry Schmit made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$747.80), State of SD (\$1,871.54), & Interest (\$109.97).

Sewer Resident Payments – (\$1,900.00).

Water Resident Payments – (\$2,893.62).

NEW BUSINESS:

Mitch Wilson will continue as media contact. Discussed possible flooding, if there needs to be a purchase, it must be approved by a board member. Presented water report to board, this also was posted on the Facebook page.

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*baby shower*

**Baby Shower celebrating Ali Anderson will be held Sunday, April 30, 2-4 p.m., at the Cassels House, 508 N. 3rd St., Groton. RSVP Donna Anderson at 605-868-3242. Gender of baby unknown until birth. Baby Register is at <https://www.babylist.com/list/babyandersoncomingjuly2023>**



The cast and characters of The Wizard of Oz are: Anna Bisbee, Dorothy; Ashtyn Bahr, scarecrow; Carter Barse, tin man; Camryn Kurtz, cowardly lion; Addison Hoeft, wicked witch, Gavin Kroll, Oz, farmer, gentleman of the court; Natalia Warrington, Glinda, lady of the court, munchkin; Kyleigh Kroll, Witch of the North, lady of the court; Maddie Herrick, guardian, kalidah; Ari Dinger, munchkin, flower, winkie, kalidah; Hannah DeCoteau Heminger, munchkin, lady of the court, winkie; Tinley Frost, munchkin, flower, winkie, gentleman of the court; Raquel Tracey, winkie, munchkin, lady of the court; Aurora Washenberger, soldier, farmer, winkie, monkey; Adeline Kotzer, crow, lady of the court, flower; Novalea Warrington, monkey king, crow, flower, lady of the court.

Tech crew: Ellie Weismantel, Cambria Bonn, Raelee Lilly, Jacob Tewksbury, Axel Warrington, Ethan Clark, Reanne Dennert, Emily Clark, Anthony Garcia.

Elementary Cast (munchkins, flying monkeys, gentleman of the court, flowers): Tori Schuster, Charlie Jacobsen, Libby Johnson, Kendyll Kroll, Callie Herrick, Jase Bahr, Aschar Warrington and Ayce Warrington.

**The Wizard of Oz presented**

Play director Amanda Bisbee and the All School Play cast members presented the Wizard of Oz Friday night. A second performance is scheduled for today at 4 p.m.

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# Baseball Concession Stand facility project delayed

by Elizabeth Varin

The City of Groton may have to hit the brakes on a new concession stand at the city's baseball facility.

The Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation has been pushing the city to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Grant to move the project forward. The hope was to move the current facility after the last game of this summer so a new one could be in place by next year.

However, the wheels of government seem to move slower than expected.

Applications for the grant are due at the end of this month, but the city won't find out if it gets the grant until spring of 2024, said Ted Dickey, program coordinator with Northeast Council of Government. Work can't begin until the grant is in place.

"They would assume you have enough funding in place (without the grant), so they would move it to something else," he said.

The city could move the existing facility, but any work on a new structure would have to wait for state and federal officials to sign off on the grant, he said. And there is no guarantee the city will even be awarded the grant.

Foundation board members had hoped to have a new concession stand built before the 2024 season as Groton is set to host the state junior legion tournament.

When asked if the facility could operate without a concession stand, baseball/softball foundation vice president Jarod Flihs was quick to say "no."

Councilman Brian Bahr said the city couldn't afford to complete the project without the grant. He asked if the foundation would be able to wait.

"We don't have a choice," Flihs said. "It's a city building. We're just looking to help fund it."

Even with an extended project timeline, there are other hurdles the city must overcome in order to receive grant funding.

Groton received a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant a couple

of years ago to transform the tennis courts into pickleball courts, which may make it harder to receive a grant again so soon, Dickey told the council. A concession stand is also not a priority project as it isn't the actual field the team will compete on or a playground kids will play on.

Dickey recommended the city apply for a grant totaling 35 percent of the project cost, as it will be scored higher by those deciding what to fund. That would make the grant total about \$77,000, with the city and foundation covering the remaining \$133,000.

Totals have not been finalized for the project, and prices could just keep going up.

"The grant needs numbers, but it's kind of like juggling because by the time the grant comes down, the prices have changed," said Councilwoman Karyn Babcock.

The council voted to move forward with the grant application for 35 percent of the cost.

## Some positive news

City officials have been struggling to find a place for the current concession stand structure to go. Council members said the building could be reused as it is in OK condition, but finding a place for the building and a purpose for it has been a recurring concern.

While updating the council on the airport conditions, Darrell Hillestad said that building would work perfectly at the airport. He added he would even move the building himself, saving the city thousands in moving costs.

For now, though, Hillestad said he would move an old trailer out to the airport after they get the water drained and the road back in shape.

## Pickleball problems

The city may be in a pickle with the old tennis courts near the city swimming pool.

The grant used to turn the tennis courts into pickleball courts finishes at the end of the year, Dickey told the council. That means the project and associated bills need to be wrapped up prior to December 31.

However, Councilman Brian Bahr expressed concern about the condition of the facility.

"It looks worse than it did last year at this point," he said. "A lot of cracks. Lots of cracks."

It's an issue the city can't ignore, he said. The contractor needs to come back to see what needs to be done because there are hairline cracks all over the court.

"...To me, I think you're supposed to fill a crack before you go over it," he added. "But that's not my wheelhouse. I'm not a pickleball builder."

If the contractor plans to fix the court, they should get it done before November when the ground freezes, Bahr said.

Dickey replied they need to get it done sooner in order to get paperwork completed by the end of the year.

Councilman Kevin Nehls added it would be nice to get it done sooner so the court could get some usage this year.

Bahr asked about a warranty on the work done, but city officials didn't sound positive on the matter.

"It's a warranty that was written the way it was because they knew they're product would fail," said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich.

From how the process worked, he added, the contractor came in and did the work. A couple of weeks went by before weather turned bad. After that, the court was ruined, Heinrich said.

## City shop options discussed

Council members continued discussion about the city's shop building. Northeast Council of Government's Dickey asked if the city had cost estimates for building a new, larger shop that would be able to hold the larger equipment the city has gotten.

Mayor Hanlon replied that the council had just been tossing ideas around to see what was possible.

Councilman Bahr asked if department heads could walk around the current shop to see if any of the equipment should be surplus.

"Maybe we don't need the room," he said.

However, a taller door can't be added to the current building, and the equipment just seems to keep getting bigger.

## Police Department sign taking shape

The council looked at a bid to replace the sign on the Groton Police Department building at 209 North Main Street. At the council meeting April 11, Councilman Bahr brought in more than \$900 in donations from the community for new signage at the station, with concerns about visibility of the department building presented.

For a five foot by four foot sign on the building, Quality Quick Print in Aberdeen estimated the cost at \$3,589, Heinrich told the council. That would include creating the sign and installing, though the city would have to look into getting an electrician to light the sign.

If a new sign goes in on top of where the old one is, Mayor Hanlon requested the old plaque be removed and brought to City Hall.

Bahr emphasized that the sign needs to be lit at night, because "we have police presence 24/7," he said.

Councilman Nehls added he doesn't think the price is too bad, but he would like to see another quote just to be sure.

The board voted to table the issue until the city can get another quote.

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