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## Groton Area Girls Golf Team

Shaylee Peterson, Carly Guthmiller, Carly Gilbert, Mia Crank, Carlee Johnson  
(Courtesy Photo)

## Guthmiller places fourth at NEC Girls Golf Meet

The Northeast Conference girls golf meet was held Monday at Sisseton with Carly Guthmiller placing fourth with a score of 104. Others golfing were Carly Gilbert in eighth place with a score of 114, Mia Crank was 12th with a score of 122, Carlee Johnson was 13th with a score of 123 and Shaylee Peterson was 14th with a score of 123.



Brian Bahr, Councilmember from Groton, and Rick Boschee, Mayor of Bowdle, were elected Vice Chair and Chair respectively of the South Dakota Municipal League's District 6. Area municipal officials elected the pair to represent their district at the annual meeting held May 16, 2023, in Hecla. (Courtesy Photo)

## City Officials from Bowdle, Groton Elected to District Offices for SD Municipal League

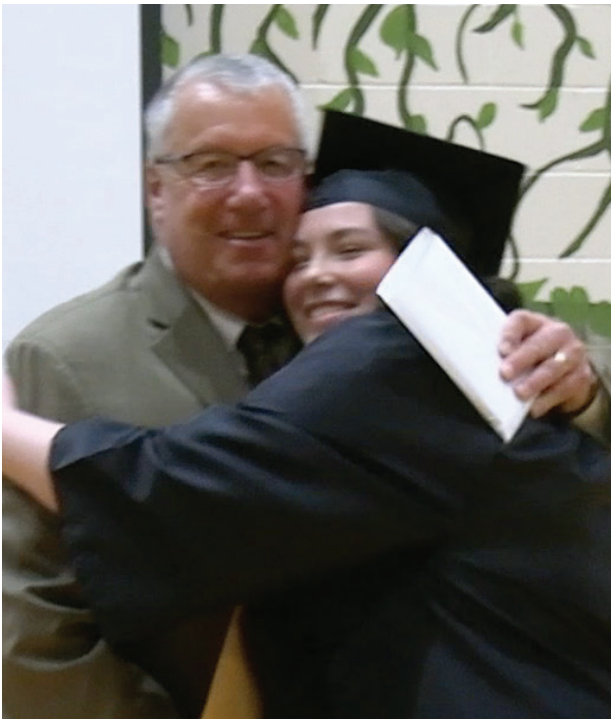
HECLA, S.D. – More than 40 municipal officials representing 7 cities gathered at the South Dakota Municipal League's annual District 6 Meeting, held in Hecla on May 16, 2023.

David Reiss, South Dakota Municipal League Executive Director, spoke about the outcome of the 2023 Legislative Session and the effect new laws will have on South Dakota municipalities. Reiss also discussed the direction and future of the Municipal League and services offered to the municipalities.

"More and more we are seeing the need to get better information out to the citizens and legislators. Municipal government provides a vast array of services, and people need to be informed of where their tax dollars are going," said Reiss. "This type of education can only benefit municipal government. The taxpayers would be very proud of their local government if they were fully aware of how much service a municipality provides at a relatively low cost."

The meeting also saw the election of representatives for the district. Rick Boschee, Mayor of Bowdle, was re-elected as District 6 Chair and Brian Bahr, Councilmember from Groton, was elected as Vice Chair. As the district chair, Boschee will act as a contact for and represent their district as a member of the SDML Board of Directors. Duties began immediately.

In other business, those attending voted to hold the 2024 District 6 Meeting in Groton.



Groton Area held its 130th Annual Commencement Program Sunday in the GHS Arena. The two school board members handing out the diplomas also had seniors this year. On the left is Marty Weismantel with Elliana and on the right is Deb Gengerke with Brooke. We will be working on the senior spotlight section in the upcoming days. (Photos lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

## Tornado shelter, city shop, jailhouse discussion on the table at Groton City Council

by Elizabeth Varin

Ideas for new bathrooms and a tornado shelter at the Groton City Park will soon be before the City Council.

Council members met with Ken Hier with Clark Engineering Corporation and Dean Marske, president and principal architect at HKG Architects based in Aberdeen. Discussion centered on park bathroom improvements and funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A safe room for tornadoes and hurricanes has to be able to withstand 250 mile per hour winds, Marske said. That means poured concrete walls or possibly cast walls eight inches thick.

Some things still need to be decided, he said. "We've got the plans," he said. "We've done it. You have to tell me what ... how (much capacity) you want."

It would be nice to get a sheet of paper with sizing options and what can be inside the tornado shelter, said Mayor Scott Hanlon.

Marske said he and his staff can bring those options to the council's next meeting in June. But the council needs to consider things like how many people may need to use the shelter and how many bathrooms or showers the city needs at the bathroom facility.

The focus wouldn't be how many people attend events at the city park, but rather those who stay at the camp ground at the park and some nearby residents who would need the shelter, Hier said.

Later in the meeting after the engineer and architect left, the council discussed capacity needed at a park-based shelter.

A "bare minimum" number would be room for 30 people, said Councilman Brian Bahr.

Other council members discussed whether

bathrooms and showers currently at the city park bathroom facility would be inside or outside of the tornado shelter.

There are additional concerns as a lot of people live near the area, said Councilman Kevin Nehls. There are four apartment complexes within a few blocks.

Decisions about size and building type are set to be continued at the council's June 6 meeting.

"Everybody needs to think on this," Hanlon said. "And we'll cross that road at the next meeting."

### New shop or renovations on the horizon

The city may soon need a new shop, but plans are in discussion for a short-term solution.

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## Graduates will ignore this column

I started running the numbers in my head as I watched graduates in the receiving line last weekend. Has it been that long since that was me? Yes, according to all the math I ever needed, learned by second grade. No need for algebra. Ever. Teachers don't know everything.

It's been a very long time. I'm creeping ever closer to my 50th class reunion. It's shocking to write those words. But I've been getting warning shots from AARP for a while, now. At our small class reunion last summer, all the hot chicks had become little old ladies. The guys? Our foreheads have expanded but we're still suave and debonair. Back then, we pronounced it "swave and deboner" because we were hilarious.

I won't bore you with dad jokes about how Lincoln was president when I graduated. No, Methuselah was. Lincoln was class treasurer. Total geek. Methuselah? You kids and agnostics, look it up on The Google. As if kids are reading this. All the sage advice contained in this column will be wasted unless I can figure out how to get this on Tiktok.

Speaking of Methuselah, Delbert Eszlinger, who was wearing his best cowboy hat, told me graduation was 60 years removed for him. We chatted a bit in the sunshine before he and Donna headed back to the ranch in their Stanley Steamer. Delbert walked to school in raging blizzards eight days a week, uphill, both ways. Backwards. Because, well, it's Delbert.

I know the persistent get-off-my-lawn crowd will continue to gripe about "kids today" as they have been since Diogenes was walking the streets with a lantern looking for the right bathroom. But the kids I see... smart. Together. Not morons like we were. They still have a few things to learn, however. For instance, Diogenes. Look it up on the Tiktok, kids. No, he wasn't a wideout for the Rams.

Every May for decades, I've issued the same oft-ignored advice. Make sure you do something you love, I always say, and if you can make a good living at it, all the better. But, this morning it dawned on me that your life's success comes down to one thing. Leaving the world, your slice of it, anyway, better than you found it.

It's impossible to know who you'll touch and inspire. Touch wisely. These things get passed on. It's why teachers are so important. Even if they don't know everything. They create ripples that ripple into eternity. Sweet endless echos. Plant the seeds others harvest.

Make a difference. That can be accomplished by remembering one thing, and at the risk of offending the Ministerial Association, the only commandment you really need: Be Kind.

Reverend, you can use that if like. On occasion, I hear that my column has been quoted in church. Possibly as a cautionary tale, but I like to think that it's because occasionally I get it right. But it should concern us all. One of us is probably going to Hell.

Being kind doesn't mean being a marshmallow, though. Stay on the right side of things. Defend the defenseless. Stand up to bullies. Relentlessly. Lead. Be brave.

And for God's sake, read! Open your mind. Educate yourself every day. Evolve. Stay informed and don't get sucked into the ridiculous notion of "advocacy journalism." There's no such thing. Journalism is neutral. It doesn't mean they're not giving you facts, but the absence of them, perspective, is what makes it propaganda. Think. Ignore mindless catchy slogans. Study. Critical thinking is in desperate supply.

Travel. Explore. Move to a city. But don't be afraid to come back. Me? I've always been a child of the prairie but after living near the ocean and in the mountains and in the wilderness, I'm certain of it now.

A successful life demands perspective and you can't get that from the same perch. Fly.

Enrich your soul. Go to concerts, and not just that Bro Country stuff, either. The operative word here is "music." Without fail, when you're in a city, take time for museums. Our senses are assaulted daily by unkind things, but when you witness the work of the masters, it reminds one of the beauty of which mankind is capable. You can go to church for hope. I like museums.

Make new friends. We can't do this alone. Keep your old ones, too, even when they get wrinkly. You'll lose a few along the way one way or another. Some will disappoint you, but, but.. some of them, maybe the class wallflower, are going to surprise you. Flowers bloom at different stages.

Now, go. Fly. Be kind. Compassionate. Generous. I can't wait to see what happens.

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## That's Life

by Tony Bender

However, I think a lot of people, including myself, thought Smith's departure would come via release and not trade, so it is nice to see that the Vikings were able to gain some compensation for Smith leaving.

With Smith's departure, the Vikings lose one of their two defensive players who accumulated double-digit sacks last season, the other being Danielle Hunter. However, Smith's game truly fell off a cliff in the second half of the season last year as he only had half a sack after week 10. His complete disappearance is likely the reason the Vikings decided to move on from him. Now, the Vikings will look to Danielle Hunter and newly acquired Marcus Davenport to lead the pass rush group in the 2023 season.

### 2023 Schedule Release

In other news, the 2023 NFL schedule got released this past Thursday so we thought it would be a good idea to run through the Viking's schedule and discuss some of the key games for the team.

Week 1 - vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

For the sixth time in seven years, the Vikings will kick off their season at home.

Week 2 - @ Philadelphia Eagles

Like last year, the Vikings will travel to Philadelphia to face the Eagles in week 2 in primetime. This year, the game will be played on Thursday night. This game will be a good barometer of what to expect from the Vikings going forward for the rest of the season.

Week 3 - vs. Los Angeles Chargers

After his release this offseason, Eric Kendricks will be returning to Minnesota to play the Vikings.

Week 4 - @ Carolina Panthers

Week 5 - vs. Kansas City Chiefs

For the first time since 2011, the Minnesota Vikings will get to match up against the defending Super Bowl champion at home.

Week 6 - @ Chicago Bears

The Vikings will head to Chicago and look to continue its three-game winning streak against the Bears at Soldier Field. For a place that saw the Vikings go 3-16 from 2001-2019, the Vikings have managed to match that win total in just the last three seasons.

Week 7 - vs. San Francisco 49ers

The Vikings will host the 49ers for the first time since 2018 in what will be an important game in deciding NFC seeding

Week 8 - @ Green Bay Packers

With the Aaron Rodgers era over in Green Bay, the Vikings will get their first chance in three decades to walk into Lambeau Field knowing that they have the better quarterback in the game.

Week 9 - @ Atlanta Falcons

Week 10 - vs. New Orleans Saints

Week 11 - @ Denver Broncos

Week 12 - vs. Chicago Bears

Week 13 - BYE Week

This will be the second latest in the Vikings' history behind their week 14 bye in 1991.

Week 14 - @ Las Vegas Raiders

Week 15 - @ Cincinnati Bengals

Week 16 - vs. Detroit Lions

Week 16 will start the final three-game stretch for the Vikings where they will face three NFC North teams in a row. This could either make or break the Vikings' season.

Week 17 - vs. Green Bay Packers

Jordan Love will get his first chance to deal with the loud Vikings' home crowd that managed to give Favre and Rodgers problems in their days as the Packers' starting quarterback.

Week 18 - @ Detroit Lions

The season finale will be a matchup between the top two favorites to win the NFC North. If everything goes according to plan, this game might be a winner-take-all for the division title.

## Weekly Vikings Recap - Za'Darius Smith Trade & Vikings' 2023 NFL Schedule

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud  
Za'Darius Smith Traded to the Cleveland Browns

The Minnesota Vikings made some headlines this week when they traded Za'Darius Smith to the Cleveland Browns. Along with trading Smith, the Vikings also sent the Browns a 2025 6th-round pick and a 2025 7th-round pick. In return, the Vikings received a 2024 5th-round pick and a 2025 5th-round pick.


The trade came with no surprise to a lot of people as it had been rumored for a while that Smith was wanting to get out of Minnesota.

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By David Adler

## In Defense of Clergy, the Court Strikes Blow for Religious Liberty

In 1977, in *McDaniel v. Paty*, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a landmark ruling that held unconstitutional one of the last anticlerical remnants of the founding era, a 1796 Tennessee law that prohibited ministers and priests from holding public office.

The statute, drafted at the dawn of the republic in the name of separation of church and state, reflected a widespread legal policy among the early states that sought to curb the outsized role

that clergy played in English public affairs and the colonies, in which laws respecting establishments of religion were a commonplace. The principle of banning religious officials from holding public office had enjoyed the support of the influential English philosopher, John Locke, as well as Thomas Jefferson. James Madison and John Witherspoon, the only minister who signed the Declaration of Independence, opposed such restrictions.

By 1796, several of the state laws banning religious leaders from holding office had been repealed. Eleven of the original 13 states contained such provisions. The Bill of Rights had been ratified in 1791, and although it would not be held applicable to the states until the 1920s, state leaders became increasingly drawn to Madison's objection that citizens should not be required to choose between civil rights and religious rights. Prohibiting clergy from holding public office ran afoul of the values embodied in the First Amendment.

In 1977, Paul A. McDaniel, a Baptist minister, filed as a candidate to serve in Tennessee's constitutional convention. Another candidate, Selma Cash Paty, brought a lawsuit seeking a declaratory judgment that McDaniel was barred by the anticlerical statute and should be disqualified. A lower court held the state law violated the First and 14th Amendments' guarantees of religious freedom. McDaniel was elected with more votes than the combined total of his three opponents. After the election, the Tennessee Supreme Court reversed the lower court, ruling that the statute did not restrict McDaniel's freedom of religion. The court held that the state's interest in maintaining separation of church and state justified restrictions imposed by the statute. The court said that the state constitution had prohibited clergy from serving in the legislature because they "are by their profession dedicated to God and the care of souls and ought not to be diverted from the

great duties of their functions."

But the U.S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous opinion authored by Chief Justice Warren Burger, struck a blow for religious liberty and declared that the statute violated McDaniel's First Amendment right to freedom of religion. Burger, nominated to the Court by President Richard Nixon, was unpersuaded by the rationale invoked by Tennessee to deny religious liberty to members of the clergy. Burger concluded, "the American experience provides no persuasive support for the fear that clergymen" will promote religious interests and values.

The principal vice of the statute, Burger wrote, was that it made the ability to exercise civil rights—holding public office—conditional on the surrender of religious rights, in violation of McDaniel's free exercise of religion. McDaniel should not be forced to choose between civil rights and religious rights.

The decision was unanimous, but Justices weighed in with different rationales for striking down the law. Justice William Brennan, named to the Court by Dwight Eisenhower, held that the Tennessee statute essentially constituted a test of religious belief, in violation of the Oath Clause of Article VI of the Constitution, which forbids, as we discussed last week in the column on *Torcaso v. Watkins*, the requirement of a religious test or oath.

Brennan agreed with Burger that governmental imposition of the burden to choose between one's religious beliefs and the wish to hold office is an unconstitutional restriction on the free exercise of religion. And the Establishment Clause, he said, denies to government the authority to discriminate against religious persons seeking public office. The state, he wrote, may not "fence out" those whom it believes to be "overinvolved in religion," for "religionists," like all other members of society, are entitled to the "full measure of protection" when it comes to freedom of speech and association and political activity in general.

Justice Byron White, nominated to the Court by President John F. Kennedy, identified yet another flaw in the statute. He believed that the law violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The mischief, White wrote, lay in the fact that the statute, which was specific to clergy, implies that ministers are less capable of preventing outside interests from interfering with their governmental service than anyone else.

The Tennessee statute targeted clergy based on rationales once well-grounded as a response to the great power that the Anglican Church wielded in England. But the Bill of Rights and evolving notions of civil rights and liberties in the early years of the American republic indicated that the hurly-burly of American politics could embrace the voices of ministers in discussions and debates about the future of the country without fear that they would eclipse those of non-religionists.

## Groton Area in top 24 in 12 Events

The girls 400m Relay team clawed their way back into the top 24 with a 24th placing. The regional track meet will be held tomorrow in Groton. This will be the last time to improve on times and distances to stay in the top 24. The overall top 24 in each event will qualify for the state track meet.

**Girls 4x100m Relay:** Groton Area climbed back into the top 24, placing 24th, with a time of 53.58.

**Girls 4x200 Relay:** Groton Area stays at 17th with an improved time of 1:51.71.

**Girls 4x400 Relay:** Groton Area rose three places to 19th with an improved time of 4:19.94.

**Girls 4x800m Relay:** Groton Area rose four spots to 13th with an improved time of 10:27.89. Their old time was 10:41.24.

**Girls Sprint Medley:** Groton Area fell one spot to 22nd with an unchanged time of 4:36.12.

**Shot Put:** Emma Kutter remains at 23rd with a same distance of 34-4.

**Triple Jump:** Aspen Johnson remains at 14th with an improved distance of 32-10.75.

**Boys 4x100m Relay:** Groton Area stays at 16th with an unchanged time of 45.47.

**Boys 4x200m Relay:** Groton Area stays at 15th a same time of 1:34.84.

**Boys 4x400m Relay:** Groton Area rose to sixth place with an improved time of 3:33.55. Their old time was 3:37.04.

**Boys 4x800m Relay:** Groton Area dropped two spots to 24th with an improved time of 8:57.68. Their old time was 8:59.34

**Boys Sprint Medley Relay:** Groton Area dropped one spot to 21st with an unchanged time of 3:50.90.

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## Tessa Erdmann Announced as the 2023-2024 South Dakota State University CAFES Advocate

Brookings, S.D. - The South Dakota State University College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) student body has voted in Tessa Erdmann, an agricultural communications student from Groton, South Dakota, to serve as the 2023-2024 CAFES Advocate on the college's Prexy Council Executive team. The position is the only position voted on by the entire CAFES student body and serves as the voice for all students within Prexy Council. The Advocate is tasked with representing students and bringing new ideas to the table that will highlight and benefit CAFES students.

Prexy Council is the governing body of all SDSU CAFES clubs and organizations. The group hosts numerous socials and events throughout the year such as Ag Day. Each year, a committee composed of a CAFES student senator, Prexy Council executive officer, and Prexy Council advisor interview students nominated for the advocate role on behalf of their clubs, and narrow down the finalist pool to three individuals.

In addition to Erdmann, this year's finalists included Kristen Smith, an agricultural communication student from College Springs, Iowa, and Brynn Lozinski, an animal science and agricultural communications student from Clara City, Minnesota.

Once selected, finalists had the opportunity to share their platforms with clubs and students, and campaign via social media. Voting for CAFES advocates took place on March 22 and 23, 2023 in conjunction with the Students' Association Elections.

Erdmann hopes to connect with CAFES students and be a voice for what students need from Prexy Council. She also plans to keep an open line of communication with students by writing a CAFES report that will include information about CAFES news, scholarships, job/internship opportunities, club happenings, and more. Throughout her year of service, Erdmann has numerous goals she would like to accomplish including working closely with Students' Association to learn more about funding opportunities, connecting with industry professionals to create more opportunities for CAFES students. She intends to work closely with CAFES administrative leaders throughout her term as advocate.

"I am truly honored to have been selected by the CAFES students for the position of CAFES Advocate. I am excited for lots of things through this position," said Erdmann "I am most

excited to be a voice for CAFES students as well as have the opportunity to be a part of all the amazing things Prexy Council does for CAFES students."

**Tessa Erdmann, agricultural communications student from Groton, South Dakota, has been selected to serve as the 2023-2024 CAFES Advocate.** (Courtesy Photo)





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## Groton Area Tigers Varsity Defeats Hamlin Area Varsity in a Blow-Out Victory

Groton Area Tigers Varsity cruised to an easy victory over Hamlin Area Varsity 12-2 on Tuesday

Groton Area Tigers Varsity tallied six runs in the fifth inning. The offensive firepower by Groton Area Tigers Varsity was led by Bradin Althoff, Cade Larson, Dillon Abeln, and Braxton Imrie, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Abeln got the win for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The pitcher went four innings, allowing one run on one hit and striking out seven. Althoff threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Ted Smith took the loss for Hamlin Area Varsity. Smith allowed eight hits and 12 runs over four and a third innings, striking out one.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity tallied nine hits. Imrie, Larson, and Colby Dunker all collected multiple hits for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. Dunker, Larson, and Imrie all had two hits to lead Groton Area Tigers Varsity.

## Groton Area Tigers JV Falls to Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel After Fourth Inning Score

Groton Area Tigers JV stayed in it until the end, but Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel pulled away late in a 9-7 victory on Wednesday. The game was tied at six with Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel batting in the top of the fourth when W Grantham singled on a 3-2 count, scoring one run.

Despite the loss, Groton Area Tigers JV did collect three hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel had seven hits on the way to victory.

Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel got things started in the first inning when Ted Smith doubled on a 2-2 count, scoring two runs.

Groton Area Tigers JV knotted the game up at six in the bottom of the third inning, when J Mahe's wild pitch allowed one run to score for Groton Area Tigers JV.

Groton Area Tigers JV notched three runs in the second inning. Tristin McGannon had an RBI wild pitch in the inning to lead the run scoring.

Mahe was credited with the victory for Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel. The pitcher lasted four and a third innings, allowing three hits and seven runs while striking out seven. G Maag threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Gavin Englund took the loss for Groton Area Tigers JV. The righty went three innings, allowing six runs on six hits and striking out six.

Jarrett Erdmann, Brevin Fliehs, and Kellen Antonsen all had one hit to lead Groton Area Tigers JV.

Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel totaled seven hits. Tyler Theraldson, Grantham, and Smith each racked up multiple hits for Hamlin Area/Castlewood-Deuel.

## Groton Area wins six events at NEC Track Meet

Five relay teams and one individual are Northeast Conference champions at the NEC Track Meet held Thursday in Groton. The boys 400m relay team, the boys and girls 1600m relay teams and sprint medley relay teams and Aspen Johnson in the triple jump all took first place.

The girls took third place overall in the team points while the boys placed fourth.

### Boy's Division

**Team Standings:** 1. Milbank 166, 2. Webster Area 131, 3. Aberdeen Roncalli 109, 4. Groton Area 74, 5. Deuel 72, 6. Hamlin 58, 7. Clark/Willow Lake 41, 8. Britton-Hecla 27, 9. Redfield 24, 9. Sisseton 24, 11. Tiospa Zina 6

**110m Hurdles Varsity - Prelims:** 6. Caden McInerney, 19.35

**110m Hurdles:** 7. Caden McInerney, 19.72

**100 Meters Varsity - Prelims:** 6. Korbin Kucker, 12.21; 7. Teylor Diegel, 12.24; 13. Jacob Zak, 12.53 100 Meters: 5. Korbin Kucker, 12.39; 6. Teylor Diegel, 12.40

**200 Meters:** 5. Lane Tietz, 24.37; 9. Korbin Kucker, 24.93; 19. Gage Sippel, 26.33

**400 Meters:** 9. Gage Sippel, 57.25; 16. Colby Dunker, 1:00.50; 22. Logan Warrington, 1:02.98

**800 Meters:** 10. Tristin McGannon, 2:23.08; 11. Jayden Schwan, 2:23.93; 16. Jacob Lewandowski, 2:29.37a

**1600 Meters:** 10. Jayden Schwan, 5:26.37; 11. Jacob Lewandowski, 5:37.16aSR; 13. Nicolas Fernandez, 6:32.48

**3200 Meters:** 8. Garrett Schultz, 15:03.29

**4x100 Relay:** 1. (Andrew Marzahn, Ryder Johnson, Teylor Diegel, Keegen Tracy), 45.87

**4x200 Relay:** 3. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Lane Tietz), 1:35.66

**4x400 Relay:** 1. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon), 3:33.55

**4x800 Relay:** 2. (Blake Pauli, Cole Simon, Lane Tietz, Colby Dunker), 8:57.68

**SMR 1600m:** 1. (Korbin Kucker, Teylor Diegel, Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli), 3:52.10

**Long Jump:** 6. Jacob Zak, 18-00.00; 15. Tristin McGannon, 15-03.50

**Triple Jump:** 5. Jacob Zak, 36-05.00; 10. Tristin McGannon, 32-08.25

**Discus:** 4. Logan Ringgenberg, 124-10; 8. Holden Sippel, 114-09; 11. Kaleb Antonsen, 98-07

**Shot Put:** 7. Holden Sippel, 41-04.50; 8. Logan Ringgenberg, 41-00.50; 11. Caleb Hanten, 38-06.75

### Girl's Division

**Team Standings:** 1. Milbank 180, 2. Clark/Willow Lake 114, 3. Groton Area 88, 4. Redfield 62, 5. Hamlin 56, 6. Webster Area 55, 6. Aberdeen Roncalli 55, 8. Deuel 47, 9. Britton-Hecla 30, 10. Sisseton 15

**100m Hurdles Varsity - Prelims:** 4. Tali Wright, 19.30; 13. Hannah Sandness, 21.38 100m Hurdles: 3. Tali Wright, 19.08

**300m Hurdles:** 4. Tali Wright, 53.39; 6. Mckenna Tietz, 54.58; 13. Hannah Sandness, 58.69 100 Meters Varsity - Prelims: Shaela McGannon, DNS

**200 Meters:** 4. Rylee Dunker, 28.62; 11. Mckenna Tietz, 30.18; 13. Tali Wright, 30.33

**400 Meters:** 6. Ashlynn Warrington, 1:06.58; 10. Elizabeth Fliehs, 1:09.54

**800 Meters:** 2. Taryn Traphagen, 2:37.25; 8. Elizabeth Fliehs, 2:54.02

**4x100 Relay:** 2. (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Rylee Dunker, Kella Tracy), 53.58

**4x200 Relay:** 2. (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 1:51.71

**4x400 Relay:** 1. (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Jerica Locke, Kella Tracy), 4:19.94

**4x800 Relay:** 3. (Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington, Mckenna Tietz), 10:27.89 SMR 1600m: 1. (Jerica Locke, Rylee Dunker, Kella Tracy, Faith Traphagen), 4:42.85

**High Jump:** 9. Emerlee Jones, 4-03.00

**Long Jump:** 4. Aspen Johnson, 14-06.00; 11. Anna Fjeldheim, 13-06.00; 16. Sydney Leicht, 12-11.50 Triple Jump: 1. Aspen Johnson, 32-10.75; 15. Emerlee Jones, 27-07.25

**Discus:** 18. Faith Fliehs, 69-09; 19. Emma Kutter, 67-00; 21. Ashley Johnson, 62-07

**Shot Put:** 7. Emma Kutter, 30-09.00; 16. Faith Fliehs, 27-04.50; 23. Ashley Johnson, 21-10.00

## The Life of Dorothy Christianson



Dorothy "Dottie" Mae (Sherman) Christianson born June 3, 1928, a daughter of Inga and Carl Sherman, passed away at her home surrounded by love in St. James, MN on May 9, 2023. She was an R.N. and practiced her profession in and near Gary, Groton, and Coleman, SD and Ruthton, Janesville, and St James, MN. Dorothy had a passion for caring for others and making sure nobody left her home with an empty stomach.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Robert Gordon Christianson. She is survived by 2 sisters, Imogene and Marlys; 4 children, Roxanne, Vicki, Robert, and Robin; 5 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Sturm Funeral Home in St. James, MN on May 19th from 5-7 PM. Funeral services will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church in St. James on May 20th at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served at the church following the burial. Condolences may be sent to the family at 922 5th Street North, St. James, MN 56081

Arrangements are with the Sturm Funeral Home in St. James. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.sturmfmh.com](http://www.sturmfmh.com).

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# Princess Prom: Enchanted Forest Part 3



**John Sippel escorting Kaylee Sippel.** (Photo #6122 by Paul Kosel)



**Trey Flihs escorting Taylor, Mya and Emme Flihs.** (Photo #6120 by Paul Kosel)



**Brad Henderson escorting Eva and Ruby Henderson.** (Photo #6121 by Paul Kosel)



**Bruce Babcock escorting Emery Blackwood.** (Photo #6123 by Paul Kosel)

**Rosalie Ball escorting Jade and Kennedy Ball.** (Photo #6130 by Paul Kosel)



**Derick Furman escorting Harley Furman and Macee Benthin.** (Photo #6131 by Paul Kosel)

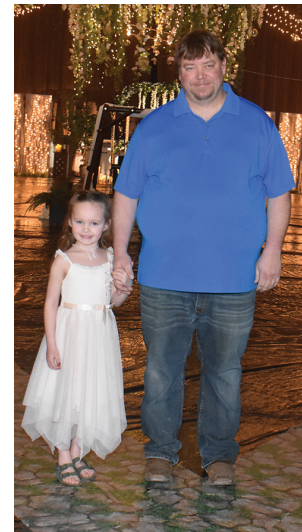


**Drake Patterson escorting Rowan Patterson.** (Photo #6124 by Paul Kosel)

**Chris Frost escorting Kinsey Frost.** (Photo #6132 by Paul Kosel)



**Grant Gilchrist escorting Shaelee and Sophie Gilchrist.** (Photo #6125 by Paul Kosel)



**Michael Dunbar escorting Maci, Brielle and Collyns Dubar.** (Photo #6128 by Paul Kosel)

**Chris Raba escorting Kayleigh Raba.** (Photo #6126 by Paul Kosel)



**Thomas Schuster escorting Victoria Schuster.** (Photo #6133 by Paul Kosel)

**Jeremy Dosch escorting Ruby Dosch.** (Photo #6127 by Paul Kosel)



**Greyson Cutler escorting Aryanna Cutler.** (Photo #6134 by Paul Kosel)

**Cory Schuring escorting Harper Schuring.** (Photo #6129 by Paul Kosel)



**Ross Taylor escorting Baylin Taylor.** (Photo #6139 by Paul Kosel)



**Justin Morehouse escorting Kaelee and Jaeden Morehouse.** (Photo #6135 by Paul Kosel)



**Cody Roettele escorting Avery Roettele.** (Photo #6136 by Paul Kosel)



**Wes Graff escorting Amara and Alandra Graff.** (Photo #6138 by Paul Kosel)



**Perryn Dobbins escorting Rachel Dobbins.** (Photo #6142 by Paul Kosel)

**Thomas Bentz escorting Jaclyn Rudebusch.** (Photo #6144 by Paul Kosel)



**Jayme Boerger escorting Harper Boerger.** (Photo #6143 by Paul Kosel)



**Sam Furman escorting KayLynn and Kinzleigh Furman.** (Photo #6140 by Paul Kosel)



**John Kroll escorting Kendyll Kroll.** (Photo #6141 by Paul Kosel)

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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

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COMPANY OF HARTFORD,

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
300 SW ADAMS, PEORIA, IL 61634  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
300 SW ADAMS, PEORIA, IL 61634

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on, Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Policy Loans, Cash and Bank Deposits, Deferred and, Agents Balances or, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Life, Policies & Contracts, Reserve for Accident & Health Policies, Policy and Contract Claims, Life, Accident & Health, General Expenses, Due or Accrued, Taxes, Licenses & Fees, Federal Income Taxes, Federal and Foreign, Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or, Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and, Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards, Policyholders, TOTAL, BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022, Direct Premiums Received, Direct Losses Paid, Losses Incurred, Life Insurance in Force

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the Illinois Mutual Life Insurance Co, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

1, 2  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

**THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on, Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (including Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign, Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or, Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and, Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards, Policyholders, TOTAL, BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022, Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, \$963.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the The Standard Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
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LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
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WHEREAS, the The Standard Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

**THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the The Standard Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

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1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

**AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
1100 LOCUST STREET, DES MOINES, IA, 50391-1100,  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
ONE WEST NATIONWIDE BLVD, 1-99-FIN, COLUMBUS, OH, 43215-2220

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on, Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (including Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign, Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or, Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and, Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards, Policyholders, TOTAL, BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022, Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, \$5,173,739.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the AMCO Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

**AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
6101 ANACAPRI BOULEVARD, LANSING, MI 48917-3968  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
MI 48917-3968 P.O. BOX 30660, LANSING, MI 48909-8160

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on, Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (including Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign, Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or, Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and, Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards, Policyholders, TOTAL, BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022, Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, \$66,037,830.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the Auto-Owners Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on, Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (including Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign, Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or, Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and, Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards, Policyholders, TOTAL, BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022, Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, \$7,178,000.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on, Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (including Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign, Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or, Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and, Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards, Policyholders, TOTAL, BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022, Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, \$3,074,591.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota; NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance



19186 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
1122 NORTH MAIN STREET, MCPHERSON, KS 67460  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
PO BOX 1401, MCPHERSON, KS 67460  
ASSETS:

Bonds..... \$23,221,966.00  
Stocks..... \$-  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate..... \$-  
Real Estate Owned..... \$-  
Cash and Bank Deposits..... \$189,661.00  
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums..... \$-  
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued..... \$193,778.00  
Other Assets..... \$9,546,271.00  
TOTAL ASSETS..... \$33,151,678.00

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses..... \$5,016,266.00  
Reserve for Loss..... \$700,609.00  
Adjustment Expenses..... \$51,249.00  
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)..... \$186,848.00  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)..... \$186,848.00  
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes..... \$26,551.00  
Unearned Premiums..... \$11,514,899.00  
All Other Liabilities..... \$572,550.00  
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$18,068,973.00

Special Surplus Funds..... \$-  
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit..... \$1,516,466.00  
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus..... \$758,660.00  
Unassigned Surplus..... \$12,807,584.00  
Surplus as Regards Policyholders..... \$15,082,710.00  
TOTAL..... \$33,151,683.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written..... \$1,412,689.00  
Direct Premiums Earned..... \$1,334,523.00  
Direct Losses Paid..... \$3,876,455.00  
Direct Losses Incurred..... \$4,617,950.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Alliance Insurance Company, Inc., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Kansas, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19194 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**FARMERS ALLIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
1122 NORTH MAIN STREET, MCPHERSON, KS 67460  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
PO BOX 1401, MCPHERSON, KS 67460  
ASSETS:

Bonds..... \$233,481,003.00  
Stocks..... \$72,645,250.00  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate..... \$-  
Real Estate Owned..... \$6,303,452.00  
Cash and Bank Deposits..... \$20,573,162.00  
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums..... \$45,840,015.00  
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued..... \$1,458,566.00  
Other Assets..... \$18,939,071.00  
TOTAL ASSETS..... \$399,240,519.00

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses..... \$47,521,301.00  
Reserve for Loss..... \$6,130,310.00  
Adjustment Expenses..... \$422,726.00  
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)..... \$1,634,923.00  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)..... \$1,634,923.00  
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes..... \$-  
Unearned Premiums..... \$100,755,365.00  
All Other Liabilities..... \$17,725,368.00  
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$174,189,993.00

Special Surplus Funds..... \$500,000.00  
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit..... \$-  
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus..... \$-  
Unassigned Surplus..... \$224,550,523.00  
Surplus as Regards Policyholders..... \$225,050,523.00  
TOTAL..... \$399,240,516.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written..... \$1,073,013.00  
Direct Premiums Earned..... \$1,013,517.00  
Direct Losses Paid..... \$4,000,129.00  
Direct Losses Incurred..... \$16,336,289.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Kansas, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19232 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062  
ASSETS:

Bonds..... \$29,072,441,342.00  
Stocks..... \$4,654,917,451.00  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate..... \$671,046,303.00  
Real Estate Owned..... \$6,303,452.00  
Cash and Bank Deposits..... \$2,670,665,405.00  
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums..... \$7,882,392,469.00  
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued..... \$291,758,166.00  
Other Assets..... \$12,434,077,279.00  
TOTAL ASSETS..... \$57,972,921,780.00

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses..... \$20,759,137,969.00  
Reserve for Loss..... \$3,390,893,872.00  
Adjustment Expenses..... \$1,661,881,211.00  
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)..... \$171,392,208.00  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)..... \$171,392,208.00  
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes..... \$-  
Unearned Premiums..... \$14,363,375,547.00  
All Other Liabilities..... \$5,381,757,817.00  
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$45,728,437,984.00

Special Surplus Funds..... \$12,006,408.00  
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit..... \$3,882,000.00  
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus..... \$3,284,769,264.00  
Unassigned Surplus..... \$8,943,826,124.00  
Surplus as Regards Policyholders..... \$12,244,483,796.00  
TOTAL..... \$57,972,921,780.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written..... \$9,929,602.00  
Direct Premiums Earned..... \$9,817,792.00  
Direct Losses Paid..... \$8,209,318.00  
Direct Losses Incurred..... \$11,304,367.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Allstate Indemnity Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19240 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062  
ASSETS:

Bonds..... \$29,072,441,342.00  
Stocks..... \$4,654,917,451.00  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate..... \$671,046,303.00  
Real Estate Owned..... \$6,303,452.00  
Cash and Bank Deposits..... \$2,670,665,405.00  
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums..... \$7,882,392,469.00  
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued..... \$291,758,166.00  
Other Assets..... \$12,434,077,279.00  
TOTAL ASSETS..... \$57,972,921,780.00

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses..... \$20,759,137,969.00  
Reserve for Loss..... \$3,390,893,872.00  
Adjustment Expenses..... \$1,661,881,211.00  
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)..... \$171,392,208.00  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)..... \$171,392,208.00  
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes..... \$-  
Unearned Premiums..... \$14,363,375,547.00  
All Other Liabilities..... \$5,381,757,817.00  
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$45,728,437,984.00

Special Surplus Funds..... \$12,006,408.00  
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit..... \$3,882,000.00  
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus..... \$3,284,769,264.00  
Unassigned Surplus..... \$8,943,826,124.00  
Surplus as Regards Policyholders..... \$12,244,483,796.00  
TOTAL..... \$57,972,921,780.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written..... \$9,929,602.00  
Direct Premiums Earned..... \$9,817,792.00  
Direct Losses Paid..... \$8,209,318.00  
Direct Losses Incurred..... \$11,304,367.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Allstate Indemnity Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19275 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I.**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
6000 AMERICAN PARKWAY, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53783  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
6000 AMERICAN PARKWAY, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53783  
ASSETS:

Bonds..... \$14,212,023,070.00  
Stocks..... \$4,957,621,632.00  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate..... \$254,062,268.00  
Real Estate Owned..... \$158,545,667.00  
Cash and Bank Deposits..... \$1,397,765,329.00  
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums..... \$2,716,729,961.00  
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued..... \$96,225,934.00  
Other Assets..... \$13,642,198.00  
TOTAL ASSETS..... \$115,940,894.00

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses..... \$7,444,636,690.00  
Reserve for Loss..... \$1,461,091,839.00  
Adjustment Expenses..... \$1,357,678,944.00  
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)..... \$11,753,890.00  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)..... \$11,753,890.00  
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes..... \$-  
Unearned Premiums..... \$6,360,492,173.00  
All Other Liabilities..... \$4,121,877,810.00  
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$20,571,531,346.00

Special Surplus Funds..... \$-  
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit..... \$4,200,000.00  
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus..... \$96,559,468.00  
Unassigned Surplus..... \$635,335.00  
Surplus as Regards Policyholders..... \$101,394,803.00  
TOTAL..... \$115,940,894.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written..... \$372,459.00  
Direct Premiums Earned..... \$279,717.00  
Direct Losses Paid..... \$549,841.00  
Direct Losses Incurred..... \$1,615,027.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Wisconsin, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19283 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**AMERICAN STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY OF WISCONSIN**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
6000 AMERICAN PARKWAY, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53783  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
6000 AMERICAN PARKWAY, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53783  
ASSETS:

Bonds..... \$258,671,489.00  
Stocks..... \$-  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate..... \$-  
Real Estate Owned..... \$-  
Cash and Bank Deposits..... \$(669,067.00)  
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums..... \$11,828,140.00  
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued..... \$1,544,184.00  
Other Assets..... \$405,409,242.00  
TOTAL ASSETS..... \$405,409,242.00

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses..... \$-  
Reserve for Loss..... \$-  
Adjustment Expenses..... \$-  
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)..... \$233,702.00  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)..... \$348,430.00  
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes..... \$-  
Unearned Premiums..... \$745,254.00  
All Other Liabilities..... \$80,740,950.00  
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$82,068,336.00

Special Surplus Funds..... \$-  
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit..... \$-  
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus..... \$3,000,000.00  
Unassigned Surplus..... \$317,340,906.00  
Surplus as Regards Policyholders..... \$23,340,906.00  
TOTAL..... \$405,409,242.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written..... \$1,079,268.00  
Direct Premiums Earned..... \$1,106,535.00  
Direct Losses Paid..... \$379,374.00  
Direct Losses Incurred..... \$314,053.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Wisconsin, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 27
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19399 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**AUI INSURANCE COMPANY**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 37TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 37TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304  
ASSETS:

Bonds..... \$90,038,759.00  
Stocks..... \$-  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate..... \$-  
Real Estate Owned..... \$-  
Cash and Bank Deposits..... \$2,972,211.00  
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums..... \$-  
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued..... \$390,109.00  
Other Assets..... \$2,311,390.00  
TOTAL ASSETS..... \$95,712,469.00

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses..... \$-  
Reserve for Loss..... \$-  
Adjustment Expenses..... \$-  
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)..... \$-  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)..... \$7,807.00  
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes..... \$271,466.00  
Unearned Premiums..... \$15,371,240.00  
All Other Liabilities..... \$15,650,513.00  
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$15,650,513.00

Special Surplus Funds..... \$-  
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit..... \$5,627,800.00  
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus..... \$13,985,059.00  
Unassigned Surplus..... \$60,449,097.00  
Surplus as Regards Policyholders..... \$80,061,956.00  
TOTAL..... \$95,712,469.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written..... \$299,494.00  
Direct Premiums Earned..... \$280,777.00  
Direct Losses Paid..... \$48,409.00  
Direct Losses Incurred..... \$86,147.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the AUI Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of New York, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23A
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance



19429 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 500 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 3000,  
 CHICAGO, IL 60661  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 37TH FLOOR,  
 NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304

Bonds	.....	\$95,571,659.00
Stocks	.....	\$-
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$-
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$-
Policy Loans	.....	\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$29,282,848.00
Agents Balances or Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$-
Investment Income	.....	\$-
Due and Accrued	.....	\$633,041.00
Other Assets	.....	\$6,455,707.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$131,943,255.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Reserve for Losses	.....	\$-
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	.....	\$-
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....	\$-
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....	\$594,173.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....	\$-
Unearned Premiums	.....	\$594,173.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$90,942,643.00
SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS	.....	\$91,536,816.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....	\$5,005,500.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$17,320,615.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$18,080,324.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$40,406,439.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$131,943,255.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Direct Premiums Written	.....	\$1,015,146.00
Direct Premiums Earned	.....	\$1,012,609.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$741,523.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....	\$1,676,429.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel/Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Ball Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal Commercial; 27) Personal

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

64238 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**GUARANTY INCOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 200 1ST ST SE, SUITE 1300; CEDAR RAPIDS, IA,  
 US 52401  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 2638 SOUTH SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD,  
 STE 200; BATON ROUGE, LA US 70816

Bonds	.....	\$2,738,307,265.00
Stocks	.....	\$119,277,417.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$-
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$546,199,202.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$4,317,723.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$672,742.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$504,432,306.00
Investment Income	.....	\$11,606.00
Due and Accrued	.....	\$24,747,102.00
Other Assets	.....	\$562,839,827.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$4,500,805,190.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Reserve for Life	.....	\$-
Policies & Contracts	.....	\$2,824,545,433.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$-
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$717,556.00
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$3,107,495.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$6,958,418.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$1,413,347,810.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$4,248,676,712.00</b>
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$2,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$172,531,451.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$77,097,027.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$252,128,478.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$4,500,805,190.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$1,028,288.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$62,715.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$-
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$-

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the Guaranty Income Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel/Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Ball Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

64246 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001

Bonds	.....	\$1,055,889,558.21
Stocks	.....	\$1,251,743,849.79
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$5,993,792,375.42
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$249,686,164.38
Policy Loans	.....	\$4,010,523,057.87
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$1,349,607,900.26
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$1,161,664,433.84
Investment Income	.....	\$492,903,296.74
Due and Accrued	.....	\$10,432,704,059.08
Other Assets	.....	\$75,998,514,695.39
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$75,998,514,695.39</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Reserve for Life	.....	\$50,016,167,894.50
Policies & Contracts	.....	\$5,020,315,518.68
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$-
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$482,630,416.34
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$328,279,415.97
Due or Accrued	.....	\$1,076,960,996.60
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$29,252,050.65
Due or Accrued	.....	\$2,369,521.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$10,219,486,757.24
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$67,153,093,049.98</b>
<b>SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$1,503,589,608.10</b>
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$-
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$7,341,832,037.07
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$8,845,421,645.17
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$75,998,514,694.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$75,998,514,694.90</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>	.....	<b>\$6,232,799.22</b>
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$8,437,138.80
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$6,341,008.97
Losses Incurred	.....	\$567,779,535.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$76,554,702.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a Corporation organized under the Laws of NEW YORK, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel/Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Ball Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

64250 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**HOMESTEADERS LIFE COMPANY INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

Bonds	.....	\$3,218,070,583.00
Stocks	.....	\$8,228,900.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$214,487,383.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$9,117,520.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$1,350,566.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$43,664,337.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$18,364,801.00
Investment Income	.....	\$32,295,852.00
Due and Accrued	.....	\$93,357,711.00
Other Assets	.....	\$42,883,041,659.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$3,638,937,655.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Reserve for Life	.....	\$3,251,911,287.00
Policies & Contracts	.....	\$50,510,234.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$-
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$140,168,179.00
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$390,642.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$48,404,491.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$2,060,039.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$15,549,051,488.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$40,050,468,821.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$1,507,500.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$815,178,800.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$2,015,896,538.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$2,832,582,838.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$42,883,041,659.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>	.....	<b>\$14,630,731.00</b>
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$9,824,116.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$1,896,594.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$3,349,000.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$9,371,169.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the Homesteaders Life Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel/Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Ball Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

63312 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**MASSMUTUAL ASCEND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 191 ROSA PARKS STREET, CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 P.O. BOX 5420, CINCINNATI, OH 45201-5420

Bonds	.....	\$33,331,904,289.00
Stocks	.....	\$868,253,770.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$3,088,813,560.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$9,117,520.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$31,459,162.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$1,991,236,955.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$7,742,452.00
Investment Income	.....	\$414,726,057.00
Due and Accrued	.....	\$3,148,905,414.00
Other Assets	.....	\$42,883,041,659.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$42,883,041,659.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Reserve for Life	.....	\$24,259,873,748.00
Policies & Contracts	.....	\$50,510,234.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$-
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$140,168,179.00
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$390,642.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$48,404,491.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$2,060,039.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$15,549,051,488.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$40,050,468,821.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$1,507,500.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$815,178,800.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$2,015,896,538.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$2,832,582,838.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$42,883,041,659.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>	.....	<b>\$14,630,731.00</b>
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$9,824,116.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$1,896,594.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$3,349,000.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$9,371,169.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the MassMutual Ascend Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Ohio, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel/Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Ball Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

63444 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022  
**ACCENDO INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119

Bonds	.....	\$67,681,779.00
Stocks	.....	\$-
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$5,750,000.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$-
Policy Loans	.....	\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$210,132,809.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$16,978,340.00
Investment Income	.....	\$497,046.00
Due and Accrued	.....	\$61,030,736.00
Other Assets	.....	\$42,883,041,659.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$362,070,710.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Reserve for Life	.....	\$28,059,699.00
Policies & Contracts	.....	\$154,385,172.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$-
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$5,867,770.00
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$39,414,144.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$2,984,540.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$2,330,218.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$45,576,604.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$278,598,147.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS</b>	.....	<b>\$-</b>
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$2,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$436,308,114.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$(355,335,651.00)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$83,472,563.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$362,070,710.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>	.....	<b>\$471,093.00</b>
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$295,838.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$317,300.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$26,871,012.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$2,068,000.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the Accendo Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Utah, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto);



# Brown County May 9, 2023

## Meeting Minutes

MAY 9, 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. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jared Bossly wanted to inform the Commission that Summit Carbon Solutions employees were trespassing on his property and began surveying without his permission. They are now serving condemnation papers on landowners. Mark Bossly Thanked the Commissioners for the Setback Ordinance that was passed and asked that they keep the Moratorium on and possibly extend it as well.

**ORDINANCE #244 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #244. Applicants Levi Jensen requesting to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: The West 520' of the North 1,965' of the SW ¼ of Section 9-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14380 390th Ave., West Rondell Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION #33-22:** Resolution #33-22 was to establish the temporary moratorium on the Issuance of Conditional Use Permits and Building Permits on Hazardous Waste Pipelines in Brown County, SD. Chairman Sutton stated this was to give Brown County, Planning & Zoning along with Planning & Zoning Board time to review our current ordinances and be able to study, research and offer a decision on those findings for what's best for Brown County. We even held a public meeting prior to the final reading and discussed this at length. Ordinance #243 was passed on April 25, 2023, based on what was found to be best for Brown County. Ross Aldentaler, Deputy State's Attorney stated that Ernest Thompson, State's Attorney would recommend lifting the moratorium because we have done all the research we can, and we are compliant with Federal and State Regulations, but it is up to the Board. Jared Bossly, Dennis Feickert, Craig Schaanaman and Janet Hedges expressed some concerns and asked the Commissioners to not lift the moratorium and even look at extending it because want to look at the depth of cultivation and safety of the pipelines. Ross shared information that the Feds are regulating the depth of cultivation already and doesn't feel the County could do anymore. Commissioner Gage shared that we have also been using outside counsel along with the State's Attorney office. Commissioner Wiese stated that he would be comfortable with taking no action at this time due to the information and authority we have on the setbacks, moratorium by statute is a one-year with the potential to extend it but with no action would expire on July 19th, so could wait for 2 months.

Mark Bossly and Dennis Feickert mentioned that the Feds are still having meetings on Carbon pipelines and FEMSA is holding a meeting May 31st & June 1st and will listen to public comment session in Des Moines, IA, so this is another reason to leave the moratorium on and let FEMSA review regulations. Chairman Sutton stated we could postpone until July 18th, the day before the moratorium expires. Craig Schaanaman asked about doing a separate ordinance on the depth of cultivation. Chairman Sutton, stated we are not going to take any action today, put on the agenda again on July 18th to discuss further at that time along with the new State's Attorney.

**APPOINT STATE'S ATTORNEY INTERIM:** Chairman Sutton shared that Ernest Thompson had resigned as of May 12th and Karly Winters will be appointed the State's Attorney Interim but is unable to start until July 10th, so for the time between Ernest

leaving and Karly starting Mark Anderson has agreed to be temporary interim State's Attorney. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to appoint Mark Anderson as temporary interim State's Attorney. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DISASTER DECLARATION:** Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director, met with the Commission to inform them that he is working with Townships and Municipalities due the flooding that we have been having. SE Brown County was hit the worst at this time. He asked the Commission to pass a Resolution for Declaration of Emergency Disaster.

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution as of May 9, 2023:

**RESOLUTION #18-23  
RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER**

WHEREAS, Brown County, South Dakota, has suffered severe damage, brought on by a severe winter event. On the date and around the dates of April 10, 2023 and ongoing.

WHEREAS, Brown County, Brown County Townships and other public entities have had flooding, causing damage to public infrastructure.

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 May 9, 2023, it is hereby requested that the Governor declare an emergency/disaster to exist for the County of Brown.

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

**FIREWORKS PERMIT:** Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director wanted to discuss the Fireworks Permits that the County issues as far as discharging the Fireworks. Scott recommended that we add the addition of state law, SDCL 34-37-19 to the Permit Forms so if due to dry conditions a ban needs to be put in place, those with a permit are aware that it affects them as well. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to add the additional SDCL to the permit form.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE:** Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director informed the Commission that Jamestown called to inform him that they are going to be doubling their output this week.

**DISCUSS FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR RIVERBANK ON CO. ROADS 13 & 400:** Chad Pray met with Commission to see if the County would be willing to help with the costs of improving the riverbank along County Roads 13 & 400. Chad had 2 bids: Schmidt Construction for \$15,700.00 for pulling up the dirt off North side put on the bank and level it off and \$33,000.00 from Hanlon's for concrete, trucking and loading 100 loads for rip rap after the dirt dries out. Chad shared that he has submitted paperwork requesting assistance from James River Water Development and they meet on Thursday, May 11th. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to do an In-Kind donation of concrete and loading of the concrete at this time. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOAD LIMITS:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commissioners to discuss the load limits. His recommendation was to lift the load limits on everything except for County Rd. 5, west of 281 for at least 2 weeks because of the road conditions. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim to lift the load limits as at Midnight on May 9, 2023, except for Co. Rd. 5 West of 281. Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY UPDATE:** As far as FEMA, we have 4 locations (State Line – Hall Crossing – 16B and Co. Rd. 25) that go under every year. 16B and 25 still have open cases from last time. County Projects that will begin are paving on 16 and Bridge NE of Frederick. Co. Road 5 and Elm Lake are on hold right now due to muddy conditions. Jensen's are out patching as of yesterday.

Chairman Sutton asked about staffing due to an individual resigning. Dirk stated they are

still okay at this time with staffing. Dirk shared that he has gotten requests to see if Brown County would be interested in participating in the Dakota Build Scholarship program through Vo-Tech Schools. He asked for the Commissioners opinion in general on this program. Commissioner Wiese shared if you have the details & can reap the benefits, Commissioner Sutton would be a strong proponent. Two other counties have a full program where they train the individual(s) in-house employees only.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of May 2, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the Brown County Board of Equalization minutes of May 2, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the Consolidated Board of Equalization minutes of May 2, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims and payroll: Claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$245,891.92. Professional Fees: Brick's TV and Appliance \$1,676.25; City of Aberdeen Finance Office \$250.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center \$144.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$150.00; Helms & Associates \$1,120.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$268.12; Lucy Lewno \$90.00; Mark Katterhagen \$12.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$15.07; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$1,008.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,592.50; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$283.30; Valerie J. Larson \$12.00; We Care Online \$1,070.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office \$75.00.

Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$1,960.00; Geffdog Designs \$2,503.26; Groton Daily Independent \$189.76; Hub City Radio \$1,500.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$270.00; South Dakota Magazine \$841.50. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$3,000.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Big Scoop Snow Removal \$2,400.00; Custom Installation Solutions \$125.00; Dakota Doors Inc \$50.18; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$240.00; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$6,910.44; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$157.46; Hanlon Brothers, LLC \$3,972.09; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$3,967.18; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$1,061.41; Olson's Pest Technicians \$345.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$281.20; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$6,328.79; Steven Lust Automotive \$1,970.64; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$1,190.82; Vosika Fencing \$2,313.00; Western States Fire Protection Co \$620.00. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$34,060.58; Anderson Acres Inc \$640.00; Auto Value Aberdeen \$226.65; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$852.25; Butler Machinery Company \$1,296.92; Century Business Products \$349.99; Cole Paper Inc \$789.50; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$360.78; Dakota Doors Inc \$2,459.63; Dakota Electronics \$3,240.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$1,154.22; Dakota Oil \$30.80; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$220.18; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$2,081.55; Fastenal Company \$598.56; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$2.85; Geffdog Designs \$634.00; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$67.50; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$63.17; Lang's Audio, TV & Appliance \$199.99; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$964.10; Lucy Lewno \$1.50; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$585.93; Marco Technologies, LLC \$2,647.15; Menards \$308.81; Midstates Group \$35.55; Newman Signs, Inc \$3,412.53; Pauer Sound, LLC \$1,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$10,700.43; Rinse & Go Car Wash \$10.00; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$244.41; SHI International Corp \$148.40; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$991.54; WEB Water Bottling Company \$18.00. Travel & Conference: Lexipol, LLC \$1,514.10; SD Assoc of County Officials \$600.00; SD Narcotics Officers Association \$50.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$39.94; Economy Propane, LLC \$2,386.07; Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$1,545.93; Midcontinent Communications \$249.19; Northern Electric \$1,053.46; Northwestern Energy \$12,768.69; Town of Frederick \$76.00; Verizon Wire-

less \$41.80. Others: SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$3,837.83.

**PAYROLL:** Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,742.67; SA \$30,188.52; Maintenance \$8,870.11; DOE \$16,796.81; ROD \$9,932.80; VSO \$4,272.07; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$6,063.92; HR \$5,001.68; Sheriff \$44,506.81; Jail \$59,312.71; Coroner \$613.60; Court Security \$7,428.31; JDC/HD \$33,886.11; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$12,496.85; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,132.42; Fair \$4,107.20; 4-H \$786.80; W & P \$2,153.73; P & Z \$7,389.25; Hwy. \$46,836.25; Dispatch \$33,206.86; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,337.17; Landfill \$17,357.76; Meal Benefits \$210.00; FICA \$23,817.58; Medicare \$5,570.19; Discovery HSA \$1,482.96. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Erica Coughlin to approve the following: Acknowledge the resignation of Tanner Podoll, Brown County JDC Sergeant, FT; effective April 28, 2023. Request to fill. Acknowledge the resignation of Michael Kenitzer, Brown County Highway, Truck Driver, FT; effective April 21, 2023. Request to fill. Acknowledge adjusted effective date: Transfer of Samuel Hoppock from Brown County Jail to Brown County Sheriff's Deputy, FT; starting wage \$25.18/hour effective April 30, 2023. Request to fill. Approve hiring Amanda Gebro as Brown County Fair & Parks Intern, FT; starting wage \$12.50/hour; effective May 8, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following lease agreement: Jeff Scheel for lease of Clubhouse for Graduation Reception on May 13, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH 2023:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts of March 2023 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances 22,969,657.04; Total Savings Account Balances 1,250,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit 5,479,550.72; Grand Total Cash & Balances 29,707,355.18. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 7,897,236.60; Road & Bridge Fund 2,727,976.12; Road & Bridge Fund – restricted 423,243.27; 911 Service 772,334.32; Emergency & Disaster 190,612.36; Domestic Abuse 418.26; Teen Court 250.28; Grant 32.11; JDAI 32,322.27; Richmond Youth Camp 0.00; 24/7 Sobriety 27,079.26; ROD M & P 92,003.92; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant 7,551,800.75; Rural Access Infrastructure 295,534.81; TIF Debt Service 50,713.05; Landfill + cash change 3,972,814.12; Landfill – restricted 1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds 4,272,504.24; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments 29,707,355.18. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Travel Requests: Mariann Malsom, Patty VanMeter, Lynn Heupel and Janel Hettich to attend SDACO 2023 Spring Workshop in Pierre, SD on May 17-18, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Commission Agreement between Winterset Concerts, LLC and Day After Day Productions (DADP). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for April 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and

Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Commissioner Sutton was asked by the Fair Manager, who is also coordinating through Fair Foundation, if they would have an issue with the Fair Foundation being considered for concessions on any new events that come up at the Fairgrounds. They don't want to take away from Boys & Girls Club or Hockey Association in the events they already do. The money raised is for much needed improvements at the Fairgrounds. No cost to the County. Commissioner Wiese stated as long as they have the volunteers to do it and will go towards improvements, then no objection.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 11:13 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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# Brown County Title 4

## Zoning Amended

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #243

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #243, An Ordinance Amending portions of Title 4 Zoning: Chapter 4.01, "definitions"; Chapter 4.06, "Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P)"; Chapter 4.07 "Mini Agriculture District (M-AG)"; Chapter 4.15, "Light Industrial District (LI)"; Chapter 4.16, "Heavy Industrial District (HI)"; was duly adopted by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 25th day of April and that Ordinance #243, shall be in full force and effect on 23rd day of May, 2023. (Copies of the full Ordinance are available at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours).

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

801 GRAND AVE, SUITE 2600, DES MOINS, IA 50309

MAIL ADDRESS:

801 GRAND AVE, SUITE 2600, DES MOINS, IA 50309

ASSETS:

Bonds .....	\$30,301,070,356.00
Stocks .....	\$2,746,614,757.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate .....	\$390,236,337.00
Real Estate Owned .....	\$-
Policy Loans .....	\$50,822,386.00
Cash and Bank Deposits .....	\$2,074,993,449.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums .....	\$(15,818,428.00)
Investment Income Due and Accrued .....	\$296,607,524.00
Other Assets .....	\$10,907,923,539.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....	\$46,752,449,920.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts .....	\$17,541,552,518.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies .....	\$6,097.00
Policy and Contract Claims Life .....	\$33,583,635.00
Accident & Health .....	\$-
General Expenses Due or Accrued .....	\$42,728,682.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued .....	\$8,731,800.00
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued .....	\$-
All Other Liabilities .....	\$27,256,367,551.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	\$44,882,970,283.00
Special Surplus Funds .....	\$431,272,455.00
Capital Paid Up .....	\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus .....	\$2,003,811,290.00
Unassigned Surplus .....	\$(793,604,108.00)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders .....	\$1,869,479,637.00
TOTAL .....	\$46,752,449,920.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**

Direct Premiums Received .....	\$19,047,551.00
Direct Losses Paid .....	\$408,833.00
Losses Incurred .....	\$707,124.00
Life Insurance in Force .....	\$86,612,284.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

1, 2, 16, 20, 21  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance



## Frederick Town May 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

City of Frederick  
May 3, 2023 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, May 3, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, and citizens Dalton Kopecky and Greg Kopecky.

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

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

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,399.56; Aberdeen Asphalt snow removal Sts \$1870; Alpha Circle grant SD Comm fdtm Cmty \$4,992.63; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$71.49; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,668; EFTPS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$876.36; FDC Gen'l \$1200; Farmers Union Oil propane EBL \$330.50; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; GDI minutes Gen'l 35.04; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$46.17; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,373.77; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$332.16; M. Cox wage EBL \$587.60; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; Menards supplies Gen'l 63.49; O. Morlock wage Mun Bldg \$10.62; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$516.85; R. Bakeberg veh. allow. St/Wtr/Swr \$75; Sumption Farms tractor rental Swr \$1,925; SD Assoc of Rural Water dues Wtr \$360; SD Dept of Rev coliform test Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$70.90; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; Troy Millard reimburse fuel Sts \$941.13; Troy Millard reimburse fuel Sts \$94.78; VISA gas, supplies CC/Sts \$178.37; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$7,170.23

### OLD BUSINESS

Rich Bakeberg gave the utility report. The board is sending out some letters to abate nuisances in accordance with the town ordinances. Motion to act as a passthrough agent for the Frederick Athletic Association for a grant from the North Brown Community Foundation made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. There have been complaints about dogs running at large. The board would like to remind citizens that if you see animals out throughout town, the course of action to be taken is to call the sheriff's office and report it.

### NEW BUSINESS

There will be no dumpsters available for a spring clean-up. Motion to approve the estimate for patching streets made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Richard Bakeberg announced his resignation from his position as utility manager, effective immediately. The board thanks Rich for his service to the city. Motion to enter executive session for personnel reasons made at 8:05PM by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. Declared out of executive session at 8:13. Motion to repair and update ballpark lighting estimated to be \$20,000 to be done by JM Electric made by Campbell/Kosters; motion carried with Millard abstaining.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 8:29 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine

Assistant Finance Officer  
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## Frederick School May 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

Regular Board of Education Meeting May 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on May 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Other members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/

Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. David Clark, Brock Pashen and Tonya Zinter were also in attendance.

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

Public comment: David Clark commented on the Leola/Frederick Athletic Co-op.

Motion 2023-116 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda with the addition of action items: approve preschool sessions, approve parking lot quote and approve COVID plan; and the addition of a discussion item: FBLA. All aye, carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

The board performed the official canvass of the 2023 school board election.

Motion 2023-117 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the official canvass of the school board election which was held on April 11, 2023 with the following results: Jonathan Ellwein 79 votes, Eric Sumption 74 votes and Derik Bretsch 28 votes. All votes Aye. Motion carried.

There were 704 registered voters in the Frederick Area School District 6-2 when registration closed, 95 people voted in the election which was 13.49% of the registered voters. The total cost of the election was \$1,490.46.

Jonathan Ellwein and Eric Sumption were declared winners of the election for a three-year term as school board members.

Motion 2023-118 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

a. April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

b. April 2023 Financial Report, Custodial Accounts and Investments

c. April 2023 Payroll

d. May 2023 Bills

Financial Report:

General Fund- Checking: Bal 4-1-23: \$215,642.39; Receipts: \$161,851.08; Disbursements: \$153,037.62; Bal 4-30-23 \$224,455.85. Investments: Bal 4-1-23: \$302,064.42; Interest: \$1,208.13; Bal 4-30-23: \$303,272.55. Ending Fund Balance: \$527,728.40.

Imprest Fund: Bal 4-1-23: \$3,195.52; Receipts: \$1,867.73; Disbursements: \$1,087.25; Bal 4-30-23 \$3,976.00.

Capital Outlay Fund- Checking: Bal 4-1-23: \$654,870.72; Receipts: \$147,055.98; Disbursements: \$17,763.42; Bal 4-30-23 \$784,163.28. Investments: Bal 4-1-23: \$1,933,634.20. Ending Fund Balance: \$2,717,797.48.

Special Education Fund- Checking: Bal 4-1-23: \$39,2324.00; Receipts: \$27,165.77; Disbursements: \$24,733.20; Bal 4-30-23 \$41,666.57. Investments: Bal 4-1-23: \$1,446,175.05. Ending Fund Balance: \$1,487,841.62.

Food Service Fund: Bal 4-1-23: \$23,727.73; Receipts: \$3,374.65; Disbursements: \$10,065.41; Bal 4-30-23 \$17,036.97. Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 4-1-23: \$2,166.35; Receipts: \$350.00; Disbursements: \$0; Bal 4-30-23 \$2,516.35.

Custodial Fund: Bal 4-1-23: \$25,432.13; Receipts: \$8,020.11; Disbursements: \$5,845.25; Bal 4-30-23 \$27,606.99.

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: Bal 4-1-23: \$.85; Receipts: \$0; Disbursements: \$0; Bal 4-30-23 \$.85. Investments: Bal 4-1-23: \$26,471.58; Ending Fund Balance: \$26,472.43.

Claims approved: April 2023 Payroll - General Fund salaries 76,198.13, Special Education salaries 15,767.10, Food Service salaries 2,875.34. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 25,699.69; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,147.27; American Funds, retirement 1,536.18; Delta Dental, insurance 1,856.52; The Standard, life insurance

222.44; Security Benefits, retirement 1,308.22; Optilegra, vision insurance 422.72; Wellmark, health insurance 16,088.00; SD Retirement 14,671.04; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,478.22. Total: \$162,270.87.

Bills approved: General Fund: Aberdeen Asphalt-snow removal, 4,785.00; Aberdeen Awards-ccc awards, 156.00; Adema, Laura-election worker/mileage, 208.24; Agtegra-fuel, 3,892.79; Allegiant Air-Principal conference travel, 319.00; Amazon-supplies, 295.49; BP-fuel FCCLA, 173.85; Brotzel, Julie-election worker/mileage, 232.72; Bruns, Diane-election worker/mileage, 209.26; CWD-FFVP, 819.09; Century Business Products-copier coverage, 316.66; Cole Papers-maintenance supplies,

817.12; Community Store-FACS supplies, 14.87; Cox, Mavis-election worker/mileage, 203.00; Dallmann, Jennifer-education reimbursement, 45.00; Eventbrite-Principal conference registration, 700.00; Farmers Union Oil Co-bus maintenance, 86.35; FASD Imprest Fund-misc, 1,067.25; First National Bank-stop payment fee, 8.00; GDI News-publishing/election notices, 186.07; Grammarly-subscription, 139.95; Gustafson, Debbie-election worker/mileage, 214.20; JVT-telephone, 237.58; JW Pepper-music, 106.89; Kesslers-FACS supplies/build your base, 299.58; Ketterling Photography-track photos, 99.50; MDU-utilities, 4,622.84; Menards-maintenance supplies, 153.95; Merchant Services-lunch processing fees, 96.52; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 217.65; Podoll, Amy-election worker/mileage, 196.14; Price Plumbing-maintenance, 175.00; Ramkota Hotel Pierre-supt/business manager travel, 609.38; Runnings-transportation supplies, 46.65; SASD-supt summer conference, 200.00; Taylor Music-repairs, 35.00; The Dakota-FCCLA travel, 1,205.89; Town of Frederick-utilities, 643.30. Capital Outlay Fund: Amazon-library books, 402.15; Century Business Products-copier lease, 306.66. Special Education Fund: ABAeCARE-consultations, 641.25; Avera-PT/OT, 7,060.48; Geffre, Wendy-mileage, 71.40; Prometric-para test, 85.00; Riverside Insights-testing materials, 284.35; USD-autism training registration, 1000.00. Food Service Fund: CWD Fargo-food/supplies, 6,091.96; Community Store-food, 33.51; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies, 56.75; Drivers Ed Fund: Amazon-car supplies, 11.98. Custodial Fund: Aberdeen Awards-LRC, 1,156.00; Boston Fern-teacher slush, 26.63; Breakdown Sports-gbb camp, 253.72; FCCLA-uniforms, 320.00; NSU-gbb camp, 396.00; Pashen, Brock-bbb camp, 2,038.19; SD-SU-gbb camp, 298.00; Skills and Drills-gbb camp, 425.00; Target-teacher slush, 51.11; Wal-Mart-teacher slush, 38.93; World's Finest Chocolate-music fundraiser, 2,054.07. Imprest Fund: Aberdeen Catholic Schools-track meet, 75.00; Camp Dream Makers-YMCA Camp, 528.00; Division of Criminal Investigation-background check, 43.25; Miller School District-track meet, 100.00; Redfield School District-track meet, 80.00; SD DOL-reemployment benefits, 107.00; Severson, Shauna- conference meals, 34.00; TF Riggs High School-track meet, 100.00.

The following reports were presented:

Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal

Shauna Severson: Business Manager

Achen/Hart: Building/Athletic Co-op

Severson presented the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget. The proposed budget includes the following expenditures: General Fund \$2,331,798.00, Capital Outlay Fund \$870,078.00, Special Education Fund \$365,690.00, Food Service Fund \$107,607, Drivers Education Fund \$4,708.00. It is proposed to take the max levy for the General Education fund, lower the Special Education Fund levy from .833 to .6 and request \$627,800 in the Capital Outlay Fund. The request for Opt Out dollars suggested is only \$100,000 of the \$200,000 available Opt Out and the \$150,000 perpetual Opt Out. The state has adjusted the General Fund levies which are down compared to the current year. The estimated revenue from State Aid is \$772,346.00 with an estimate of 172 students.

Current investments were presented to the board.

Motion 2023-119 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to allow the Business Manager to reinvest First National Bank CDs and Money Market money that is in the best interest of the district; penalties will be deducted before making the new deposits. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Starting up a FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter was discussed. The board requested financial information from the Business Manager and will be discussed further in June.

Motion 2023-120 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to vote for Randy Hartmann as Large School District Board of Education Member, Adam Shaw as Division III Representative and Yes for both Amendment 1 and 2. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-121 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the leasing of Liveticket

equipment for the 2023-2024 school year. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-122 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve the Food Service Procurement Plan and Code of Conduct. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-123 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the addition of a custodial account: Concessions and moving \$1,885.62 from the General Fund. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-124 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the 2023-2024 bus driver contract addendums for Rich Bakeberg, Mark Christian, Jeff Kosters, Lance Podoll and Keith Underberg. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-125 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve a \$10,000 life insurance policy to all employees from The Standard Life Insurance paid for 100% by the district. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-126 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the following 2023-2024 contracts. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

a. Certified Contracts: Jennifer Anliker, Crystal Arthurs, Janelle Barondeau, Jennifer Dallmann, Ashley Gibbs, Morgan Johnson, 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.

b. Non-Certified Employee Work Agreements: Rich Bakeberg-Transportation, Mark Christianson-Transportation, Michelle Dosch-Paraprofessional, Janet Elsen-Paraprofessional, Kristi Feil- Assistant Custodian, Ashley Gunther- Assistant Cook, Faye Gunther-Head Cook, Jeff Kosters-Transportation, Zachary Kosters-Maintenance, Marie Knutson-Paraprofessional, Lance Podoll-Transportation, Traci Reineke-Paraprofessional, Jessica Mardian- Paraprofessional, Keith Underberg-Transportation, Amanda Wolbeck-Paraprofessional.

c. Administrative Contracts: Julie Brotzel-Technology Coordinator, Christine Kosters-Special Education Director, Jeff Kosters-Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic and Transportation Director, Jessica Ringgenberg-PK-8 Principal, Shauna Severson-Business Manager, Stacey Sumption-Administrative Assistant.

d. FASD Coaching and Extra-Curricular Contracts: 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.

e. Leola/Frederick Co-op Coaching Contracts: 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 Girls Basketball, Alex Sumption-Assistant Boys Basketball, Sarah Sumption-Assistant Girls Basketball, Warren Sumption-Junior High Boys Basketball, Bryson Thorpe-Junior High Boys Basketball, Leesa Ware-Head Volleyball.

Motion 2023-127 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve an E-Sports program available to students beginning the 2023-2024 school year. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The approval of a two-year commitment to the Leola/Frederick Sports Co-op was not made. The board would like to have a further discussion with Leola's Board at the June Joint Meeting in Leola on Wednesday, June 7.

Motion 2023-128 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to declare TVs, Wii equipment and utility carts surplus and appraise the TVs at \$50/each and everything else \$0. The list of surplus property is available in the office of the business manager. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-129 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve the quote from Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc. for \$3,242.24 to grind and seal the cracks in the parking lot. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-130 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve 2 sessions (2 days/week each) for the Preschool Program. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-131 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the COVID Back-to-School

Plan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to thank Ellen Schlosser for her years of service with her Buzy Bee's Preschool and Tom Arnold for filling in as the Assistant Custodian. The board would like to congratulate the following: State FCCLA Gold Top Superiors: Chloe Arneson, Jocelynn Ellwein, Gabby Millard, Clayton Peterson and Morgan Sumption; State FCCLA Silver recipients: Winston Clark, Jayden Ellwein, Noah Kippley, Alivia Little, Gavin Nickelson, Cole Peterson, Maddie Sumption, Jace Thorpe and Westyn Thorpe; State FCCLA Bronze recipients: Arabella Clark, Jillian Ellwein and Danika Lickfelt; Track & Field team on their success at Howard Wood: 4x400 boys relay placed fourth (Stephen Achen, Johnathan Bretsch, Gavin Nickelson and Brayden Sumption), 4x800 boys relay placed fifth (Stephen Achen, Jonathan Bretsch Noah Kippley and Brayden Sumption) and 4x800 girls relay placed tenth (Jillian Ellwein, Sofia Losure, Laura Sumption and Morgan Sumption). Congratulations to Jonathan Bretsch who beat the 400M record at the LRC track meet, which was the all-time Frederick record set in 1968 by Bruce Reisdorph. Finally, congratulations to the winners of the local Northeast Literacy Association contest for young authors, illustrators, reading challenge and poetry: Riley Anliker, Arabella Dosch, Andrew Schlosser, McKenna Sumption, Tristan Tschappat and Ellie Ulmer.

The board recessed from 8:51 p.m. to 8:56 p.m.

Motion 2023-132 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to go into executive session at 8:56 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion 2023-133 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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## Brown County Land Bid Auction Notice

NOTICE OF SEALED BID AUCTION

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 June

13, 2023, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: purchase of property that is situated at 2914 Industrial Avenue, Aberdeen, Brown County, SD. Interested bidders are encouraged to contact Judy Dosch, Brown County Building Superintendent at 605-715-5818 or Judy.Dosch@browncounty.sd.gov, who has been designated Brown County's Bid Representative.

This Invitation for Sealed Bids is subject to, and all bids submitted must be in compliance with, the Schedule, Special Terms of Sale, Instructions to Bidders, General Terms of Sale, and Bid Forms and Acceptance, all of which are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

BID DEPOSIT: Bid deposit is due at time of bid submission. Ten Percent (10 %) of Bid required for the Sale Item in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to "Brown County Treasurer". A Bid Deposit is required for the Sale Item bid. No offer will be accepted without a Bid Deposit in the form and amount indicated above.

Balance of purchase price is due upon closing. The high bid will be considered a continuing offer for a period of 30 calendar days. The high bidder must be prepared to close within 60 days following notification of the Brown County Commission bid acceptance.

Contract: The Invitation for Sealed Bids, and the bid when accepted by Brown County, shall constitute an agreement for sale between the successful bidder and Brown County. Such agreement shall constitute the whole contract to be succeeded only by the formal instruments of transfer, unless modified in writing and signed by both parties. No oral statements or representations made by, or for, or on behalf of either party shall be a part of such contract. Nor shall the contract, or any interest therein, be transferred or assigned by the successful bidder without consent of Brown County, and any assignment transaction without such consent shall be void.

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Brown County Website: Brown.SD.US

Brown County Auditor's Office: 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7110

Brown County Building Maintenance Office - Phone 605-715-5818 or E-mail: Judy.Dosch@browncounty.sd.gov

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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# City Council

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The council discussed the city's current shop, which can't house all of the city's current equipment.

Councilman Bahr said he and Councilman Nehls recently looked at the facility, and if a bigger building can't be constructed this summer, a larger overhead door may help keep some of the city's newer equipment out of the elements. There may also be some items the city can declare as surplus and sell to make room.

"There's some things in there that need to go," Bahr said. "There are some lawnmowers we've talked to city employees about, and they haven't been used in years."

Councilwoman Karen Babcock agreed with going through the city's current equipment to see what needs to go.

"We don't need to shelter the junk," she said.

While there may be some short-term solutions, Bahr said newer equipment is getting bigger than ones built in the past.

"Eventually we'll need to have a new shop," he said. "I would rather do it sooner rather than later."

## Jailhouse talks continue

Council members indicated they wanted to donate the city's old jail to the Groton Community Historical Society.

Topper Tastad and Mike Nehls approached the council at its last meeting earlier this month requesting the city donate the jailhouse located near the intersection of East First Avenue and North Third Street.

The jailhouse has been on the City Council agenda on and off for years, said Councilwoman

Karyn Babcock.

"In my opinion, I feel like we're not doing anything with it," she said. "The city's not gaining anything. We're not losing anything."

She proposed letting the historical society take the jailhouse off the city's plate.

Councilman Brian Bahr expressed concerns about restrictions placed on work that can be done to the jailhouse if funding comes from certain historical groups. However, Mayor Scott Hanlon said those restrictions would only be in place for money from groups like the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission.

Hanlon asked that the item be brought to the council's next meeting in June after lot lines on the property are figured out.

Others on the council were also supportive of handing over the building.

"I think it's great if he's doing it," said Councilman Kevin Nehls.

Babcock added, "we were going to demolish it. If he wants to preserve it, let him preserve it," referring to Groton Community Historical Society President Tastad.

## Sewer violation penalties discussed

Residents may soon have less time before fines are assessed should they violate the city's sewer policy.

The council looked over amendments to ordinance number 768 dealing with the sewer penalty timeframe. Currently, the city must wait 10 days after a resident violates the ordinance before fines can be assessed. The amendment would shorten that time period to 24 hours.

However, some tweaks are being made before the changes go before the council again.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock expressed concern about how residents would be given notice

that they are violating the policy. She asked for clarity on how residents would receive notices, verbally or in writing.

A first reading of the amended ordinance is set to go before the council at an upcoming meeting.

In other action:

- The council approved hiring two additional summer employees. Dillon Abeln was hired as a groundskeeper, and Claire Sbylut was hired as a day baseball/softball coach for all teams.

- Beer can be brought to some Groton Amateur Baseball games at the baseball complex in Groton. The council approved a special event alcoholic beverage license so game attendees could bring their own beer to certain games. Dates for those games are June 9, June 18, July 1, July 16 and July 23 through 27. Beer will not be allowed if little league or softball is present, according to the license.

- The city will start listing items on BigIron Auction. The council approved listing a 1992 digger currently valued at \$5,000 on the online auction site. The city will still advertise that the machine is going to be auctioned at BigIron, but there will be "a lot more exposure that way," said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. More city machines may be declared surplus as the city looks to clean up its shop.

- A ribbon cutting for the city's water tower is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. July 20 followed by a lunch served at City Hall and sponsored by IMEG. It's a way to involve the community more with engineering projects going on in the city, Heinrich said. Utility credits can be won as door prizes at the event. Engineering will also be a focus of the summer storytime at the library that day.

- The look of a new sign outside of the Groton Police Department was approved by the council Wednesday evening. The 48-inch by 60-inch sign will look like the police department's patch, with "Est. 1888" added to the bottom.

## "The Gift of Kidney Donation"

The first successful organ transplant was a kidney transplant in 1954. The donor was the identical twin of the recipient. The new kidney worked for 11 months. This was long before any anti-rejection medications were available.

Cyclosporine, the first anti-rejection medication, was approved for use in 1983. The use of anti-rejection medications has significantly increased how long transplanted organs will function.

A transplanted kidney from a living donor will last on average 12-20 years. A kidney from a deceased donor lasts 8-12 years on average. Amazingly, the longest reported kidney transplant lasted 60 years. Most people who have kidney transplants for end stage kidney disease are first treated with kidney dialysis. Since dialysis is an option treatment for end stage kidney disease, people may wonder why kidney transplants are needed at all.

Dialysis is not ideal as it only can do about 10-15% of the work that a healthy kidney does. Dialysis is also very costly and time consuming for the patient. The average life expectancy of a patient on dialysis is 5-10 years. Thus dialysis commonly used as a bridge to kidney transplants, and not a replacement for transplant.

Kidney and liver transplants are unique because they can be done with living donors. For the kidney donor, once a kidney is removed, the remaining one will increase in size to adjust for the lost kidney. The portion of the liver that is donated can regrow rapidly and the donor's liver will be back to normal size and function in a few months after the donation. Donation of a kidney or part of a liver does not shorten the donor's life expectancy.

Per the National Organ Transplant Act, neither living nor deceased donors are compensated for organ donations. This is truly a gift of life that is given to the recipient. However, organ recipients may pay for their living donor's travel, lodging, and lost wages in connection with the donation. The donor's surgery is often billed to the recipient's health insurance. The National Living Donor Assistance Center also helps eligible donors financially when they cannot have their expenses covered by the donor, the donor's insurance company, or state programs.

Since 1954 over one million organ transplants have taken place in the United States. The Organ Procurement and Transplant Network reported over 42,800 organ transplants were done in 2022. Last year 6,466 people became living organ donors. Thanks to organ donors, transplant recipients can live longer and healthier lives. Consider checking the organ donor box next time you are at the DMV. One day, it may lead to the gift needed for someone else to stay healthy out there.

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