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ability Ins - \$10,500.00; Yankton Medical Clinic - Pre - Employment Physical - \$472.00; Yankton Transit Inc - 1/2 Special Appropriation - \$15,000.00; Yankton Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Calls/Drills - Jan - \$2,290.00; Yankton Women's Shelter - Special Appropriation - \$2,250.00; Ziegler/Bill - Officer Stipend - \$50.00; 855 Yellow Pages - Ad - \$549.99; A & B Business Inc - Copier Rental - \$483.30; Ace Hardware - Brass Fittings - \$611.08; Air Liquide Industrial - Carbon Dioxide - \$378.00; Allegiant Air - Airfare - Vegas Archery - \$1,243.50; ALS Technologies Inc - Taser Cartridges - \$810.96; Amazon Mktplace Pmts - Sharps Containers - \$1,183.51; Amazon.Com - Book Bag - \$111.97; American - Conference - \$50.00; American Library Assn - Conference Registration - \$425.00; Amerizon Wireless - Two - Radios - \$572.99; Appera - Towels - \$305.93; AT&T Bill Payment - AT&T Mobility - \$319.60; Backcountry.Com - Radar Box - \$47.56; Bench Craft Company - Advertising - \$1,500.00; Best Process Equipment - Bladder - \$553.70; Best Western Hotels - Lodging - Training - \$332.00; Bomgaars - Grease Gun/Batteries - \$839.19; Booklist Magazine - Magazine Subscription - \$147.50; Bow Creek Metal Inc - Repair - \$468.30; Casey's Gen Store - Staff Appreciation - \$8.98; Christensen Radiator & Truck - Repair - \$10.80; Clark's Rentals - Rental - \$10.00; Corner Pantry - Travel Expense - SDLA - \$45.29; Country Kitchen - Travel Expense - SDLA - \$13.48; Cox Auto Supply - Oil/Grease - \$1,417.02; Crescent Electric - Parts - \$959.48; Dart/Tartan/McNaugh - Book Rental Service - \$1,835.40; Dayhuff Enterprises - Janitorial Supplies - \$1,028.50; Delta - Meeting Expense - \$246.50; Demco Inc - Office Supplies - \$25.85; Dept Of Agriculture - Trail Supplies - \$50.00; DNC Travel - Meeting Expense - \$32.80; Dollartree - Books Program - \$59.00; Doubletree Hotel - Meeting Expense - \$1,111.80; Dunham's Sports - Supplies - \$29.98; DX Service - Salt - \$874.65; Echo Electric Supply - Emergency Lighting - \$46.17; Ehrsman Engineering - Park Supplies - \$121.05; Elife-guard Inc - Lifeguard Supplies - \$156.49; Esquire Magazine - Magazine Subscription - \$19.97; Fastenal Company - Shop Supplies - \$196.22; Filters Fast - Equipment Maintenance - \$67.94; Floor To Ceiling - Carpet Repair - \$100.00; Fore Sight Sports - Rec Supplies - \$150.00; Fred Haar Company - Mower Parts - \$2.40; Freedom - City Vehicle Fuel - \$31.13; Hach Company - Lab Supplies - \$679.02; Hard Drive Central - Copier Agreement - \$84.39; Hawkins Inc - Chemicals - \$4,442.56; HD Supply Waterworks - Link Seal - \$249.72; He-dahl's - Truck Maintenance - \$603.24; Hy - Vee Gas - Propane Exchange - \$21.20; Hy - Vee - Concessions - Gatorade - \$434.49; Independence Waste - Rentals - \$331.90; Intl Code Council Inc - Certification Renew - \$145.00; Intl Battery Exchange - Emergency Light Battery - \$35.90; Intl Soc Arboriculture - Park Supplies - \$104.90; JP Cooke - Animal Licensing - \$113.87; J - Bar - Shelter Supplies - \$61.16; Jack's Uniforms - Vest - \$1,839.16; Janitor's Closet - Cleaning Supplies - \$881.80; JCPenney - Uniforms - \$127.16; JCPenney - Uniforms - \$201.37; Johnson Controls - Service Agreement - \$6,166.92; Kaiser Refrigeration - Park Supplies - \$278.38; Kmart - Janitorial Supplies - \$64.79; Koletzky Implement Inc - Machine Repair - \$353.37; Larry's Plumbing - Meter Supplies - \$72.10; Larry's Heating And Co - Shop Repairs - \$38.45; Lewis & Clark Ford/Lincoln - Truck Repair - \$15.20; Manchu Wok Hk - Conference - \$21.92; Mark's Machinery Inc - Snow Blower Repair - \$2,762.88; McDonalds - Conference - \$7.88; Rachel Ray Magazine - Magazine Subscription - \$20.80; Mead Lumber - Community Garden - \$137.98; Menard's - Copy Room Cabinet - \$1,590.80; Mid - States Organized - Membership Dues - \$150.00; Midwest Laboratories - Lab - \$355.96; Midwest Turf - Mower Parts - \$681.15; Mutt Mitt - Mutt Mitts - \$831.82; Norfolk Daily News - Newspaper Subscription - \$235.00; Novelty Machine - Parts - \$36.71; Northern Safety Co - Cabinet Shelves - \$206.88; Natl Wildlife Fed Magazine - Subscription - \$15.00; On-court Offcourt - Quick Start Tennis - \$302.40; Orange County CC - Conc Conference - \$113.50; O'Reilly Auto - 12 Volt Triple Socket - \$17.99; Overdrive - Downloadable Books Contr - \$3,000.00; Overhead Door Co - Garage Repair - \$871.00; Orbitz.Com - National Conference - \$21.99; Panasonic Callctr Prjc - Parts - \$7.95; Paypal*Chromebatter - Battery - \$37.52; Paypal*Galaxy Sale - HP Toner - \$78.00; Paypal*Projectors - Projector Repair - \$23.99; Paypal*Raleighkint - Office Supplies - \$14.95; Paypal*Surplussolu - Hp Toner - \$24.95; Paypal*Techforless - Card Reader - \$24.93; Perkins Restaurant - Conference - \$20.31; Pitney Bowes - Mailstation Rental - \$110.22; Postage Refill - Mailstation Postage -

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\$100.00; Powerphone - Dispatcher Training - \$516.00; Pump & Pantry - Fuel - \$34.15; Quill Corporation - Office Supplies - \$598.59; Reggio's Pizza - Conference - \$10.98; The Golfworks - Club Repairs - \$190.97; Sambuca Restaurant - Meeting Expense - \$73.73; SD Firefighters Association - Membership - Fire Instruct - \$240.00; SDSPLS - Conference - \$200.00; Sesac Inc - Copyright Music License - \$81.75; Sf Regional Airport - Travel Expense - \$55.00; Shell Oil - Fuel - \$48.26; Sherwin Williams - Paint - \$26.24; Sirchie Finger Print - Office Supplies - \$146.72; So Pt Hotel And Casino - Meeting Expense - \$285.60; South Dakota Magazine - Book - \$49.90; JBD Golf Inc - Golf Grips - \$719.10; Stan Houston Equip Co - Calibration Gas - \$270.00; Sturdevants - Shop Supplies - \$220.14; Subway - Travel Expense - \$7.14; Syd's Eastside Auto - Truck Repair - \$515.00; Tabor Lumber Coop - Park Supplies - \$45.63; TGI - Friday's - Travel Expense - \$10.90; The Library Store - Office Supplies - \$39.77; TMA - Replace Tire - \$258.79; Tony Roma's - Conference - \$55.59; Traffic Control - Traffic Signs - \$1,331.15; Ultra Max - Ammunition - \$1,393.00; United Pla - National Conference - \$459.50; Unochicagogrill - Conference - \$75.72; UPS - Postage - \$48.02; USPS - Postage - \$5.60; Value Line Publishing - Magazine Subscription - \$950.00; Vzwrlls*My - Air Card - \$43.84; Wal - Mart - Office Supplies - \$1,100.00; Western Office Product - Office Supplies - \$487.06; Wholesale Supply Co - Gourmet Guys Products - \$117.55; WW Grainger - Janitorial Supplies - \$426.68; WWW.Newegg.Com - Network Switch - \$69.98; Yankton County Observer - Advertising - \$137.00; Yankton Media Inc - Advertising - \$595.57; Yankton Motor Company - Truck Repair - \$88.16; Yankton Pizza Ranch - Parents Night Out - \$107.92; Yankton Winnelson Co - Community Garden - \$309.16; Zaza Cuban Coffee Café - Travel Expense - \$7.48; 17 Union - Meeting Expense - \$25.00; 5 - Star Communications - Advertisement - \$3,011.00; Accounts Management Inc - Employee Deductions - \$30.00; AF-SCME Council 59 - Employee Deductions - \$1,320.00; American Family Life Corp - Cancer & ICU Premiums - \$6,471.02; Assurant Employee Benefits - Vision Ins - February - \$423.86; Connections Inc - EAP Insurance - January - \$271.18; Dakota Traffic Services LLC - Pavement Marking - \$99,981.66; Delta Dental - Dental Ins - February - \$7,069.70; Dept of Environment - Certification Renewal - \$144.00; Dept of Social Services - Employee Deductions - \$1,032.50; First National Bank - Clean Water #3 - \$106,494.59; First National Bank - Drinking Water - \$61,349.87; First National Bank - Drinking Water #2 - \$15,301.27; First National Bank - Drinking Water #3 - \$72,485.97; First Natl Bank South Dakota - Employee Deductions - \$2,342.30; ICMA Retirement Trust 457 - Employee Deductions - \$5,414.28; Minnesota Life Insurance Co - Life Insurance - February - \$669.11; Mueller/Amberlee - Payroll Advance - \$55.00; Municipal League SD - Registration - \$40.00; Nelson/Amy - Travel Expense - \$300.00; Nelson/William - Insurance Refund - \$280.31; Olson/Jeremy - Training - \$125.00; Postmaster - Post Office Box Fee - \$130.00; Retirement SD - SD Retirement - Jan - \$96,216.20; SDSRP - Employee Deductions - \$2,400.00; SDWWA - Registration - \$160.00; Smeal Fire Apparatus Co - Fire Apparatus - \$226,067.00; Summit Activity Center - Employee Deductions - \$820.58; United Way - Employee Deductions - \$30.00; Wage Works - Flex Serv Fee - Dec - \$100.00; Wellmark Blue Cross - Health Ins - February - \$84,648.57; Yankton Area Ice Association - Dare Skate Rental - \$300.00.

Roll Call: Members present voting "Aye;" Commissioners Akland, Balaalid, Carda, Gross, Hoffner, Knoff and Sommer; voting "Nay;" None; Abstaining: Acting Mayor Woerner.

Motion adopted.

SALARIES - JANUARY 2014: Administration - \$42,289.45; Finance - \$45,461.24; Community Development - \$25,844.69; Police - \$206,003.82; Fire - \$16,537.83; Engineering - \$60,995.10; Street - \$63,209.16; Snow & Ice - \$2,656.17; Traffic Control - \$2,851.27; Library - \$40,220.36; Parks/Sac - \$80,257.73; Marne Creek - \$4,849.32; Water - \$57,051.44; Wastewater - \$42,366.88; Cemetery - \$5,358.45; Solid Waste - \$17,338.54; Landfill - \$20,990.12; Golf Course - \$32,661.61; Central Garage - \$10,270.99.

PERSONNEL CHANGES & NEW HIRES: New Hires: Ross Den Herder - \$1461.54bi - wk. - City Attorney; Tyler Gurney - \$7.25/\$20.00 hr. - Rec. Div.; Nikki Heinz - \$10.00 hr. - Rec. Div.; Lacey Kindle - \$10.00/\$20.00 hr. - Rec. Div.; Ruth Steil - \$10.00 hr. - Rec. Div.; Logan Ulmer - \$7.75/\$20.00 hr. - Rec. Div.

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Wage Increase: Ann Horton - \$2462.14 bi - wk. - Housing; Paul Pollock - \$9.25 hr. - Rec. Div.; Tristan Roy - \$7.75 hr. - Rec. Div.; Sonya Wattier - \$8.75 hr. - Rec. Div.

Status Change: Darrik Delozier - \$1358.81 bi - wk. - from Sanitation Truck Operator to Sr. Equipment Operator; Levi Rohde - \$1127.70 bi - wk. - from Solid Waste/Jt. Powers to Equipment Operator/Streets; Terry Rye - \$1307.78 bi - wk. - from Solid Waste/Jt. Powers to Wastewater Plant Operations Specialist.

Finance Officer Viereck reviewed the written report submitted by City Manager Nelson giving an update on community projects and items of interest.

Kyle Roberson and Dr. Jim Reese from the Federal Prison Camp were present at the invitation of the City Manager and Mayor to talk about an educational program at the Yankton facility and the publication of a book of short writings by inmates titled, "4 p.m. Count."

Action 14-35
Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Carda, that the following items on the consent agenda be approved.

- Establishing public hearing for sale of alcoholic beverages**
Establish February 24, 2014, as the date for the public hearing on the request for a Special Malt Beverage (on-sale) Retailers License and a Special (on-sale) Wine Retailers License for one day, June 7, 2014, from Historic Downtown Yankton, Inc., d/b/a Rockin Ribfest, (Kathy Church, Sec./Treas.) Memorial Park, 2000 Douglas Avenue, Yankton, South Dakota.
- Establishing public hearing for sale of alcoholic beverages**
Establish February 24, 2014, as the date for the public hearing on the request for a Special Malt Beverage (on-sale) Retailers License and a Special (on-sale) Wine Retailers License for one day, April 4, 2014, from Knights of Columbus, (Richard Leyden, Secretary) 2700 Broadway Avenue, Yankton, South Dakota.

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-36
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events (on-sale) Wine Retailers License for one day, February 14, 2014, from Lewis & Clark Theatre Company (Tara Gill, President) 328 Walnut Street, Yankton, South Dakota. No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Balaalid, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve the license. (Memorandum 14-24)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-37
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events (on-sale) Wine Retailers License for one day, February 21, 2014, from Lewis & Clark Theatre Company (Tara Gill, President) 328 Walnut Street, Yankton, South Dakota. No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to approve the license. (Memorandum 14-25)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-38
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events Malt Beverage (on-sale) Retailers License and a Special (on-sale) Wine Retailers License for one day, March 8, 2014, from The Center (Christy Hauer, Executive Director), 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, South Dakota. No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve the license. (Memorandum 14-26)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-39
Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Knoff, to approve the Business Improvement District #1 Board of Director's recommendation to allocate \$3,800.00 from 2013 tax proceeds, in addition to the \$5,000.00 allocated previously, for the Convention and Visitors Bureau to use for marketing or to augment the Events Grant Program. (Memorandum 14-32)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;"

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None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-40
Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to authorize the City Manager to sign the Change Forms and 12-month Multiple Listing Service Agreement, dated February 10, 2014, with Anderson Realty, LLC, America's Best Realty, Century 21, Lewis and Clark Realty, Shore to Shore Realty, Vision Real Estate, and Discover Realty for the sale of City Owned Commercial and Industrial Property described as approximately 4 acres of Parcel B in the northwest corner of Fox Run Subdivision for a cost of approximately \$1.00 per square foot for a total list price of \$175,982.00; a 1.48 acre site located southeast of the intersection of Bill Bages Road and Alumax Road for approximately \$1.25 per square foot for a total list price of \$80,500.00; and the approximately 12 acre industrial area located south of SAPA, north of East 15th Street, for \$10,000.00 per acre for a total list price of \$123,400.00. (Memorandum 14-15)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-41
This was the time and place to award the bids for crushing of salvaged concrete and asphalt rubble at the Yankton Solid Waste Transfer Station. The following bids were received and opened on January 30, 2014: PBI Underground Construction, Marcus, Iowa-\$4.249 per ton; Slowey Construction, Inc., Yankton, South Dakota-\$3.95 per ton; Fisher Sand & Gravel, Dickinson, North Dakota-\$5.95 per ton; Bowes Construction, Inc., Brookings, South Dakota-\$4.00 per ton. (Memorandum 14-29) Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Slowey Construction, Yankton, South Dakota, at a unit price of \$3.95 per ton.

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-42
This was the time and place to award the bids for a Steel Transfer Station Walking Floor Trailer for the Department of Public Services, City of Yankton/Joint Powers Department. The following bids were received and opened on February 2, 2014: All State Trailer Sales (Spec-Tec), Morris, Minnesota-\$68,306.00; Northern Truck & Equipment, Sioux Falls, South Dakota-\$65,287.00; Interstate Manufacturing, South Rupert, Idaho-\$75,160.85; Wilkens Trailers, Morris, Minnesota-\$65,870.00. (Memorandum 14-30) Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Northern Truck Equipment, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in the amount of \$65,287.00.

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-43
Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to approve the purchase of a Diamond Twin 60" Rotary Mower mounted on a New Holland Tractor for \$98,301.00 for the Department of Public Services, City of Yankton, from Diamond Mowers of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, based on the National Joint Powers Alliance bid contract price. (Memorandum 14-31)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-44
Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Knoff, to adopt Resolution 14-05. (Memorandum 14-23)

RESOLUTION 14-05

WHEREAS, SDCL 6-13-1 requires a municipality owning personal property which is no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes shall, by resolution, declare it surplus and may, by resolution, order the sale, trade, destruction or other disposal of said personal property, and

WHEREAS, the City of Yankton declared a 1992 Spartan/Smeal pumper, VIN #457BT9S00NC007164 as surplus property by Resolution #12-34 on September 10, 2012, and

5-5 provides that Local governments permitted to lease, sell, give, or otherwise convey real and personal property to other units of government,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following surplus property be sold to the Irene Fire District for \$40,000 stated consideration as allowed by SDCL 6-13-1 and SDCL 6-5-5, et sequential:

SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED
1992 Spartan/Smeal pumper, VIN #457BT9S00NC007164

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-45
Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to approve the purchase of a new 2015 Ford F250 4X4 extended cab pickup in the amount of \$24,950.82 for the Department of Public Services, Chan Gurney Airport, from Boyer Trucks of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, based on the state bid price. (Memorandum 14-28)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-46
Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve Change Order Number 1 from Welfl Construction Corp., Yankton, South Dakota, for Water Plant No. 2 upgrades, adding 14 additional days to the contract completion date and an increase of \$41,180.00 for a new contract total of \$702,980.00. (Memorandum 14-33)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Action 14-47
Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Balaalid, to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss contractual and personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2.

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

Regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton was reconvened by Acting Mayor Woerner.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Akland, Balaalid, Carda, Gross, Knoff, Sommer, and Woerner. City Attorney Den Herder was also present. Absent: Commissioner Hoffner, Mayor Wenande, and City Manager Nelson. Quorum present.

Action 14-48
Moved by Commissioner Balaalid, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay;" None.

Motion adopted.

ATTEST:

Al Viereck
Finance Officer
Published once at the approximate cost of \$309.15.

Brad Woerner
Acting Mayor

Lincoln

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"He's always kind of looking at books (about history) his older siblings leave laying around," Chasity said. "He decided he wanted to be a president for Halloween. He was picking between George Washington and Abraham Lincoln."

Chasity added the final decision came down to hair. "When he was looking at pictures of them, he did not like George's hair so he went with Abe Lincoln," she said.

She said Easton, who now attends Kindergarten Stewart Elementary, was invited to come back to visit Webster by a former teacher who thought the boy's costume would help as a teaching tool.

"Easton went to junior-K at Webster and Mrs. (Amy) Bruening was his teacher — she is just a neat gal, over-the-top, wonderful teacher — and she and Easton always kind of clicked," she said. "Well, I put Halloween pictures of my kids on Facebook and she saw him on there, contacted me and asked if I thought Easton would want to come back to junior-K dressed as Abraham Lincoln for (the week of) President's Day and tell the kids a few things about him and pass out pennies."

And thus, Easton returned to Webster School dressed as Lincoln — beard and all — and imparted some of what he's learned about Honest Abe to all three of the school's pre-K classes.

"Well, I have important papers in my hat," he told Mrs. Bruening's class — alluding to the late president's tendency to use his hat for the safe-keeping of speeches and papers. He then removed his stove-pipe hat and produced pictures of the log cabin in which Lincoln grew up, as well as the White House.

Easton also stated a few facts for the kids.

"He had a pet turkey named Jack," he told his audience.

At the end, he passed out pennies to each student.

Bruening said the students really took to the short presentation.

"The kids love learning about the presidents and history," Bruening said. "This was just a fun way to make it be alive to them. The kids were very excited to have Easton come — or to have Abraham Lincoln come. I should say — and they had lots of questions all day about whether or not his beard was real, or if he would have his kids with him. They loved it and after he left, they were playing with their pennies and spinning them on their tables, asking if they were real and if they could go spend them at the store. They were real excited."

Chasity said it had been a day Easton had been looking forward to and that this was a fun, new way to teach students.

"He's been counting down the days since November," she said. "I think this is just one example of how teachers keep things fun and keep kids excited about coming to school."

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Cold

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January temps were anywhere from zero to four degrees below normal, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC).

Just to the west of this area, average temperatures in January were zero to two degrees above normal. "Those cold temps are having impacts across the region," Ryan stated. "There is potential winter wheat kill due to high winds, extreme cold and a lack of protective snow cover. Deep frost depths (up to four feet in some areas) can potentially enhance runoff in the spring due to lack of infiltration."

Flooding potential is something that is being monitored, she said.

"It's a little bit early to know what exactly will be going on," Ryan stated. "Flooding will depend on the nature in which snow melts and soils thaw."

She added that frost heaving is causing problems such as broken water lines and road damage.

January precipitation in the immediate area of southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska was only 5 percent to 25 percent of normal, the HPRCC reported. That translates to a departure from the norm of between zero and .75 inches of precipitation.

According to the Feb. 18 U.S. Drought Monitor, Knox and Cedar counties in Nebraska remain abnormally dry. Meanwhile, Yankton and the surrounding South Dakota counties have no drought conditions.

Looking ahead to the summer, Ryan said a weak El Nino is looking more likely by summer.

"El Nino tends to bring productive growing years for the central region," she stated.

However, Doug Kluck of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration added that there is not a huge potential for the El Nino to bring change.

"There is not a very strong correlation for a weak El Nino and a lot of rain, for example, in places that are now very dry," he said.

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