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Yankton's Water Woes

Firm Outlines Plan To Address Future Needs

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An engineering firm outlined for the Yankton City Commission Monday approximately \$28.7 million in upgrades it believes are necessary for the community's water treatment system.

HDR, Inc., was hired by the City Commission to evaluate the current system and develop a plan that will allow the community to meet its long-term water demands.

In advance of Monday's meeting, Yankton's Director of Environmental Services Kyle Goodmanson took commissioners on extensive tours of the two current water treatment plants in order to give them first-hand knowledge of what would be discussed in the HDR report.

"It's a very complex issue, as you guys know," he told the commission when introducing HDR officials.



Quail

The improvements being proposed essentially boil down to four areas:

- decommissioning Water Treatment Plant No. 1 as a treatment facility due to its 74 years of service;
- making improvements to aging equipment in Water Treatment Plant No. 2, which was built in Riverside Park in 1972;
- adding a new treatment plant adjacent to Treatment Plant No. 2 that would have the capacity to treat 5 million gallons per day and would become the primary treatment facility; and
- adding a new water source, likely a collector well at Paddle Wheel Point, that could deliver at least 5.8 million gallons per day.

Goodmanson noted that discussions are currently being held with B-Y Water about possibilities for cooperation. However, he said those options were not included in the HDR report.

"In summary, your water demands are expected to be exceeding your current plant capacity in the near future," Steven Quail of HDR told the commission during a 50-minute presentation.

Based on current population trends, HDR predicts that by 2015 Yankton will have days of peak use requiring 8.2 million gallons of treated water. By 2035, it will reach 10 million gallons per day during those high-usage periods.

The current total treatment capacity is 8 million gallons per day.

Beyond the treatment issue, Quail said finding a water source isn't as simple as many people would think with Yankton's location along the Missouri River.

"The Missouri River as a source has become unreliable," he stated. "Historically, it has been a problem (and it was really proven to be a problem during the 2011 flood)."

Issues range from the degradation of the river

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Yankton City Commissioner Brad Woerner (left) asks a question Monday of HDR, Inc., officials during a presentation about the community's future water treatment needs. Also pictured is City Commissioner Craig Sommer.

School Board

YSD Could Feel Sting Of Sequester

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The impact of the federal government sequestration on the Yankton School District (YSD) was discussed at the regularly scheduled YSD school board meeting on Monday night.

Because the federal government could not agree on a budget resolution by March 1, sweeping cuts were triggered in many areas of the budget, including education.

Although the South Dakota Department of Education is still awaiting a final interpretation of the cut's impact on education, there have been some numbers given to the department that are providing a sense of direction.

"We don't know enough yet to know how the cuts might impact Yankton School District," said YSD superintendent Joe Gertsema. "However, there are projections that special education and Title I and Title II A will be cut by about 5 percent."

The 5 percent cut would be based on census data, so

schools with lower enrollments could face a higher percentage in cuts to their programs.

"Census information will dictate how the dollars are spent," Gertsema said. "We will not know how we'll be impacted until the feds tell the state and the state tells us."

YSD business manager Jason Bietz said the district has nearly \$382,000 invested with Title I funds, equivalent to about six teaching positions. If the government cuts Title I by 5 percent, YSD would face a cut of around \$20,000 to the program.

In addition, YSD has more than \$194,000 in the Title II A program, with three full-time equivalent positions invested, and a 5 percent cut would mean \$9,700 taken from the program at YSD.

The IDEA (special education) program at YSD has 9.8 full-time equivalent teachers in it, and an investment of about \$656,000. If YSD faces a 5 percent cut, it would

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YAPG Hits Its Goal Of \$2.2 Million

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Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) announced Monday that it has now exceeded the \$2.2 million fundraising goal for its economic development campaign.

"We're very pleased with the success we've had in meeting the fundraising objectives and the opportunities we have for additional fundraising to further our goals and make even more of an impact on the area," YAPG President Mike Dellinger said of the Yankton Economic Success! (YES!) campaign.

He said the goal has been surpassed by tens of thousands of dollars so far.

"What is of interest to me is the opportunity we still have to further that investment level with some currently uncommitted investors from the previous campaign and prospects we're still chasing," Dellinger stated. "We hope that, as the year finishes out, we can finish those opportunities out and bring them on board."

YAPG plans to use the five-year capital campaign to:

- create a minimum of 300 primary jobs resulting in an annual payroll impact of nearly \$26.5 million by 2017;
- continue with land and building development, as well as other incentives to attract, expand and retain business in Yankton County;
- provide education and training opportunities to support the needs of area industry and business for a qualified workforce;
- attract new residents by promoting the



Dellinger

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Oil Falls To Start Week; Pump Price At \$3.70

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil fell Monday as the momentum seen at the end of last week faded.

The benchmark oil contract for April delivery slipped by 55 cents to \$91.40 a barrel in midday trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil rose nearly 2 percent on Thursday and Friday on signs of strength in the U.S. job market.

Many traders believe the large supply of oil in the U.S. will keep a lid on the price.

Last week the Energy Department said that the nation's supply of crude is 10.3 percent above year-ago levels. And U.S. oil production, at more than 7 million barrels a day, is at the highest level since the late 1990s. Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, estimates that oil supplies grew another 2.5 million barrels in the week ended March 8.

Pump prices fell slightly over the weekend. The nationwide average for a gallon of gas is \$3.70, down 9 cents from a year ago.



PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN

Kieth Zimmerman of Crofton recently underwent an experimental procedure for his hip pain that involved using adult stem cells. He has been happy with the result, although the procedure has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Feeling The Gain Of No Pain

Crofton Man Enjoys Benefits of New Stem Cell Procedure

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
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Medical procedures involving surgery often translate to down time. Kieth Zimmerman of Crofton had surgery on one hip and knew his other hip was causing him problems. He wanted to avoid another session of recuperation.

"I had a hip replaced a few years ago and I just didn't like the sitting around," said Zimmerman. Another big concern he said is the possibility of getting an infection.

He heard about a new experimental procedure from a friend. It involved a new controversial stem cell procedure involving adult stem cells.

Now, Zimmerman isn't complaining. Several weeks after the process, he is

headed for a sunny vacation in the Bahamas and positively pleased about his recovery.

"It's like I never had hip problems," said Zimmerman. "Oh, sure, if I abuse my body, climb over gates in the hog barn, it's a little sore. But when I get up the next day, nothing; no pain."

Adult stem cell procedures on aging joints are being completed with high success rates. Zimmerman got some contact information from a friend who encouraged Zimmerman to call the Lincoln doctor and inquire about the process.

Zimmerman also knew someone who had the procedure done. A hay grinder from Beemer gave a good reference to him after a phone call. Zimmerman made the call to the doctor and he was hooked.

"(The doctor) told me he had farmers come in, do the procedure and go out the next day to plant corn," said Zimmerman.

Even though his wife Renee was a little skeptical, he set up the appointment.

The first step for Zimmerman was to go to the clinic in Yankton and have a blood test, which was forwarded to the Lincoln Clinic. An appointment was made and, in early January, the couple headed to Lincoln. The doctor had given him a preview of what to expect, and he was comfortable with his decision.

The procedure is not FDA approved, which means it's not a covered by health insurance. Zimmerman still

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