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\$2.63; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** Dynamite Divers LLC (Supplies) \$946.18; Care of Poor: Mail Finance (Maintenance) \$139.93; Public Health Nurse: Vast Business (Utilities) \$202.63, Mail Finance (Maintenance) \$139.94; **Ambulance:** Sacred Heart Health Services (Professional Services) \$1,500.00, AT & T (Utilities) \$34.70, Arrow Manufacturing (Supplies) \$17.00, Vast Business (Utilities) \$174.02, Century Business Production (Rentals) \$44.69, TriTech Software System (Travel) \$399.00, Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supplies) \$785.01, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$208.29, Credit Collection Services (Services) \$221.10, Emdeon Business Service (Professional Services) \$130.00, First Bankcard (Travel) \$428.32, Kmart (Supplies) \$332.93, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. (Rentals) \$97.90, MidContinent Communications (Utilities) \$22.82, Menards (Supplies) \$235.58, Physio-Control, Inc. (Supplies) \$2,261.82, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,143.89, Northtown Automotive (Maintenance) \$187.05, Olsons Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$69.50, Verizon (Utilities) \$526.94, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$154.72; **Mental Illness Board:** Denise M. Cody (Hearings) \$55.96, David Knoff (Hearings) \$63.00, Lincoln County Treasurer (Hearings) \$170.00, Lucille M. Lewno (Hearings) \$764.46, Karen A. Swanda (Hearings) \$67.50, South Dakota Achieve (Services) \$180.00; **County Extension:** Kopetskys Ace Hardware (Supplies-4H Fund) \$8.48, Appera (Supplies) \$82.97, Best Western of Huron (Travel) \$166.00, Colton Buus (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$100.00, Vast Business (Utilities) \$314.20, Larry Remington (Maintenance) \$320.00, Lisa Barger (Achievement Days/4-H Fund) \$35.00, Kathy Jorgensen (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, April Smolek (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Lacey Koontz (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$115.00, Lexy Klinkhammer (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Jan Schiferl (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$15.00, Larry Smolek (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Nick Odens (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$106.89, Kathrine Fiedler (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, HyVee (Supplies) \$19.98, Sue Hersman (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Igrow (Supplies) \$31.80, J & H Cleaning Services (Maintenance) \$200.00, Andy Jensen (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Beverly Kennedy (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Jolene Kralicek (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Leaf (Rentals) \$176.40, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$11.08, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$375.55, National 4-H Council Supplies (Achievement Days-Supplies) \$73.15, Donna Schwartz (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Nicki Sprakel (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Melissa Sievers (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Stephanie Siebrandt (Travel) \$26.25, Jackie Steffen (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$35.00, Trophy Place (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$40.00, Wholesale Supply Co. (Achievement Days-4H Expense) \$183.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$284.18, Adam Wirt (Achievement Days/4-H Expense) \$100.00, Yankton County 4-H Leaders Association (Grounds Maintenance) \$935.46, Yankton County 4-H Leaders Association (Other) \$118.75; Soil Conservation: Yankton County Conservation District (2nd Half Wages-Tree Manager) \$2,500.00; Weed: Bomgaars (Supplies) \$78.15, Cox Auto Supply, Inc. (Supplies) \$17.36, MACS, Inc. (Supplies) \$461.31; Planning & Zoning: Vast Business (Utilities) \$76.49, Mail Finance (Maintenance) \$139.94, Verizon (Utilities) \$43.37, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$27.53; **Road and Bridge:** Appera (Supplies) \$85.38, Karla Bossman (Travel) \$35.52, Karla Bossman (Supplies) \$13.99, Bomgaars (Maintenance) \$82.44, Bierschbach Equipment (Rentals) \$3,150.00, Battery Exchange (Supplies) \$217.90, Butler Machinery Co. (Maintenance) \$9,907.25, Vast Business (Utilities) \$123.38, North Central Rental & Leasing (Rentals) \$3,500.00, Presto-X (Repairs and Maintenance) \$90.00, Justin Burcham (Travel) \$23.72, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$395.03, Cox Auto Supply, Inc. (Maintenance) \$194.36, Cox Auto Supply, Inc. (Supplies) \$354.14, Concrete Materials (Bridges) \$7,168.67, Cretex (Bridges) \$32,824.68, Century Link (Utilities) \$53.81, Dakota Fluid Power, Inc. (Supplies) \$277.96, D-P Tools (Supplies) \$224.70, Diamond Mowers, Inc. (Repairs and Maintenance) \$2,233.17, Echo Electric Supply (Maintenance) \$138.69, Investigative Services (Professional Services) \$265.50, Jebro, Inc. (Annual Project) \$339,076.67, Koletzky Implement, Inc. (Repairs and Maintenance) \$110.00, Miller Consulting, LLC (Maintenance) \$168.75, SD Special Pay Plan (Special Pay Plan) \$3,180.32, Stern Oil Company, Inc. (Hwy Fuel) \$2,952.81, Truck Trailer Sales Service (Repairs and Maintenance) \$672.50, Truonorth Steel (Supplies) \$2,682.00, Team Laboratory Chemicals (Secondary Roads) \$4,840.00, Tabor Lumber Cooperative (Maintenance) \$98.40, Verizon (Utilities) \$76.74, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$186.78, Yankton Janitorial Supply (Supplies) \$164.00, Yankton Fire & Safety Company (Supplies) \$113.50, **911 Fund:** Vast Business (Utilities) \$72.66, Century Link (Utilities) \$1,489.45; **Emergency Management:** Kopetskys Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$84.23, Vast Business

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(Utilities) \$431.63, Century Business Leasing (Rentals) \$208.99, Embroidery & Screen Works (Supplies) \$271.36, ESRI (Maintenance) \$400.00, First Bankcard (Travel) \$365.24, First Bankcard (Supplies) \$175.04, Great America Financial Services (Rentals) \$89.19, Cherie Hoffman (Supplies-LEPC) \$44.11, HyVee (Supplies-LEPC) \$93.84, Heiman Fire Equipment Co (Maintenance) \$873.26, Midcontinent Communication (Utilities) \$8.91, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$8.00, Racom Corporation (Utilities) \$32.63, Tabor Lumber Cooperative (Supplies) \$1,128.15, Verizon (Utilities) \$1,005.19, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$65.61; **Misc:** West Payment Center (Supplies) \$634.87; Tower Fund: Center for Municipal Solutions (Services) \$550.00; Total General Fund \$78,627.98, Road & Bridge \$415,682.76, 911 Fund \$1,562.11, Emergency Management \$5,490.00. All present voted aye; motion carried

**Action 15334C:** A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to approve the budgeted cash transfers in the amount of \$800,000.00 to County Highway Department and \$125,000.00 to Emergency Management Services. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15335S:** A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Bodenstedt to supplement the Jail Budget by \$136,904.00 and 24/7 Budget by \$5,704.00 to pay for the security system at the Yankton County Safety Center. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15336RD:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Ray to authorize the formation of the Marina Park Road District. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15337AMB:** A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to approve the hiring of Tyler Zick for the position of full time Paramedic effective September 21, 2015. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15338C:** A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Kettering to recess the regular session until 4:40. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15339C:** A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Kettering to reconvene regular session at 4:40. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Highway:** Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad presented applications for right-of-way, employee promotion, and also discussed unplanned expenditures on county roads due to the weather and over-usage which has caused several roads in need of immediate repair.

**Action 15340H:** A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Freng to approve right of way application from Tim Philips located on Kaiser Road. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15341:** A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Epp to approve the promotion of Jerome Eickhoff from Patrol Operator to Lead Forman effective September 1, 2015. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Agreement:** Commissioner Bodenstedt presented a shared route maintenance and reconstruction agreement with City of Yankton.

**Credit Card Proposal:** Terry Rokusek credit card proposal was cancelled.

**Action 15342C:** A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Freng to recess the regular session and convene as Board of Adjustment. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Variance Public Hearing:** This was the time and place for a public hearing for a Variance of Minimum Lot Requirement application from Mark Frank, Variance of Minimum Lot Requirement from twenty (20) acres to eleven +/- (11.87) in an Agriculture District (AG) in Yankton County. Said property is legally described as Lot 4, Dakota De Caza Equestrian Estates, NE1/4, SE1/4 & SE1/4, NE1/4, S1-T94N-R56W, hereinafter referred to as Utica North Township, County of Yankton, State of South Dakota. The E911 address is 1106 De Caza Drive, Yankton, SD. The Planning Commission recommended approval 11-0.

**Action 15343Z:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Kettering, based on Findings of Fact from the August 11, 2015 Yankton County Planning Commission meeting and on file in the Zoning Administrators Office, to approve a Minimum Lot Requirement Variance for Mark Frank pursuant to Article 19, Section 1907 of the Yankton County Zoning Ordinance. Variance of Minimum Lot Requirement from twenty (20) acres to eleven +/- (11.87) in an Agriculture District (AG) in Yankton County. Said property is legally described as Lot 4, Dakota De Caza Equestrian Estates, NE1/4, SE1/4 & SE1/4, NE1/4, S1-T94N-R56W, hereinafter referred to as Utica North Township, County of Yankton, State of South Dakota. The E911 address is 1106 De Caza Drive, Yankton, SD. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Variance Public Hearing:** This was the time and place for a public hearing for a Variance of Minimum Lot Requirement application from Elva Reiser Estate, Variance of Minimum Lot Requirement from twenty (20) acres to seven +/- (7.22) acres in and

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Agriculture (AG) District in Yankton County. Said property is legally described SW1/4, NW1/4, ex. Lot H-2, S6-T96N-R55W, hereinafter referred to as Mayfield Township, County of Yankton, State of South Dakota. The E911 address 29156 US Hwy 81, Menno, SD. The Planning Commission recommended approval 12-0.

**Action 15344Z:** A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Epp, based on Findings of Fact from the August 11, 2015 Yankton County Planning Commission meeting and on file in the Zoning Administrators Office, to approve a Minimum Lot Requirement Variance for Elva Reiser Estate, pursuant to Article 19, Section 1907 of the Yankton County Zoning Ordinance. Variance of Minimum Lot Requirement in front yard from twenty (20) acres to seven +/- (7.22) acres in an Agriculture (AG) District in Yankton County. Said property is legally described as SW1/4, NW1/4, ex. Lot H-2, S6-T96N-R55W, hereinafter referred to as Mayfield Township, County of Yankton, State of South Dakota. The E911 address is 29156 US Hwy 81, Menno, SD. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15345C:** A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15346Z:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Freng to recommend approval of a Rezone, Public District (P) to Agriculture District (AG), pursuant to Article 1809 (1-8) of the Yankton County Zoning Ordinance, based on the Findings of Facts dated August 11, 2015; said property is legally described as Government Lot 14, SE1/4, SE1/4, S21-T94N-R55W, hereinafter referred to as Mission Hill North Township, County of Yankton, State of South Dakota. The E911 address is TBA SW Jim River Road, Yankton, SD. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15347Z:** A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Epp to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Mark Frank, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Lot 4A, Dakota De Caza Equestrian Estates, NE1/4, SE1/4, & SE1/4, NE1/4, S1-T94N-R56W, hereinafter referred to as Utica North Township, County of Yankton, S.D., and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and the Yankton County Commission for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to law and conforms to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision and erosion and sediment control and the same is hereby approved. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such the proper resolution and certify the same. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15348Z:** A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Freng to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Elva Reiser Estate, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Tract 1, Reiser Addition, SW1/4, NW1/4, S6-T96N-R55W, hereinafter referred to as Mayfield Township, County of Yankton, S.D., and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and the Yankton County Commission for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to law and conforms to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision and erosion and sediment control and the same is hereby approved. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such the proper resolution and certify the same. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15349Z:** A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Freng to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Keith Halvorson, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Tract A and Tract B, in Lot 4, Blk 4, English Heights SE1/4, NE1/4 S13-T93N-R57W, County of Yankton, S.D., and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and the Yankton County Commission for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to law and conforms to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision and erosion and sediment control and the same is hereby approved. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such the proper resolution and certify the same. Voting Aye: Freng, Epp, Bodenstedt and Woods. Abstaining Kettering. motion carried.

**Planning Commission:** Yankton County Zoning Administrator Pat Garrity reported five applicants for the three open positions on the Highway 52 Corridor Commission: Tom Bixler, Denny Breck, Rick Daugherty, Fran Johnson and J. James (Jim) Neu. The Board conducted silent votes for applicants to fill the vacant seats. Denny Breck, Rick Daugherty and J. James (Jim) Neu were selected for three (3) year terms.

**Action 15350Z:** A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Kettering to appoint Denny Breck, Rick Daugherty and J. James (Jim) Neu for three (3) year terms. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15351Z:** A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to approve the first reading of Article 27, Corridor Overlay Districts - Highway 52 corridor Overlay District. All

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present voted aye; motion carried.

There was no executive session.

**Action 15352Pooled Cash/Aud-Treas:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Epp to approve the following monthly department reports. All present voted aye; motion carried. The Auditors Monthly Settlement with the Treasurer as of July, 2015 showed Total Cash of \$8,168,217.33. The General Fund was \$5,532,341.03; Special Funds were \$1,593,608.55; and Trust and Agency Funds were \$1,042,267.75 adding to a Grand Total of General Ledger Cash and Investments of \$8,168,217.33. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor.

**Action 15353C:** A motion was made by Bodenstedt and seconded by Freng to approve the August, 2015 gross payroll: Commissioners: \$5,104.42; Auditor: \$12,111.01; Treasurer: \$11,466.39; States Attorney: \$23,449.36; Custodian: \$3,832.04; Director of Equalization: \$21,927.75; Register of Deeds: \$12,438.83; Veterans Service: \$2,185.00; Courthouse & Safety Center: \$4,450.63; Sheriff: \$58,659.37; County Jail: \$59,774.56; Coroner: \$400.00; Juvenile: \$38.50; Nurse: \$2,688.82; Ambulance: \$40,550.62; WIC: \$1,626.50; Extension: \$6,551.11; Soil Conservation: \$2,618.70; Weed: \$5,434.13; Planning & Zoning: \$6,975.66; Road & Bridge: \$70,049.31; E911: \$173.32; OEMHS: \$5,310.40; 24-7 Program: \$4,473.75. South Dakota Retirement System \$25,911.96 (Other Employees), South Dakota Retirement System \$17,471.68 (Sheriff/EDS), South Dakota Retirement System (Payroll Deduction-Spouse Opt) \$221.55, South Dakota Retirement System (Supplemental) \$3,750.00, American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC) \$3,468.41, Legalshield \$25,900, Office of Child Support \$903.00, Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$69.44, First Dakota National Bank \$32,752.40 (Withholding), First Dakota National Bank \$44,097.12 (FICA) First Dakota National Bank \$10,312.90 (Medicare), Boston Mutual Life Insurance \$503.09, Colonial Life & Accident \$1,423.95, Avera Health Plans \$54,220.03, Optilegra \$457.37. Gross Payroll \$362,341.18, Net Payroll \$268,965.03. All present voted aye; motion carried.

**Action 15354C:** A motion was made by Epp and seconded by Freng to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015.

Todd Woods, Chairman  
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:  
Patty Hojem, County Auditor  
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and highly valued employees, he said.

The couple attended Northern State University in Aberdeen and returned to Platte sometime after graduation.

"Scott and his wife grew up here," Guericke said. "Their parents were here. They came back to raise their children here."

All Platte-Geddes students were dismissed after school officials learned of the tragedy. The state Department of Education reports the district had 467 students enrolled as of fall 2014.

Bailey said school counselors from the district and surrounding areas, along with local church youth group leaders, were on hand at the schools to help students, teachers and staff with their grief.

"I can be proud of the way everybody came together and supported the students and faculty," Bailey said.

Community members were planning a special gathering for the family Thursday night at a church.

Guericke said the Westerhises were an extremely solid, close-knit family.

"They were involved with coaching their teams, worked with their youth groups at church," he said. "They were very involved with their children."

Thaler said the South Dakota Fire Marshal, South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Platte fire and police departments are assisting with the investigation into the blaze.

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**Mexico Arrests Cartel Figure In Disappearance Of 43 Students**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal authorities captured a suspected high-ranking drug cartel member who has been implicated in last year's disappearance of 43 college students in the southern state of Guerrero, officials said Thursday. State prosecutor Miguel Angel Godínez Muñoz announced the arrest of Gildardo

Lopez Astudillo in a statement, and National Security Commissioner Renato Sales later confirmed the detention.

Sales called Lopez Astudillo, 36, the "intellectual author" of the students' disappearance. He was arrested Wednesday in the city of Taxco and is suspected of involvement in drug distribution, extortion and organized crime.

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maintenance agreements for township roads and the proposal for a Dakota Plains grain handling facility at Napa Junction.

Epp, who was overseeing his first meeting Thursday, said the crowd was an encouraging sight.

"There (were) more people turning out here than I probably anticipated," he said. "I think the general feel in the room was a good one. Yes, there's concerns out there — there's always concerns when you address something new — but you have to move forward."

Freng, who oversaw the recent meeting in Mayfield along with Commissioner Don Kettering, said she was happy about the proceedings.

"This was a really good meeting," Freng said. "The people here gave us a lot of good feedback and gave us a lot of thoughts on where they're at. It's got a few gripes — and reasonably so — and some concerns, but I think everybody understands that the roads are in bad shape and we need to do something."

She added that between the two meetings, she's noticed people are appreciating the outreach.

"The biggest takeaway I get from this meeting, and from being in Mayfield a couple of weeks ago, was just that they're glad to see us out here," she said. "I think it's way past due that we just come out and visit with people in the county and see what their concerns are. I see they have been neglected, and reasonably, they're upset about it, but glad to see us."

She added that the goal is to make town halls a regular thing.

"I think it's just going to become a policy of ours," she said. "We'll just make it as often as we can without burning out our welcome. I'd like to see it continue."

The commission will be holding three more meetings at the following locations:

- Lesterville, 6 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Lesterville Fire Department.
- Utica, 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at Marv's Bar.
- Mission Hill, 6 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Mission Hill Town Hall.

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**Fiddle****From Page 1A**

"We thought, 'There are some folks that may have never been here. Let's try to find something to get them to come,'" said Fiddlers of South Dakota president Ken Nelson.

"It's down a little from what it used to be," he added. "That's why we're having the workshops. We're trying to build the numbers back up."

The music workshops are tailored to a range of skill levels for fiddle, guitar, bass and mandolin players.

The contest used to have a national invitation for fiddler players all over the country to come and compete, though that hasn't taken place for the last few years.

Another issue is the date of the contest, which runs the same weekend as a large fiddler contest in Winfield, Kansas.

"That's where most of the professional players go, and they can offer more money than here in Yankton," Nelson explained.

However, Yankton's fiddle contest has the advantage of being a family-friendly event.

"It's not so much, 'I have to win the contest,' but it's getting together and playing

with their friends," said Nelson. "It's more a family atmosphere than a die-hard contest."

Nelson assures that excessive musical instrument playing between and during the weekend activities is a guarantee.

There's also enjoyment to be found for the people who are just watching the show.

"Spectators like the music and seeing their favorite musicians play," Nelson said.

Events like the contest are to show people that fiddling is still relevant.

"Fiddling gets a negative connotation," said Nelson. "When people hear of old-time fiddle music, they think it's going to be dull and boring. It's not either of those; it's exciting and offers a good time."

Registration to compete must be done by 1 p.m. Saturday. There is a registration fee. A donation box will be available to attendees.

**FIDDLE CONTEST WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

Friday, Sept. 18: 7 p.m. — Jamboree

Saturday, Sept. 19: 9:30 a.m. — Music Workshops; 1:30 p.m. — Contests; Harmonica, Accordion & Fiddle; 7 p.m. — Contra Dancing

Sunday, Sept. 20: Gospel Sing-Along 10—11 a.m.

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**Mussels****From Page 1A**

transported to new waters, even within a small amount of water.

The Omaha District Corps of Engineers is asking residents of the surrounding lake area to be on alert and to take measures to prevent the spreading of the species to other freshwater areas.

"For the folks that are visiting Lewis & Clark Lake, what they will find is increased inspections of watercrafts as they enter and leave by both the state of Nebraska and the state of South Dakota," Grundman said. "That will encourage folks to make sure they are pulling their drain plugs before they leave and not leaving with lake water in their boats and their live wells."

The Omaha District Corps of Engineers is working with other federal, state and local agencies to conduct assessments involving the harm to the hydropower plants. There are several procedures to limiting infrastructure damage such as chemical treatments to increased cleaning.

"The water moves through the system so quickly, we need to figure out where the risks are," Grundman said. "The impacts we see is additional upkeep and would not critically impact

infrastructure. It's more of an increased cost in time."

According to the USDA National Invasive Species Information Center, zebra mussels are responsible for the near extinction of many species in the Great Lake system by out-competing native species for food by growing on top of and suffocating the native clams and mussels.

Fortunately, Gavins Point Dam is not an ideal environment for this breed of mussels.

"As far as the lake itself, the substrate isn't conducive for settlement," Grundman said. "Zebra mussels require a hard substrate to attach to. As far as the ecological aspect, it remains to be seen."

The Corps of Engineers will continue to conduct regular maintenance, which usually increases in the winter months. Since the water moves through the system so quickly, extensive research will be essential in discovering high-risk areas.

"This is a cooperative effort with our state partners, Nebraska Game & Parks as well as South Dakota Game Fish & Parks," Grundman said. "It is a joint effort to try to get the education out there and do inspections. Hopefully, we can contain it in this section without having it spread upstream or to other reservoirs."

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