

**CITY OF FREEMAN  
CITY COUNCIL | REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023  
6:30 P.M. | CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

**VOUCHERS**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL – PLAT OF TRACT A OF BLOCK 7 (STORAGE UNIT)**

**FINANCE OFFICER SCHOOL**

**COMMUNITY CENTER DEFIBRILLATORS**

**WESTWARD VIEW – BUILDING REMOVAL/SEEDING**

**TRACTOR LEASE**

**DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING REPORT**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2(1) – PERSONNEL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2(4) – CONTRACT NEGOTIATION**

**HIRE POOL PERSONNEL**

**ADJOURN**

**This meeting will be livestreamed via the link posted in the “Government” section at [CityofFreeman.org](http://CityofFreeman.org) & on Golden West Cable channel 90.**

**Council Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall in Freeman. Mayor Michael Walter called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Blaine Saarie, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Duane Walters, Carol Eisenbeis and Scott Brewer.

**Minutes**

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Vouchers**

Tjaden moved to approve the vouchers listed below. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: All votes aye.

PAYROLL – FINANCE	2819.24	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROD, supplies	793.98
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3541.46	FENSEL’S ELECTRIC, supplies	194.81
PAYROLL – GOVERNMENT BUILDING	230.00	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	1323.93
PAYROLL – POLICE	9190.56	JAMBOREE, supplies	177.96
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	183.20	JOHNSON BROTHERS, liquor	903.08
PAYROLL – STREETS	1227.18	KLEINSASSER HTG, repair	75.00
PAYROLL – SEWER	5055.97	MATHESON, amb supplies	224.57
PAYROLL – REFUSE	3346.97	MATT RIGO, supplies	15.98
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	2597.13	MIDWEST TURF, equipment	11000.00
PAYROLL – WATER	6295.20	MR G’S, repair	630.00
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	3995.99	NAPA, supplies	244.12
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	484.76	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	9121.62
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	3145.88	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	3348.69
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	6805.23	PETTY CASH, golf	300.00
PAYROLL – COMMUNITY CENTER	225.00	PITNEY BOWES, postage	600.00
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	8996.29	PRINTED IMPRESSIONS, supplies	60.00
SD RETIREMENT	5576.32	R & R PRODUCTS, repair	104.15
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	RANDY BRODERS TRUCKING	475.00
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSN, dues	115.00	RORY HERMSEN, reimbursement	821.97
APPLIED CONCEPTS, police equipment	190.00	RUML PLUMBING, repair	117.30
APPEARA, rugs	113.06	RURAL MFG, repair	102.00
BEAL DISTRIBUTING, beer	640.70	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	1234.87
B-Y WATER, water purchase	5213.91	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	344.00
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	1022.68
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	1357.30	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	643.67
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	1399.86	SIOUX INTERNATIONAL, repair	930.63
CHS, fuel	793.74	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	2401.78
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	44.00	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	2937.60	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	1470.69
CUMMINS SALES, repair	845.18	WEIDENBACH CONCRETE, supplies	13.50

DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	685.00		
EAST RIVER FURNITURE, golf equipment	259.00		
		VOUCHERS	71095.94
		SALARIES	49143.77
		TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	120239.71

**Financial Report**

Tjaden moved to approve the financial report as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License**

The Council considered the application for a one-day alcoholic beverage license submitted by the following:

One day on-sale malt beverage license for Saturday, October 14, 2023

Application of:	Location of:
Freeman Athletic Association	Freeman Community Center
	224 S Wipf Street
	Freeman, SD 57029

No persons were at the meeting to show rejection of this application. Saarie moved to approve the one-day beverage license for Saturday, October 14, 2023. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Ambulance Roster**

Saarie moved to accept the ambulance department roster for insurance purposes. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Clean Up Days**

S. Waltner moved to set Saturday, June 10 from 12:00 pm-5 pm and Wednesday, June 14, from 3 pm-7pm, as clean up days to provide free access to the City Rubble Site. This opportunity is available only to Freeman residents and those living within one mile of City limits. Only items currently accepted will be allowed, with an additional charge for TVs and computer monitors. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Clubhouse Equipment**

The golf course committee recommended the purchase of a propane stainless steel floor fryer for the clubhouse to replace the small fryer that is currently causing problems. Saarie moved to allow the purchase of a propane stainless steel fryer for the clubhouse. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Golf Course Personnel**

S. Waltner moved to hire Judy Schrag as seasonal golf personnel for the 2023 season at an hourly rate of \$12.60. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Other Business**

S. Waltner: Informed the council that an inspection was done at the rubble site. Electronics will need to be added to the permit on the next renewal.

Saarie: Gave an update on the snow removal for drainage and stated that it needs to be made clear that snow should not be piled at the end of Poplar Street. He also stated that the lights for Main Street are still estimated to be shipped June 6.

Walters: Informed the council that the lagoon lost power with the storm last Friday.

Walter: Stated that Paul Korn was contacted regarding the paint on Main Street. He was told that the new concrete was sprayed with a curing compound that wears off over time and as this wears off the paint does also.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

### **Executive Session**

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 6:49 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) contract negotiation. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Saarie declared out of executive session at 7:33 pm.

Saarie moved to hire Thomas Broders at \$23.00/hour plus \$1.00/hour increase upon completion of each water/wastewater certification. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

### **Adjournment**

Tjaden moved to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Saarie seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor

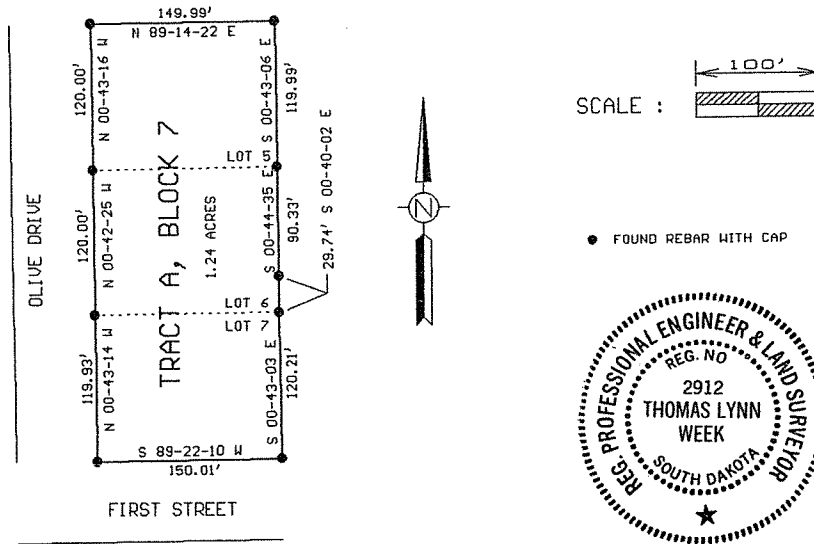


**VOUCHERS PAYABLE - April 18, 2023**

ACKERMAN HEATING, repair	330.98	ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, supplies	86.06
AFLAC, employee insurance	459.92	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	729.34
BARNES & NOBLE, library books	106.33	PITNEY BOWES, lease	143.55
BEAL DISTRIBUTING, beer	334.00	PLUNKETT'S, pest control	632.25
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	172.41	PORTA PROS, portable toilet rental	155.00
CHESTERMAN COMPANY, drinks	234.00	REPUBLIC, liquor	540.54
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL, fire repair	530.04	RORY HERMSEN, reimbursement	389.06
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	225.60	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	6,467.88
ELM USA, supplies	60.44	SD DANR, permit	250.00
FREEMAN LUMBER, supplies	18.20	SD DEPT OF LABOR, reemployment assist	267.84
FREEMAN REGIONAL HEALTH, nursing staff	144.11	SD ONE CALL, locating	11.55
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, supplies	680.26	THE DESIGN TAB, printing	208.25
HERITAGE PHARMACY, amb supplies	652.39	TOTAL STOP, fuel	909.95
KEPPS, resale	304.00	VALLEY ELECTRIC, repair	436.74
MIDWEST ALARM, security	117.53	WELLMARK, health insurance	13,996.06
OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	35.00		
		<b>VOUCHER</b>	<b>29,629.28</b>

PLAT OF TRACT A OF BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

THIS PLAT IS A REPLAT OF LOTS 5, 6 AND 7, BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.



SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, THOMAS LYNN WEEK, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR IN YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, HAVE AT THE DIRECTION OF THE OWNER, MADE A SURVEY OF TRACT A OF BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. THIS PLAT IS A REPLAT OF LOTS 5, 6 AND 7, BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. I HAVE SET IRON PINS AS SHOWN, AND SAID SURVEY AND PLAT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATED THIS 21ST. DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

*Thomas Lynn Week*  
 THOMAS LYNN WEEK  
 REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR  
 REG. NO. 2912

OWNERS CERTIFICATE

I, DAVID W. GUTHMILLER AS PRESIDENT OF LOCK N LEAVE IT STORAGE, LLC, A SOUTH DAKOTA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LOCK N LEAVE IT STORAGE, LLC, A SOUTH DAKOTA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IS THE ABSOLUTE AND UNQUALIFIED OWNER OF TRACT A OF BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. THAT THE ABOVE SURVEY AND PLAT WERE MADE AT MY REQUEST AND UNDER MY DIRECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING, MARKING AND PLATTING THE SAME, AND THAT SAID PROPERTY IS FREE FROM ALL ENCUMBRANCES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LAND SHALL CONFORM TO ALL EXISTING APPLICABLE ZONING SUBDIVISION AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF March, 2023.

*David W. Guthmiller*  
 DAVID W. GUTHMILLER, AS  
 PRESIDENT

STATE OF South Dakota  
 COUNTY OF Hutchinson  
 ON THIS 22nd DAY OF March, 2023, BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICER, PERSONALLY APPEARED DAVID W. GUTHMILLER, KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS SUBSCRIBED TO THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AND WHO ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE AS PRESIDENT OF LOCK N LEAVE IT STORAGE, EXECUTED THE SAME FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN CONTAINED.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8/3/2026

*Katelyn Heisinger*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC



PLAT OF TRACT A OF BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

CERTIFICATE OF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OF FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT OF TRACT A OF BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ITS ADOPTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE RESOLUTION DULY PASSED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA AT A MEETING HELD ON THE \_\_\_\_\_, DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CITY OF FREEMAN PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

WHEREAS, IT APPEARS THAT THE OWNER THEREOF HAS CAUSED A PLAT TO BE MADE OF THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY: TRACT A OF BLOCK 7, WALTNER SUBDIVISION, CITY OF FREEMAN, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND HAS SUBMITTED SUCH PLAT TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR APPROVAL AND WHEREAS SUCH PLAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION THEREON TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY LAW:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT SUCH PLAT HAS BEEN EXECUTED ACCORDING TO THE LAW AND SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED. THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENDORSE ON SUCH PLAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND CERTIFY THE SAME.

CITY MAYOR

I, \_\_\_\_\_, CITY FINANCE OFFICER OF THE CITY OF FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CITY OF FREEMAN, FINANCE OFFICER

CERTIFICATE OF STREET AUTHORITY

THERE IS EXISTING ACCESS TO TRACT A FROM OLIVE DRIVE.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

CITY AUTHORITY

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION CERTIFICATE

I, Teay Donald, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE FOREGOING PLAT. DATED THIS 22 DAY OF March, 2023.

Teay Donald  
DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION, HUTCHINSON COUNTY

TREASURER CERTIFICATE

I, Tamara Miller, TREASURER OF HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, CERTIFY THAT ALL TAXES WHICH ARE LIEN UPON ANY LAND INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE PLAT, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE, HAVE BEEN PAID. DATED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF March, 2023.

Tamara Miller  
TREASURER, HUTCHINSON COUNTY



REGISTER OF DEEDS CERTIFICATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, REGISTER OF DEEDS, HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL PLAT, FILED FOR RECORD THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ O'CLOCK \_\_\_\_\_M., AND DULY RECORDED IN BOOK NO. \_\_\_\_\_, PAGE \_\_\_\_\_.

PREPARED BY: TOM WEEK  
407 REGAL DRIVE  
YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA 57078  
605-665-8333

REGISTER OF DEEDS, HUTCHINSON COUNTY

SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION  
— An Affiliate of the South Dakota Municipal League —

**SD Governmental Finance Officers' School**

June 7 - 9, 2023 • Pierre Ramkota & Convention Center • Pierre, SD

*Tentative Agenda*

**Wednesday, June 7**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Banyon User Group**  
*Jeff Christensen, Banyon Data System, Inc.*  
Utility Billing, Point of Sale, Fund Accounting, Payroll and New Products will be covered.  
\*Banyon will be available for individual Q&A following the User Group meeting.

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Finance Officer Mentorship Program Coffee & Connect**  
Take this time to connect with your Mentor/Mentee

*Door Prizes will be given away throughout the school – must be present to win.*

**Noon – 4:00 p.m. Registration**  
– Lobby

**12:45 p.m. Welcome by Pierre Mayor**  
*Mayor Steve Harding*

**1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Business Meeting**

**1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Legislative Update**  
*David Reiss, Executive Director, SD Municipal League*

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m. TBD**

**2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break**

**2:45 – 4:30 p.m. CPI/Growth Increases**  
*Wendy Semmler, Director, SD Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division*

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A Night on the Town**

Hospitality room at Ramkota Hotel  
open from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 8**

**7:15 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet**

**8:15 – 9:45 a.m. General Session – Civility**

**9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Break – Lobby**

**10:00 – 10:55 a.m. Concurrent Sessions** (*Pick one; sessions will be repeated in the afternoon*)  
**Code Enforcement**  
**FO Q&A – Audit and Budget**  
**Advanced Accounting**  
*Eric Burman, Eide Bailey*

**11:00 – 11:55 a.m. Concurrent Sessions** (*Pick one; sessions will be repeated in the afternoon*)  
**Comprehensive Plans – What's Your Role**  
**Advanced Accounting -**  
*Eric Burman, Eide Bailey*  
**Audit – Requirements and Preparation**  
*Cody Papke – Accounting Manager, Sioux Falls Prairie*

**12:00 – 12:55 p.m. Years of Service Awards Luncheon**  
*Years of Service Pins will be presented*

**1:00 – 2:30 p.m. General Session Breakout**

**2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break – Lobby**

**2:45 – 3:40 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**  
(*Pick one*)  
**Comprehensive Plans – What's Your Role**  
**FO Q&A – Agendas and Minutes** – Panel of seasoned Finance Officers who are willing to answer your questions.  
**World of Liquor**  
*Jason Evans, Deputy Director, SD Dept of Revenue, Business Tax Division*



## Lisa Edelman

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**From:** Lisa Jensen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 3:46 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Waltner  
**Cc:** Steve Waltner; Lisa Edelman  
**Subject:** RE: Community Center

Sounds great!! Thank you so much☺

*Lisa M. Jensen*

Administrative Assistant  
City of Freeman  
185 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
PO Box 178  
Freeman, SD 57029  
(605) 925-7127

**From:** Elizabeth Waltner [mailto:emwaltner2@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 3:41 PM  
**To:** Lisa Jensen <lisaj@cityoffreeman.org>  
**Cc:** Steve Waltner <swaltner@goldenwest.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Community Center

I think that is a good idea, even without exercise traffic there is still a lot of people using that building throughout the year with events. I think it's a good idea to put it on the agenda so we can talk about getting one. Thanks for bringing it to our attention.

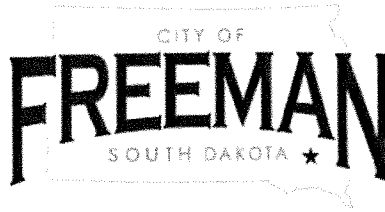
On Tue, Apr 4, 2023, 3:06 PM Lisa Jensen <[lisaj@cityoffreeman.org](mailto:lisaj@cityoffreeman.org)> wrote:

Hello Charly & Elizabeth-

Someone mentioned to me yesterday, that the Community Center does not have any defibrillators, especially for the gymnasium, which people are doing a lot of physical activity in. I texted Matt Rigo and he said the last one he bought was \$1,500.00. Lisa said to ask the two of you, before we could make it an agenda item. Please share your thoughts with me or contact her, if you think this is worthy of being on the agenda, for a future meeting. Thank you so much!

Lisa

*Lisa M. Jensen*



## **DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING COORDINATOR REPORT FREEMAN CITY COUNCIL | APRIL 18, 2023**

This month marks the start of my fifth year with the City of Freeman. The following projects and tasks have received the focus of my attention in the past month:

### **WEBSITES**

**CityofFreeman.org** - "Breaking News" items and updates related to hours of operation, services provided, staffing, and employment opportunities are among the items I post and update, as approved. The weekly "**Hometown Happenings**" radio broadcast I write and record with Hot Country 93.1 is also linked and updated in the in the Community section of this website.

**GolfFreemanSD.com** - This is the first season that we are handling the back end of this website on our own. A new cover photo and 16 individual calendar events are among the most recent updates I've made to this website.

**ExperienceFreemanSD.com** - With a goal of featuring Freeman as an ideal place to live, work, and play, this website has been made possible through funding by the Freeman Community Development Corporation (FCDC) and by the generous donation from a local business. I continue to create graphics, write news blog items, contribute photos, and add events & event details to the **Calendar**, In addition to that, I'm now also handling the back end aspects of the website. This includes posting news blog content directly and approving employment posts for display on the website as they are uploaded to the website via the **Employer Portal**. Right now FCDC member businesses are able to list employment opportunities FREE of charge; non-member pricing is currently just \$50 per position. This is not only a great opportunity to provide visibility for the businesses represented among FCDC's 88 members, but a valuable avenue for showcasing and boosting the economy of our entire community.

We are still in the early stages of implementation, but encourage all community members to visit the site regularly and for all Freeman businesses to post a link to the **ExperienceFreemanSD.com** website on their own websites. As visits to the Experience website increase, Freeman's online presence will be strengthened and empower us to attract workforce needed to sustain a thriving community. The more online clicks, the better, so please help spread the word!

### **VALLEY VIEW GOLF COURSE ADVERTISING**

We are currently in the process of finalizing golf course advertising for the 2023 season. All tee-box, bench, and driving range sponsorship signs are in place; new scorecards have been finalized; and, thanks to Valley View board member Todd Graber's thorough inventory of golf carts, I'm quite pleased to report that I've been able to sell a record number of golf cart windshield ads! All of this has required a great deal of ongoing communication via phone calls, emails, and texts and we are greatly appreciative of community support for our course.

A golf course is a quality of life asset that many people are looking for as they choose to relocate to another community and as they set out for a fun road trip. Both the food in the clubhouse and course itself have earned positive reviews.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA & GOLDEN WEST CABLE CHANNEL 90**

Creating and posting content for three Facebook pages - City of Freeman, Experience Freeman, and Valley View Golf Course - are among my continued responsibilities. I also create and update content that streams on our local cable channel. Viewers should know, however, that because Bethany Mennonite Church is the main holder of Freeman's cable channel, their programming pre-empts other information that is otherwise streamed for viewers.

## **EXPERIENCE FREEMAN BOOTH AT SCHMECKFEST & SOUTHEAST SD TOURISM**

I created an Experience Freeman video that was on display at the booth I was invited to set up at Sterling Hall to promote our community during Schmeckfest. The new Southeast South Dakota Tourism publications were also made available there. The regional travel guide and map, as well as the South Dakota Travel Guide all feature Freeman; they're currently available at City Hall and online.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT & EXPERIENCE 57029 WELCOME GUIDE**

Part of my role is to assist FCDC committees with their projects. On April 1, FCDC hosted an Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt at the Freeman Public Library. Plastic eggs were filled in advance with coins and candy by Malynda Penner's FFA students. I created the advertising, rolled out communication, prepared bags for gathering candy, assisted with set up, and created a recap video. Participating were approximately 20 preschoolers and 30 kids in grades K-3, accompanied by adults. The video can be found on the Experience Freeman Facebook page and in Experience Freeman's YouTube playlist.

A new Experience 57029 Welcome Guide is being published for 2023-25. Advertising info was sent out by the FCDC exec team and I have been providing follow-up, as well as written content and photography. This guide is made available at all I-29 and I-90 Welcome Centers in South Dakota, at local businesses, at tourist centers in Mitchell and Yankton, and also online.

## **FREEMAN COMMUNITY TRANSIT**

As Freeman's representative to the Brookings Area Transit Authority Board of Directors, I participate in monthly meetings via Zoom and serve as an advocate for our local transit service. An additional staffing position was recently filled to better accommodate the scheduling of rides. Local transit service is another asset we are able to enjoy here in Freeman. Safe, cost-effective rides are available for all ages, from preschoolers through senior citizens.

A special rate of just \$30 will allow kids to ride all summer for that one-time fee. Utilizing the transit also helps keep our community safe, facilitates independence, and causes for fewer hours of work to be missed for the purpose of driving family members to events or appointments. Please encourage community members to call **605.692.2222** to schedule rides or inquire about rates.

## **CITYWIDE CALL & TEXT NOTIFICATION SERVICE**

As requests are made, I continue to add new contact information to our notification system database. We have texting groups for both the City of Freeman and for Valley View Golf Course; I relay character-limited communication on behalf of both groups, as necessary.

## **CONFIDENTIAL COORDINATION & FOLLOW-UP**

Quite a few inquiries continue to come my way, many of which are of a confidential nature related to business start-ups, business expansion, and housing. My role is to bring the right people together while communicating details only as approved by the parties with whom I'm in contact.

## **UPCOMING INSTALLATIONS**

In the upcoming weeks, we are looking forward to several installations expected to take place for projects with which I've been involved in earlier:

- In March of 2022, two park kiosks with LED lighting arrived for installation near the northeastern part of the Swimming Pool Park and at the entrance to the City of Freeman Campground. FCDC donated \$2,000 toward the purchase of these kiosks. They were not able to be installed last year, but the intent is to have them in place soon.
- In May of 2022, the Freeman Community Foundation approved funding toward new signage prepared by 81 Metal Art to be placed at the entrance of Valley View Golf Course. We expect for the sign to be in place for much of the 2023 season, as well.
- The Freeman Community Foundation also provided funding toward an ADA lift chair for the Freeman Swimming Pool. We eagerly anticipate the arrival and installation of this chair so it can be enjoyed by patrons during the 2023 pool season.

Respectfully submitted by Carol J. Eisenbeis  
Development & Marketing Coordinator