



Davison County Emergency Management  
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LEPC Minutes  
June 12, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.

Chairperson: Marius Laursen    Vice Chairperson: Steve Harr    Secretary: Jeff Bathke

Call in Number is 1-866-990-6338. The Conference ID is 18809.

1. Welcome-Sign In.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
4. Status:
  - a. The Davison County LEPC receives grant funds from the state, which are used to pay for air cards in the EM and Search and Rescue vehicles.
    - i. Amount of 2024 grant: \$1,202.65 (\$800 less than last year)
    - ii. 2023 carry over: \$290.76
    - iii. Expended: \$655.59
    - iv. Remaining: \$837.82
    - v. Motion by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues-None
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
  - a. Yearly:
    - i. Mandatory Training-EM 103 on May 9, 2024.
    - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report due July 30, 2024.
    - iii. Municipal Contacts is being updated with newly elected officials and will be submitted when complete.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main is now open, after infrastructure replacement and bump-out installation.
  - b. N. HWY 37 is down to one lane each way on the west side of the HWY while the east side is replaced from the airport to the spillway.
  - c. Old Mill Road is closed for a bridge restoration project from Campground Rd to Barber Place until mid-September.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
  - a. 2024 State-HW 38 Alexandria Intersection to Spencer Quarry-Shoulder Widening/grading project-Traffic will have flaggers.
  - b. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles, with milling in 2024 and resurfacing in 2025.
  - c. 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed from Burr to Foster for replacement in 2025.
  - d. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
  - e. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
  - f. The HWY 37 bypass shared use path and lighting project in 2026
  - g. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
  - h. HWY 38 from Riverside Road to Spencer will be graded in 2027 and resurfaced in 2028.
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director
  - a. Davison County Emergency Management hosted a two-day training with the SD Emergency Management Assistance Team (IMAT) on May 15-16, 2024. The scenario included a tornado

hitting the SW corner of Mitchell, displacing 1,400 residents. Much of the City and County Public Works equipment, as well as Davison County Search and Rescue, was destroyed in the tornado. In addition, the water tower and middle school were destroyed. This was a great opportunity for our emergency responders to practice their response skills. The purpose of the event is to train local responders for a major disaster. A total of 35 personnel from 15 different agencies participated in the exercise, which are:

- 1) SD Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT)
- 2) SD Office of Emergency Management (SD OEM)
- 3) Davison County Emergency Management
- 4) Davison County Auditor's Office
- 5) Davison County Commission
- 6) Davison County Physical Plant Director
- 7) Aurora County Emergency Management
- 8) Hutchinson County Emergency Management
- 9) Miner County Emergency Management
- 10) Union County Emergency Management
- 11) National Weather Service
- 12) Red Cross
- 13) SD Wildland Fire
- 14) Amateur Radio
- 15) Civilian Volunteers

- 2) Project Lifesaver Training was held by the MPD on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. EM/SAR had five in attendance on June 4<sup>th</sup> and one in attendance on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Jeff has invited Pat Gathman, Manager of High Plains Processing, to be a part of LEPC. The new Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) coordinator will also be invited.

11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy

- a. No additional comments.

12. Becky Pitz/Kacee Ehler-POET

- a. No additional comments.

13. Dan Pollreis/Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent

14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD-Absent

15. Marius Laursen-Avera

- a. Avera has been busy with day-to-day operations.

16. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent

17. Steve Harr/Tim Reitzel-Sheriff's Office

- a. Sheriff Harr has hired a new Deputy and will be hiring a school resource officer soon.
- b. Sheriff Harr will look at setting up a planning meeting for traffic control for the rodeo. We will also invite DOT, since the main concern will be the construction zone on HWY 37.

18. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol

- a. Trooper Peterson reported the HP is dealing with the summer traffic surge, noting a concern for recent fatal accidents.

19. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell

- a. No additional comments.

20. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent

21. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent

22. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent

23. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent

24. Susan Kiepke-Auditor-Absent

25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent

26. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
29. Bob Everson-Mayor-Absent
30. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
31. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
33. Vacant-Environmental City of Ethan
34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
36. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
  - a. Scott reported MTC is dealing with the construction on Spruce, which requires all traffic to use the detour around the section. Registration went well, and all used the detour.
  - b. The parking lot construction is under way.
37. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member
  - a. Peggy introduced herself to the group. She had a career as a RN, was the Region 2 Public Health Coordinator, and is Incident Command trained. Peggy participated in the recent IMAT Training, serving as the Public Information Officer (PIO).
38. Dustin Wheeler-DWU-Absent
39. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
40. Andrew Miller-CHS-Absent
41. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
42. Andy Mentele-S.A.R. -Absent
43. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
44. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-County Health Nurse Office
  - a. Jenna reported the POD will be on October 15, 2024. She has ordered 500 adult and 500 child doses of the influenza vaccine.
  - b. Carissa Shinstine has been added to the LEPC, with hopes of her or Jenna attending the meeting.
45. Adam Kjerstad-Pastor-Absent
46. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
48. Comments from the Committee
49. Next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.
50. Adjourn the Meeting.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_