



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
August 14, 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, 2nd by Susan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy 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: \$1,011.33
 - iv. Remaining: \$482.08
 - v. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dave to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. Case 2022.192-Meyers Oil Bulk Facility-No further assessment required. DANR determined there is no current risk to human health or further risk to the environment. Soil contamination above department action levels exist on site. If construction activities result in contaminated soil being removed, it must be property dispose of at a permitted facility.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. 3rd Quarter Report submitted July 29, 2024.
 - ii. SD Department of Public Safety Pre-Award Risk Assessment Questionnaire 2024 submitted July 29, 2024.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. Spruce St. is now open.
 - b. HW 37 from Bypass/Main Street to airport road reconstruction-Traffic will be maintained to allow both directions. The work will take two years and be completed in sections.
 - c. Old Mill Road is closed for a bridge restoration project from Campground Rd to Barber Place until mid-September.
 - d. 255th St. between 411th Ave. and Bartscher Road.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. Railroad and Main St. will be closed for construction starting August 19th opening in October.
 - b. 2024 State-HW 38 Alexandria Intersection to Spencer Quarry-Shoulder Widening/grading project-Traffic will have flaggers.
 - c. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
 - 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. FEMA will be in Davison County for two weeks to meet with citizens affected by the flood. More information will be sent out once FEMA sets dates.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. EM and the Department of Health are working on the POD, which will be October 15, 2024. continues to assist residents and Public Works in the county on flood damage reporting.
 - b. EM responded to the Copperleaf Townhome Fire with the MEOC on August 8, 2024.
12. Becky Pitz-POET-Absent
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing
 - a. Bob shared HPP has had fairly good weather for construction with over 200 construction workers on site.
 - b. There is currently no HAZMAT on site.
14. Dan Pollreis/Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling-MPD
 - a. Chief Knippling was congratulated for being promoted to the Chief of Police for the City of Mitchell.
 - b. A meeting was held on August 7, 2024, to discuss rodeo traffic and possible changes for next year.
 - c. DakotaFest and Corn Palace Week are coming up which will require additional work for the PD.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Business as usual at Avera.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy-Absent
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
 - a. Micheal Peterson has been promoted to a position at Division. Blake Richters will be in charge of the Mitchell Squad until approximately September.
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. 15th & Ohlman is now open. Commerce St. should be open soon.
 - b. The city will be chip/fog sealing several streets.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. Business as usual for Amateur Radio.
 - b. Randy discussed the antenna on the hospital.
 - c. Dave referred a possible operator to Randy.
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management
 - a. Skyer explained Aurora County is working on the Firesteel Watershed Project.
25. Susan Kiepke-Auditor
 - a. Susan reported she has resigned her position and August 16th will be her last day.
26. Dave Beintema-Elected Official
 - a. Nothing additional to add.
27. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
28. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
29. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
30. Jordan Hanson-Mayor
 - a. Mayor Hanson explained he continues to field calls on the June flooding.
31. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
32. Denny Kiner-Commissioner

- a. Commissioner Kiner thanked Mayor Hanson for his willingness to work with Davison Rural Water.
 - b. Commissioner Kiner will recommend the full Commission pass a resolution of support of “Ripples of Change” a White Paper increasing the awareness of South Dakota’s Water Resources.
33. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
34. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
35. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
- a. Rob explained the Red Cross provided short term housing for five individuals and additional assistance to sixteen individuals after the June flood. A total of sixty residences qualified for assistance after the flood.
 - b. Red Cross responded to the Copperleaf Townhome Fire on August 8, 2024, assisting eleven of the twelve residences (12th was in the hospital).
 - c. The Red Cross emergency shelter trailer is located at the Davison County Emergency Management shed, to be used in the event of a disaster.
36. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
37. Kevin Adams-DWU
- a. Kevin Adams from the DWU Physical Plant Department introduced himself to the LEPC group.
 - b. Students will be moving in on the 24th and classes start the following Monday.
38. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
- a. Spruce St. is now open with minor finishing touches to be completed.
 - b. The MTC parking lot should have asphalt laid soon.
 - c. AEDs have been updated.
 - d. Narcan is on site. Staff will receive overdose education.
 - e. CPR training will be provided soon.
 - f. Rooms are now numbered for Emergency Response.
 - g. School starts on the 26th.
39. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
40. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
41. Andrew Miller-CHS-Absent
42. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
43. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
44. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
45. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-County Health Nurse Office-Absent
46. Adam Kjerstad-Pastor-Absent
47. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
48. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
49. Comments from the Committee
50. Next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M. Due to the EM conference, we do not have the LEPC meeting in September.
51. Adjourn the Meeting.
- a. Motion by Dave, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: _____

Date: _____