



Davison County Emergency Management  
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LEPC Minutes  
October 9, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.

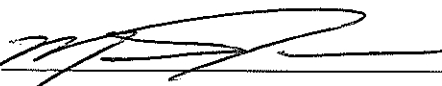
Chairperson: Marius Laursen Vice Chairperson: Steve Harr Secretary: Jeff Bathke

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 Dave to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark 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: \$1,367.07
    - iv. Remaining: \$126.34
    - v. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. 2024.123-POET Cooling Water Release-Contained in the pond.
  - b. 2024.141-Steve's Welding Accident. Semi rollover, fuel spill, contaminated soil disposed of and road re-graveled.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
  - a. Yearly:
    - i. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report to be submitted October 30, 2024.
    - ii. New Fiscal Year, many new requirements will be completed in the next few months.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. Old Mill Road 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. 255<sup>th</sup> St. between 411<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Bartscher Road.
  - d. Railroad and Main St. is currently closed.
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.
  - c. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
  - d. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
  - e. The HWY 37 bypass shared use path and lighting project in 2026
  - f. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
  - g. 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. LEPC Grant will be completed and submitted.
  - b. Yearly exercise will be in conjunction with Avera on November 7, 2024.

- c. The FEMA Mobile Disaster Recovery Center at the Davison County Fairgrounds closed on Saturday, September 28, 2024. While open, 141 residents stopped to see them. In the time FEMA was in Davison County, they visited 3,416 residences and interacted with 1,121 residents. A total of \$1,949,108.33 in Disaster Survivor Assistance has been distributed in Davison County.
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. Volunteers are needed.
    - b. Karen explained of the \$5,524,034 submitted to FEMA for Public Infrastructure costs for townships, cities, and Davison County, \$3,994,166 was approved. There were 618 damaged sites and FEMA reviewed 212 sites.
  12. Kelly Kjelden/Matthew Burk-POET
    - a. Kelly (General Manager) and Matt (EHS) introduced themselves, both having several years of experience in their respective fields. They are learning the facility and would like to host exercises of various types at the facility.
  13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing
    - a. Bob provided an update on the construction.
    - b. There is no HAZMAT on site currently. Propane will be on site during the winter months for heating.
    - c. One medical call was reported due to a worker passing out, all is fine. Overall safety is a top priority and the incident rate is very low.
  14. Dan Pollreisz/Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent
  15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-MPD
    - a. Dean explained the PD is hiring.
    - b. DWU Homecoming Parade is this Saturday, so several streets will be closed.
  16. Marius Laursen-Avera
    - a. Due to the recent hurricane damage at Baxter, there is a shortage of IV Saline bags. Baxter produces 60% of the bags in the US.
    - b. Avera employees are receiving influenza vaccinations.
    - c. Avera will be hosting a functional exercise on November 7, 2024, with a contagious person entering a long-term care facility, then being transported via ambulance to the hospital.
  17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
  18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
    - a. Sheriff Harr reported the department has positions open in the jail and is preparing for hunting season.
  19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
  20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
    - a. Mark reported the City of Mitchell is working with FEMA on their Public Assistance damage from the June flooding. The city is also acquiring two properties to eliminate the structures that are repeatedly flooded.
    - b. City employees are receiving influenza vaccinations today.
    - c. A construction meeting for HWY 38P will be held on December 19, 2024.
  21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
    - a. Randy provided a report on equipment maintenance.
  22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
    - a. Adam explained the Federal Fiscal Year starts on October 1<sup>st</sup>, so Davison County Emergency Management will start the yearly requirements over.
  23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army

- a. LT Morin reported the Salvation Army is preparing for hurricane response and is in need of volunteers. Training is required.
- 24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
- 25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official
  - a. No additional comments.
- 26. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
- 27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
- 28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
- 29. Jordan Hanson-Mayor
  - a. No additional comments.
- 30. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
- 31. Denny Kiner-Commissioner
  - a. Commissioner Kiner reported Davison County will hold a special election to approve merging the Auditor and Treasurer's offices together. This is an attempt to streamline services, save tax dollars, and have staff cross trained to better serve the citizens.
  - b. Davison County continues to repair roads damaged in the June flood. The lack of recent moisture makes it difficult as the gravel is very dry and hard to maintain.
- 32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
- 33. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
- 34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
  - a. Echo Sabers reported the Red Cross is deploying several people to assist in the hurricane recovery. Robert is in North Carolina already.
- 35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
- 36. Kevin Adams-DWU
  - a. Kevin reported the DWU parade and football game is this weekend, as well as a 5K Saturday morning.
- 37. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
  - a. Scott reported an Influenza mini-POD was held for students on October 17, 2024.
  - b. MTC will be using ARPA funds to complete a drainage/storm water project.
- 38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
- 39. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
- 40. Richard Sweeney-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-Absent
- 45. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
- 46. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
- 47. Comments from the Committee
- 48. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.
- 49. Adjourn the Meeting.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: 

Date: 11/13/2024