



Davison County Emergency Management
200 E. 4th Ave.
Mitchell, SD 57301-2631
Phone (605) 995-8640

LEPC Minutes
December 11, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.

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

1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Denny to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Karen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
4. Financial 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: \$1,544.94
 - iv. Remaining: \$0
 - v. Motion by Marius, 2nd by Mark to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. 1st Quarter Report will be due January 30, 2025.
 - ii. Several items to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 255th St. between 411th Ave. and Bartscher 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.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. The HWY 37 bypass shared use path and lighting project is in progress.
 - 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. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
 - f. 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. The LEPC Grant was submitted on November 25, 2024, for the 2025 funding.
 - b. Jeff will be out of the office January 14th-March 13th for the Legislative Session.
 - c. The SD DOT hosted a HWY 37 Traffic Study Meeting at the Davison County Fairgrounds on December 5, 2024, where citizens were able to voice their concerns and see several options for improvements on the HWY were presented. The Display Boards and all other supporting information can be viewed @ <https://www.sd37corridorstudy.com/>.
 - d. We have received paper copies of the maps and application from Summit Carbon Solutions (CSC) to construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline in Davison and other counties. The next PUC Meeting will be December 17, 2024, at 9:30 AM. The maps and application can also be viewed online at the links below. This is just an initial hearing to discuss fees, consulting contracts, granting of party status, and how the commission shall proceed.

- i. The full meeting agenda can be found at: <https://puc.sd.gov/agendas/2024/1217.aspx>
 - ii. The Application and supporting documents can be found at <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2024/HP24-001.aspx>
 - iii. The list of those who have already filed a "Party Status" can be found at <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2024/HP24-001PartyStatus.aspx>.
Party status just means they wish to be active in the application.
- 11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. No additional comments.
- 12. Kelly Kjelden/Matthew Burk-POET-Absent
- 13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing
 - a. Bob reported construction continues on the new soybean processing plant.
 - b. There is no HAZMAT on site, only propane for heat at this time.
- 14. Dan Pollreis/Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent
- 15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff –MPD-Absent
- 16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Avera has been at high bed capacity lately.
 - b. Marius reported on the Whooping Cough outbreak and that COVID has been stable.
- 17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
- 18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Chief Deputy Reitzel reported there have been several accidents in the county.
- 19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
- 20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported there will be a HWY 38 and HWY 38P meeting at the JVCC on December 19th at 5:00 PM to discuss E. 1st from Mattie St. to HWY 38 and Hwy 38 from Burr St. to the county line. Discussion will also include the bike path.
- 21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. No additional comments.
- 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-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. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
- 30. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
- 31. Denny Kiner-Commissioner
 - a. Commissioner Kiner reported the Commission is wrapping up the end of the year items.
- 32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
- 33. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
- 34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
- 35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
- 36. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
- 37. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
 - a. Scott reported MTC has addressed whooping cough and COVID over the past month.
 - b. MTC will be completing a drainage project, moving a detention pond for better future use of the campus property.

- c. Scott requested the city and county address the speed limit signage on Spruce St. Chief Deputy Reitzel reported he is currently working with Josh Harvey (City of Mitchell) on this.

- 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 January 8, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.
- 49. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Marius, 2nd by Jeff to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: _____

Date: _____