



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
March 12, 2025 @ 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 Steve, 2nd by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to approve the previous 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$533.61
 - iv. Remaining: \$1,232.11
 - b. Motion by Steve, 2nd by Mark to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. Township contacts by March 31, 2025.
 2. 2nd Quarter report due April 30, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. No known road closures
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. HW 37 from Bypass/Main Street to airport road reconstruction, shared use path and lighting project-Traffic will be maintained to allow both directions. The work will take two years and be completed in sections.
 - b. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
 - c. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. will be closed starting Spring of 2025 due to a bridge replacement.
 - d. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed starting Spring of 2025 due to a bridge replacement.
 - e. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - f. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work 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-Absent
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. Karen reported the National Weather Service and the Emergency Management Office will host the Severe Weather Training on March 20th at 6:30 PM at Mitchell Technical College.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Matthew Burk-POET-Absent

13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreis/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD
 - a. Tiffany addressed the proposed ambulance district and advised any questions to be directed to herself or the fire chief.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff
 - a. No additional comments.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported there are no cases of measles but continues to see COVID, RSV, and the flu.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle reported the crisis center has slowed but is going well.
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Tim reported they've received lots of calls for semi accidents in the last month with no hazmat issues.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported the Floodplain Ordinance will be revised and the first reading will be on March 17th. The Floodplain Ordinance will take effect on May 6, 2025.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
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-Absent
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
 - a. Kevin reported that the students are out for spring break.
37. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC-Absent
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-Public Health Nursing Office
 - a. Jenna reported that the Public Health Nursing Office would offer measles vaccinations if an outbreak occurred.
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 April 9, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.

49. Adjourn the Meeting.

- a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____