



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
January 13, 2021 @ 10:30 A.M.

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

1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Election of Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Becky, 2nd by Vicki to nominate Marius as Chairperson.
 - b. Motion by Becky, 2nd by John to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.
3. Election of Vice-Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Vicki, 2nd by Becky to nominate Steve as Vice-Chairperson.
 - b. Motion by Vicki, 2nd by Mike to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Vicki, 2nd by Becky to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Randy to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
6. Financial Status:
 - a. The Davison County LEPC receives grant funds from the state, which are used to pay for air cards in the Search and Rescue vehicles.
 - i. Amount of 2021 grant: Unknown
 - ii. Expended: \$0.00
 - iii. Remaining: Unknown
 - b. Motion by Vicki, 2nd by Bill to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
7. Public Input-None.
8. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. BNSF Fast Act Report was presented with nothing out of the normal for the area.
9. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan meeting will follow the LEPC meeting next month. The plan is updated every 5 years. District III has been contracted to help with the update.
10. Current Road Closures
 - a. 406th Avenue between 259th and 260th Street **Now Open**
 - b. 411th Avenue between 258th and 259th Street
 - c. 401st Avenue between 259th and 260th Street
 - d. 397th Avenue between 258th and 259th Street
 - e. 253rd Street between 403rd and 404th Avenue **Now Open**
 - f. 267th Street between 410th and 411th Avenue
 - g. 245th Street between 410th and 411th Avenue **Now Open**
 - h. Sanborn St. replacement 8th-14th **Now Open**
 - i. State-HW 42-Jim River Bridge Replacement East of Ethan in Hutchinson County-Bridge will be closed during construction.
11. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. 2020 County-Rehab a bridge just north of the Gary Busmuss farm, between 249th and 250th. (delayed)
 - b. 2020 State-I90-MM 334 to 335-Reconstruct both EB & WB Lanes-Traffic head to head in adjacent lane during construction.

- c. 2020 State-HW 42-Jim River Bridge Replacement East of Ethan in Hutchinson County-Bridge will be closed during construction.
 - d. 2021 State-HW 44-Parkston West-Shoulder widening project-Traffic will be maintained using flaggers.
 - e. 2024 State-HW 37 from Main Street to airport road reconstruction-Traffic will be maintained similar to Burr Street project.
 - f. 2024 State-HW 38 Alexandria Intersection to Spencer Quarry-Shoulder Widening/grading project-Traffic will have flaggers.
 - g. Future-City-Foster Bridge
 - h. Future-City-Canal Bridge
12. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM-Absent
13. Mark Jenniges-P&Z/Drainage/EM-
- a. HLSC application period is now open.
14. Becky Pitz/Sarah Blaine-POET
- a. No Comment.
15. Marius Laursen/Shannon Sandoval-MFD
- a. Railcar fire is still under investigation. Someone broke into and attempted to start big reams of paper on fire that were going to Graphic Packaging.
 - b. Fire/EMS has been back to normal with minimal Covid-19.
 - c. Fire Marshall's office has been slower due to the pandemic.
16. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD
- a. As of January 1, 2021 Mike, is now Chief of Police and Marius is Chief of Fire.
 - b. Lt Dean Knippling was introduced to the group and will now be second in command.
 - c. Shooting incident on S Rowley had a couple of vehicles out of service for a week due to damages from the incident.
 - d. Shooting incident on 5th and Main is still under investigation.
17. Vicki Lehrman-Avera
- a. Avera held vaccine clinics for groups 1A & 1C vaccinating 909 people in Dec/Jan. 2nd doses for those vaccinated will be January 22-26 per appointment with a second vaccine clinic offered Jan 28-29 for anyone that is left for 1A & 1C.
 - b. Avera continues to vaccinate group 1C as well as long term care facilities and assisted living facilities.
 - c. Avera Covid-19 number of patients has continued to stay in single digits on average.
 - d. Avera is working with SD DOH, Davison County EM and Aurora/Davison/Hanson County POD volunteers to set up a site for a vaccine clinic for the public for group 1D. This continues to be a fluid plan and changes often and are unaware of when and how many vaccines will be provided to the area.
18. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent.
19. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent.
20. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent.
21. Steve Brink-Sheriff-Absent.
22. Micheal Peterson-Law-Absent.
23. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-
- a. Quiet on the amateur radio side, but was able to register the recent earthquake centered in Tyndall in his basement.
24. Bob Everson-Mayor-Absent.

25. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-
 - a. January 19, 2021 city council will discuss the mask mandate within the City of Mitchell at their meeting. January 27, 2021 is the expiration date of the ordinance if no action is taken at the meeting.
26. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent.
27. Susan Kiepke-Auditor-Absent.
28. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-
 - a. No Comment.
29. Kyle Croce-Environmental City of Mitchell-Absent.
30. Gene Deinert-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent.
31. Dave Duba-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent.
32. Rebecca Giddens-Red Cross-
 - a. Rebecca continues to work remotely.
 - b. Rob Reuland was introduced to the group. He is a disaster program specialist.
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 - c. Red Cross has changed their damage classification to mirror FEMA's.
 - d. Red Cross now has capabilities for Electronic Funds Transfer instead of just debit cards.
33. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent.
34. John Heemstra-Education-MTI-
 - a. Classes resumed this week with 200 students getting tested for Covid-19 prior to returning, 5 of those were positive and are isolating now.
35. Vacant-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
36. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
37. Dale Wilson-CHS-Absent
38. Bill Middendorp-Salvation Army-
 - a. Reached their bell ringing goal during the holidays.
 - b. Had to shut down for a few weeks early in the year due to low staff numbers due to Covid-19.
39. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
40. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
41. Don Huber (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-
 - a. Nursing home in Plankinton had an outbreak of Covid-19 but is under control now.
 - b. Aurora County is working on updating their LEOP.
42. Jenna Auch-County Health Nurse Office-Absent.
43. Vacant-DWU Nursing Department-Absent
44. Adam Kjerstad-Pastor-Absent.
45. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Dan Schmidt (Ethan)-Fire-Absent.
46. Vacant-Ethan Town Board-Absent.
47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
48. Comments from the Committee-None.
49. Next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2021 @ 10:30.
50. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Becky, 2nd by Vicki to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: 

Date: 2/10/2021