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LEPC Minutes  
April 14, 2021 @ 10:30 A.M.

Chairperson: Marius Laursen    Vice Chairperson: Steve Brink    Secretary: Mark Jenniges

1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Approval of the amended Agenda to include item 9A.
  - a. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy 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 Search and Rescue vehicles.
    - i. Amount of 2021 grant: \$1,251.04
    - ii. Expended: \$353.46
    - iii. Remaining: \$897.58
  - b. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marius to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None.
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. 2021.024-Letter-3.11.21-DENR submitted a Phase I site assessment of 223 North Main prior to the anticipated demolition of the building. Mitigation measures will be taken during demolition.
  - b. 2021.037-Initial-3.15.21-Spill of 500 gallons of corn mash at Poet. No surface or ground water was affected by the spill and it was scraped up and disposed of.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
  - a. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update-All entities had discussion during their last meeting and will submit those to District III to incorporate into the PDM. The next meeting will follow the LEPC meeting on May 12, 2020. A zoom link and reminder will be sent out with the LEPC agenda.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. 411<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 258<sup>th</sup> and 259<sup>th</sup> Street
  - b. 401<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 259<sup>th</sup> and 260<sup>th</sup> Street
  - c. 397<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 258<sup>th</sup> and 259<sup>th</sup> Street
  - d. 267<sup>th</sup> Street between 410<sup>th</sup> and 411<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - e. State-HW 42-Jim River Bridge Replacement East of Ethan in Hutchinson County-Bridge will be closed during construction.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
  - a. 2020 County-Rehab a bridge just north of the Gary Busmuss farm, between 249<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup>. (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

9A. Road Name:

a. Ethan Coop Lumber is proposing a new subdivision in Mitchell and needs to have LEPC approve the road names for the development. Currently they are proposing two north/south roads named Hoppy Drive and one east/west road named Zeke Avenue. Looking at the master plan for the development the north/south roads will be connected and according to the 911 Addressing Handbook the road should be called a Loop. Not platting all of the development at once creates 2 roads with the same name and that creates a safety concern for emergency personnel. Also, once the whole loop is developed there is a possibility of having two of the same address on the two different entrances to the development. This would be similar to E/W University BLVD and E/W Enemy Creek Rd.

b. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marius to approve the road names of West Hoppy Loop, East Hoppy Loop and Zeke Ave. Motion carried.

10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM-Absent.

11. Mark Jenniges-P&Z/Drainage/EM

- a. FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 under the [Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021](#) and the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#). There is no deadline at this time for applications to be submitted. Applicants may apply by calling 844-684-6333. The system is overloaded currently so wait times are long.
- b. Severe Weather Awareness week is April 19-23. On Wednesday April 21 a Tornado Watch will be issued at 10:00 A.M., a Tornado Warning at 10:30 with sirens sounding and at 10:30 A.M. all clear will be given.
- c. The National Weather Service (NWS) in Sioux Falls will be conducting two additional virtual Severe Weather Awareness/Spotter Classes during the Spring of 2021. Each class will be similar in content and duration (1 ½ to 2 hours) to those taught in person each year. The dates and times of these classes include:
  - i. Thursday, April 15 @ 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM CDT
    - 1. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/regi.../3479043219984600080>
  - ii. Tuesday April 20 @ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM CDT
    - 1. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/regi.../9101831335221816848>

12. Becky Pitz/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent.

13. Marius Laursen/Shannon Sandoval-MFD

- a. Fire continues to be slow and EMS continues to be steady.
- b. Fire Marshalls office is getting busier with more construction starting around the city.

14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD

- a. MPD continues to get staffing up to 100%.

15. Vicki Lehrman-Avera

- a. So far in April there have been 8 vaccine clinics and another 8 more scheduled. Vaccine clinics have been opened to individuals over 16 years of age. Avera is now receiving more vaccine doses than people scheduled to get vaccinated, so clinic times have been shortened. They are beginning to allow walk-ins for vaccine clinics instead by appointment only. The vaccine clinic for MTI and DWU students is currently on hold due to the review pending for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, students are encouraged to partake in other vaccine clinics that are offered. There still have been no variant Covid-19 strains in Davison County or the surrounding area.

16. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent.

17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent.
18. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent.
19. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent.
20. Steve Brink-Sheriff-Absent.
21. Micheal Peterson-Law-Absent.
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
  - a. The group is working on standardizing volunteers and trainings.
23. Bob Everson-Mayor-Absent.
24. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent.
25. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent.
26. Susan Kiepke-Auditor-Absent.
27. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent.
28. Kyle Croce-Environmental City of Mitchell-Absent.
29. Gene Deinert-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent.
30. Dave Duba-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent.
31. Rebecca Giddens-Red Cross-Absent.
32. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent.
33. John Heemstra-Education-MTI-Absent.
34. Dianne Stundon-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent.
35. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent.
36. Dale Wilson-CHS-Absent.
37. Bill Middendorp-Salvation Army
  - a. They have seen a slowdown in social services request on their end.
  - b. Salvation Army received a Canteen Truck and was on standby to go help with the fire out west but was never deployed. They are looking at options to keep the truck here but would need to train 4 to 6 volunteers and find an enclosed facility to store the truck. The truck could end up being used in Sioux Falls instead of Mitchell.
38. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent.
39. Andy Mentele-S.A.R. -Absent.
40. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept. -Absent.
41. Don Huber (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent.
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
49. Next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021 @ 10:30 A.M.
50. Adjourn the Meeting.
  - a. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: 

Date: 5/12/2021