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LEPC Minutes  
September 8, 2021 @ 10:30 A.M.

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

1. Welcome-Sign In. Call in Number is 1-866-990-6338. The Conference ID is 12705.
2. Approval of the amended Agenda.
  - a. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to approve the previous 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 Search and Rescue vehicles.
    - i. Amount of 2021 grant: \$1,251.04
    - ii. Expended: \$942.56
    - iii. Remaining: \$308.48
  - b. Motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marius to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None.
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. 7-19-21-Clark Paving-25 Gallons of hot joint compound on BNSF property. Compound has been removed, but BNSF has hired a consultant to be sure the cleanup was performed to their safety standards.
  - b. 9-6-21-Tire Fire at Graham Goodyear. DANR has contacted them and instructed them to properly dispose of the tires and contaminated soil by October 8, 2021.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirements-Jeff will complete the following requirements this quarter.
  - a. Quarterly Report
  - b. Update Salamander Credential System
  - c. Review Primary and Secondary EOC (fairgrounds)
  - d. Review Regional Staffing
  - e. Review Primary and Secondary PIO and Finance Staff
  - f. Review Just in Time Staffing
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. James River Bridge at the Davison/Hanson County line on Shannard Road is 3 Ton limit effective today.
  - b. 394<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 248<sup>th</sup> and 249<sup>th</sup> Street-started now.
  - c. 397<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 258<sup>th</sup> and 259<sup>th</sup> Street-Replacement culvert to be completed November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - d. 267<sup>th</sup> Street between 410<sup>th</sup> and 411<sup>th</sup> Avenue-water over road, vehicles can drive through. The road will be repaired soon when it dries up.
  - 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. 2021 County-Rehab a bridge just north of the Gary Busmuss farm, between 249<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup>. (delayed)
  - b. 2021 State-HW 44-Parkston West-Shoulder widening project-Traffic will be maintained using flaggers.

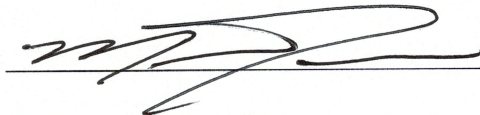


- c. 2024 State-HW 37 from Main Street to airport road reconstruction-Traffic will be maintained to allow both directions.
  - d. 2024 State-HW 38 Alexandria Intersection to Spencer Quarry-Shoulder Widening/grading project-Traffic will have flaggers.
  - e. Future-City-Foster Bridge
  - f. Future-City-Canal Bridge-Rusty will coordinate with the city when the canal bridge is closed to ensure other emergency routes are not closed at the same time.
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM
- a. Jeff explained the Deputy position remains open. The County has conducted several interviews, with a few more planned in the next week.
11. Deputy-P&Z/Drainage/EM-(Vacant)
12. Becky Pitz/Sarah Blaine-POET.
- a. Sarah explained one tank that was down for service is now back up, but they will be taking another down for service soon.
13. Marius Laursen/Shannon Sandoval-MFD
- a. Marius explained the recent fire events:
    - i. Grass pile near the Corn Palace, which was intentionally set by juveniles.
    - ii. A few rural grass fires.
    - iii. Graham Good Year tire fire, which was intentionally set by a juvenile.
  - b. Marius explained the FD/EMS was preparing for an increase in COVID related calls.
14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD
- a. Mike and Dean explained the MPD will be prepared for any events which may take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks, which is coming up this weekend.
15. Vicki Lehrman-Avera
- a. Vicki shared the following:
    - i. Avera is mandating COVID vaccination by Dec. 1 (with medical or religious waivers).
    - ii. Avera is seeing an average of 4 hospitalized patients/per day with a few others that come to ED that do not need hospitalization.
    - iii. Davison County positivity rate as of 9/3/21 was 19.3%.
    - iv. Avera is seeing a fair amount of RSV in children, not just infants, but all ages.
    - v. Vicki will bring the new Safety Officer and Security Officer to the next meeting.
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 Harr-Sheriff
- a. Sheriff Harr mentioned his office will also be prepared for any events which may take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks, which is coming up this weekend.
  - b. The Chief Deputy Position is open in the Sheriff's Office.
21. Micheal Peterson-Law-(Absent)
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-(Absent)
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. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-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
- a. Rebecca explained approximately 20 volunteers from eastern SD have deployed across the country recently and there are approximately 400 volunteer positions open.
  - b. COVID protocols are in place, with employees wearing masks for in-person contacts. They are running a hybrid system.
32. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent.
33. John Heemstra-Education-MTC
- a. John explained MTC is in the third week of school, and all is going well.
  - b. MTC held a vaccination clinic last Friday, with low turnout. They feel those who want vaccinated have already done so. There are currently two active cases.
34. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
- a. Adam explained the HLSG funds will be a month late this year.
  - b. The 2022 HLSG application window will be January 1<sup>st</sup>-February 15<sup>th</sup>.
35. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent.
36. Dale Wilson-CHS-Absent.
37. CPT Bill & CPT Deb Middendorp-Salvation Army-(Absent)
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-
47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent.
48. Comments from the Committee
49. Next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021 @ 10:30 A.M.
50. Adjourn the Meeting.
- a. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 10/13/21