



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
May 11, 2022 @ 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 12705.

1. Welcome-Sign In.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Steve to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Becky 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 2022 grant: \$2,087.33
 - ii. Expended: \$471.36
 - iii. Remaining: \$1,615.97
 - b. Motion by Becky, 2nd by Mike to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 4-21-2022-Davison County EM received complaints on the stockpile of material on HWY 37, which is a byproduct of the water softening process previously used at the Mitchell Water Treatment Plant, which has not been used for years. There are no known hazards, but the material could cause irritation of the throat and eyes if dry and blown in the wind. The material will be used on farm ground to reduce alkalinity.
 - b. 4-25-22-CHS AST release of 8,000 gal. of liquid fertilizer. Contaminated site will be cleaned up.
 - c. 4-29-2022-Pam Carbohol reported a barrel of lye in a garage in the West 2nd Street Trailer Court. EM Bathke researched a few options, which did not work out. EM Bathke is working with DNR to pick up the material to be disposed of.
 - d. 5-10-22-Gene Stehley reported a small amount of liquid fertilizer spilled on the intersection of HWY 37 and 247th. EM Bathke inspected the area. The amount was less than the reportable amount and the material on the road did not affect traction. Dispatch was notified the scene was cleared.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Quarterly Report was submitted on April 29th.
 - b. Township Contact was submitted on April 29th.
 - c. Regional EOC training completed on April 22nd.
 - d. EM Bathke has been in contact with the Blue Cell on facilitating an EOC training in the near future. Blue Cell has submitted a scope of work to be reviewed.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 394th Avenue between 248th and 249th Street.
 - b. 397th Avenue between 258th and 259th Street opened on November 4th.
 - c. 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 249th and 250th. (delayed)
 - b. 2021 State-HW 44-Parkston West-Shoulder widening project-Traffic will be maintained using flaggers.

- c. 2024 State-HW 37 from Bypass/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
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director
- a. Due to the recent precipitation, a Fire Danger Summary has not been completed. The moisture has reduced the fire risk in the county.
 - b. The James River is at its banks, and Davison County is in a flood warning for Saturday.
 - c. Severe weather is expected in the area May 11-12. Information was sent out on social media, but the NWS is changing the prediction as necessary.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
- a. Search and Rescue provided security for the circus.
 - b. Search and Rescue provided assistance to Hanson County for a missing person. Kay Flittie's body was found, and the cause of death was determined to be hypothermia.
12. Becky Pitz/Sarah Blaine-POET
- a. POET completed Fire and Tornado drills.
 - b. POET is planning a tabletop exercise. EM and the Fire Department will participate.
 - c. POET has water concerns with the plan to dredge Lake Mitchell.
13. Marius Laursen/Shannon Sandoval-MFD
- a. EMS calls have been up, but fire calls have been down.
 - b. MFD responded to a single vehicle fire at Vern Eide on May 9th.
 - c. MFD responded to an air handler fire at Boyd's Gunstock on May 10th.
14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD
- a. June 11th will be a National Shriner's Parade on Main Street, similar in size to the Rodeo Parade.
 - b. July 14-17 will be the Rodeo, with the Parade on Saturday morning. A pre-party is being planned for the plaza, expecting 1,000 people.
 - c. The PD has vacant positions to fill.
 - d. A pre-Sturgis party is being planned again this year.
15. Vicki Lehrman-Avera-absent
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/Tim Reitzel-Sheriff's Office
- a. The annual fireworks display will not be in Mt. Vernon this summer, as it will return to Cory's residence in Aurora County.
21. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol-absent
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
- a. Randy was not able to attend the meeting, but wanted to pass on the following:
 - i. On April 14th an emergency communications exercise was held with Avera Queen of Peace hospital. The overall result proved the ability to transmit much more information than demonstrated on the last exercise. A different mode of transmission was used and a mobile station was placed in the parking lot at the Brookings hospital.
 - ii. The land accommodating a 275' tower near Humbolt has been sold. Equipment for this major hub in the link must be taken out immediately. On 30 April radios and approximately 3600 lbs. of backup batteries were removed by several volunteers. The antennas were removed in early May. By 14 May the tower will be demolished. We would very much appreciate any assistance we can get with finding 1 or probably 2 towers needed to replace

the tall tower we are losing. The move may require finding additional funding sources also as the tower location had been shared with a generous host.

- iii. Without Humbolt, Turkey Ridge and Sioux Falls repeaters will be stand-alone units. The Toronto and Crandle Hill repeaters will remain linked to each other but not connected to the rest of the state. Everything west of Wessington Springs to include Pierre and Rapid City will remain connected. From Mitchell we will have connection to the west on the link and separately much of the area to the southeast by use of Turkey Ridge but not at the same time.
- iv. The emergency batteries at the Toronto site were replaced in April. This was a 3-bank unit weighing about 900 lbs.

- 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
 - a. No additional comments.
- 28. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. No additional comments.
- 29. Gene Deinert-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-absent
- 30. Dave Duba-Environmental City of Ethan-absent
- 31. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-absent
 - a. Robert was not able to attend the meeting but has been in communication with Emergency Management to update the shelter information.
- 32. John Sieverding-Education-Public-absent
- 33. John Heemstra-Education-MTI-absent
- 34. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-absent
- 35. Dan Muck-Community Member-absent
- 36. Andrew Miller-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. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-absent
- 42. Jenna Auch-County Health Nurse Office-absent
- 43. Adam Kjerstad-Pastor-absent
- 44. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Gregg Thibodeau (Ethan)-Fire-absent
- 45. JP Skelly-Media-absent
- 46. Comments from the Committee-None
- 47. Next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022 @ 10:30 A.M.
- 48. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Steve to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: _____



Date: _____

6/8/2022