



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
January 12, 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. Election of Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Susan to nominate Marius as Chairperson.
 - b. Motion by Skyler, 2nd by Susan to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.
3. Election of Vice-Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Susan, 2nd by Vicki to nominate Sheriff Harr as Vice-Chairperson.
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Susan to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Sheriff Harr to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dave to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
6. 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: \$0.00
 - iii. Remaining: \$2,087.33
 - b. Motion by Vicki, 2nd by Dave to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
7. Public Input
 - a. None
8. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 1-6-2022-POET-40 gallons of corn mash released, cleaned up, and disposed of.
9. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Quarterly Report.
 - b. County Contact List by 1-31-2022.
 - c. Township Contact List by 3-31-2022.
10. 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.
 - d. HWY 38 near Salem is open as of 11-23-2021.
11. 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
12. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM
- a. No additional comments.
13. Karen Wegleitner-Deputy P&Z/Drainage/EM
- a. Rapid Tag training was held last month, where we received a new card printer.
 - b. Regional EM meeting on 1-11-2022.
 - i. The State Office of Emergency Management will now use the DPS social media pages and not have their own.
 - ii. March 23rd will be the HLSG Allocation Meeting. THIRA is no longer required for HLS.
14. Becky Pitz/Sarah Blaine-POET
- a. Sarah explained the corn mash spill from 1-6-2022.
 - b. Sarah offered to have a facility tour. We may try to have a LEPC meeting at POET this spring, then a tour after the meeting.
15. Marius Laursen/Shannon Sandoval-MFD
- a. The Mitchell Ambulance is seeing on average 1-2 COVID patients per shift.
 - b. Staff exposure results in the department having to cover vacant shifts.
 - c. Fires have been down.
 - d. The department is looking at available grants.
 - e. Possible snow this weekend may affect the department.
16. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD-Absent
17. Vicki Lehrman-Avera
- a. The ED has been busy with COVID and Influenza patients.
 - b. Majority of patients have not been vaccinated.
 - c. Davison County positivity rate is higher than the State average.
 - d. Monoclonal antibody infusions are not working well with the Omicron Variant.
 - e. Medications, which can be used to reduce hospitalizations, are difficult to get and not recommended for those with other health issues.
18. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
19. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
20. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
21. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
22. Steve Harr-Sheriff
- a. COVID in the jail has resulted in procedural changes for court, etc.
23. Micheal Peterson-Law-Absent
24. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
25. Bob Everson-Mayor-Absent
26. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
27. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
28. Susan Kiepke-Auditor
- a. Susan will be traveling to DC in February, where all in attendance must be vaccinated.
29. Dave Beintema-Elected Official
- a. No additional comments.
30. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell

- a. Mark shared the Transportation Open House will @ 6:00 PM on January 27, 2022, at the Corn Palace. There is also an on-line survey for those who cannot make it to the meeting.
- 31. Gene Deinert-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
- 32. Dave Duba-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
- 33. Vacant-Red Cross
 - a. Rebecca Giddens has resigned her position with Red Cross.
 - i. New contact is Disaster Program Specialist Rob Reuland @ Robert.Reuland@redcross.org or his cell is (605) 251-8727. Rob is currently deployed to Kentucky, with anticipated return the week of Jan 17th.
 - ii. Joe Reiter from Central Western SD can assist until Rob returns. Joe can be reached at joseph.reiter@redcross.org or (605) 519-4847.
 - iii. All disasters should be reported via the 24-hour disaster line 844-292-7677.
- 34. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
- 35. John Heemstra-Education-MTI-Absent
- 36. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
 - a. The HLSG Application Website is open until February 18th.
- 37. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
- 38. Andrew Miller-CHS-Absent
 - a. Dale Wilson has retired, and Andrew has taken his place.
- 39. CPT Bill & CPT Deb Middendorp-Salvation Army-Absent
- 40. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
- 41. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
- 42. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept. -Absent
- 43. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management
 - a. Aurora County has been quiet, which is good considering the vacant deputy positions.
- 44. Jenna Auch-County Health Nurse Office-Absent
- 45. Adam Kjerstad-Pastor-Absent
- 46. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Gregg Thibodeau (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
- 47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
- 48. Comments from the Committee
- 49. Next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2022 @ 10:30 A.M.
- 50. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Susan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature:  _____

Date: 4/13/2022