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LEPC Minutes  
January 11, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.

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

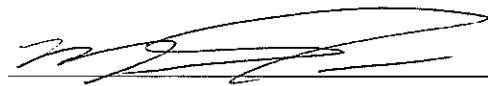
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1. Welcome-Sign In.
2. EM Bathke called the meeting to order.
3. Election of Chairperson
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki, to nominate Marius Laursen as Chairperson.
  - b. Motion by Skyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried. Chairman Laursen took over the meeting.
4. Election of Vice-Chairperson
  - a. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark, to nominate Sheriff Harr as Vice-Chairperson.
  - b. Motion by Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.
5. Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer/Information Officer
  - a. Jeff was appointed to this position.
6. Approval of the Agenda.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
7. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Michelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
8. Status:
  - a. The Davison County LEPC receives grant funds from the state, which are used to pay for air cards in the EM and Search and Rescue vehicles.
    - i. Amount of 2022 grant: \$2,087.33
    - ii. Expended: \$1,788.89
    - iii. Remaining: \$298.44
    - iv. The 2023 grant was submitted prior to the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - b. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
9. Public Input-None
10. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. 1-6-2023 Liquid Nitrogen release at Central Plains Automation (closed).
  - b. Marius and Karen were on scene. Snow/Ice damaged a 1,000 lb. tank, causing it to leak. A perimeter was set up, public was notified via social media to shelter in place. The release was not considered hazardous as it was dissipating into the air quickly. This was confirmed with the Sioux Falls HAZMAT Team. The owner was notified and was also on scene.
11. Administrative and SLA Requirement
  - a. County Contact List by 1-31-2023.
  - b. The quarterly report is due January 31, 2023.
12. Current Road Closures
  - a. None, other than snow buildup in many areas.
  - b. Ethan intersections have snow several feet deep, making it difficult to see traffic.
13. Upcoming Road Closures:
  - a. 2023 County-Rehab a bridge just north of the Gary Busmuss farm, between 249<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup>. (delayed)

- b. 2024 State-HW 37 from Bypass/Main Street to airport road reconstruction-Traffic will be maintained to allow both directions.
  - c. 2024 State-HW 38 Alexandria Intersection to Spencer Quarry-Shoulder Widening/grading project-Traffic will have flaggers.
  - d. Future-City-Canal Bridge
14. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director
- a. Jeff explained the notification requirements for missing persons/fatalities, which EM needs to report to the State Office of Emergency Management.
    - i. Any incident that has been ongoing for more than 8 hours without resolution or locating the missing person.
    - ii. Any incident that involves minors, elderly or disabled.
    - iii. Any incident when weather conditions (very hot or cold) could cause severe health concerns.
    - iv. If an air search is requested.
15. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
- a. Karen and Deputy Sheriff Jerke rescued 9 people on Tuesday during the storm. Others were found but had help on the way.
  - b. Karen transported two patients to/from Davita on Wednesday for dialysis.
16. Becky Pitz/Sarah Blaine-POET
- a. POET remained open during the storms.
  - b. POET will host a site tour in March, which can be counted as our LEPC meeting for the month.
17. Marius Laursen/Shannon Sandoval-MFD
- a. EMS increased staffing for the storm and were very busy responding to calls. One day had 17 calls.
  - b. Ambulance traffic was difficult. One is four-wheel drive, the other has chains.
  - c. There were two storm related fatalities, one due to exposure.
  - d. MFD responded to a house fire on W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The house was fully engulfed in flames upon arrival, with several children found outside. The temperature was extremely cold. The Fire Marshall was unable to determine the cause of the fire.
18. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD
- a. The PD had difficulty traveling in the storm.
  - b. The PD had conducted continued Active Shooter Training, with plans to conduct this on a regular basis.
  - c. The PD has a vacant SGT position due to the retirement of Ryan Erickson. There are also vacancies in dispatch and code enforcement.
19. Vicki Lehrman-Avera
- a. COVID and influenza numbers remain consistent.
  - b. Influenza is rated as regional in SD.
  - c. COVID, per Joint Commission Data, shows positivity rate of 19.81% nation-wide. South Dakota positivity rate is currently at 21.9%. This does not count home tests.
  - d. The Emergency Department and the hospital have been very busy.
  - e. Avera will soon be able to provide care for inpatient dialysis patients.
20. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
21. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
- a. No additional comments.
22. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
23. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
24. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy-Absent
25. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol-Absent
26. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators

- a. Randy shared from a Mitchell resident perspective he thought the streets were cleared as good and as fast as possible.
- 27. Bob Everson-Mayor-Absent
- 28. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
- 29. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
- 30. Susan Kiepke-Auditor-Absent
- 31. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent
- 32. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
  - a. Mark shared for snow removal the city is working on piles, intersections, then will attempt to widen the streets.
  - b. The City of Mitchell is working with FEMA on a grant to clean out Dry Run Creek.
- 33. Gene Deinert-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
- 34. Dave Duba-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
- 35. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
  - a. Robert is working on updating new equipment in the Mitchell location.
  - b. Red Cross assisted with the house fire on W. 2<sup>nd</sup>, providing \$800 to the family for short term needs.
  - c. In anticipation of Spring flooding, Robert reminded the LEPC that Red Cross can provide financial support to anyone affected by flooding.
  - d. The Red Cross has some volunteers deployed to California.
- 36. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
- 37. Vacant-Education-MTI
- 38. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
- 39. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
- 40. Andrew Miller-CHS-Absent
- 41. CPT Bill & CPT Deb Middendorp-Salvation Army-Absent
- 42. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
- 43. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
- 44. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
- 45. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management
  - a. A hydrology study for Skunk Creek through Plankinton is researching ways to increase the water flow.
  - b. Aurora County EM dealt with a spill of 1,200 gallons of round up on HWY 281.
- 46. Jenna Auch-County Health Nurse Office-Absent
- 47. Adam Kjerstad-Pastor-Absent
- 48. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
  - a. Jeff pointed out that Ethan has a new Fire Chief, Izaak Goldammer.
- 49. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
- 50. Comments from the Committee
- 51. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.
- 52. Adjourn the Meeting.
  - a. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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



Date: 02/07/2023