



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
October 11, 2023 @ 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 Susan, 2nd by Mike to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Steve 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 EM and Search and Rescue vehicles.
 - i. Amount of 2023 grant: \$2,026.96 (in addition to \$298.44 in carry over funds)
 - ii. Expended: \$1,320.96
 - iii. Remaining: \$1,142.30
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Mike to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. Performance Pets-(reported in June 2023 minutes) contaminated soil found. Will monitor disposal.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. 4th Quarter Report due October 30.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. Due to replacement of the bridge, 404th Avenue between 248th and 250th will be closed till November/December. Please plan accordingly for Emergency Response. FYI-249th does not have access.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. 2024 State-HW 37 from Bypass/Main Street to airport road reconstruction-Traffic will be maintained to allow both directions.
 - b. 2024 State-HW 38 Alexandria Intersection to Spencer Quarry-Shoulder Widening/grading project-Traffic will have flaggers.
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director
 - a. Jeff & Karen attended the Annual EM Conference. A Radio Communication Plan will be discussed with Dispatch, PD, FD, Sheriff, and EM.
 - b. Counties will now be able to add road closure information to 511. We will need to determine the process and who will be tasked with entering the information.
 - c. A new side by side with backboard, and a trailer has been purchased with 100% Homeland Security Funds. This will be added to the Search and Rescue Fleet and is identical to the current side by side, backboard, and trailer.
 - d. Search and Rescue has declared many items surplus, which are currently on Purple Wave, closing October 17th, to include the Snowcat, generators, the decontamination trailer, and radios. Davison County also has many items on this auction.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. POD will be October 17th from 3-7 PM. Influenza vaccines are available for 6 months-64 years of age.

12. Becky Pitz-POET
 - a. Harvest is in full swing.
13. Dan Pollreis/Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent
14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD
 - a. The PD is still working through issues converting to digital radios.
 - b. A Radio Communication Plan will be discussed with Dispatch, PD, FD, Sheriff, and EM. Inter-Agency channel can be used in the event of an emergency.
 - c. Mike/Dean are wrapping up the Active Shooter Trainings.
 - d. The PD and County Officials will be discussing the procedures for assisting transients.
15. Marius Laursen -Avera
 - a. Avera remains busy, with 1-2 COVID hospitalizations daily.
 - b. Marius recommends getting the influenza vaccine and COVID booster.
 - c. The SD Healthcare Coalition will host an exercise on October 19, 2023, where they will simulate evacuating the hospital.
 - d. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Avera Housing Project was held this morning.
16. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle is working with Avera and the Sheriff to create a location for behavioral health beds, for non-violent patients. Location TBD.
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. With harvest season, the Sheriff's office has seen an increase in combine fires. They also responded to a car accident/fire.
21. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol
 - a. The HP is preparing for winter and dealing with traffic/road closures.
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
 - a. Susan is preparing for the 2024 Election. She will work with the Sheriff's Office on safety procedures.
27. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent
28. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark informed the group Rowley St. has been paved and is open to traffic.
 - b. Spruce St. at HWY 37 will be closed this week to replace the rail crossing in preparation for adding a turning lane.
29. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
30. Dave Duba-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
31. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
32. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
33. Vacant-Education-MTI-Absent
34. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
35. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
36. Andrew Miller-CHS-Absent
37. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-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
- 47. Next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.
- 48. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature:  _____

Date: 11/08/2023