



Davison County Emergency Management  
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LEPC Minutes  
November 8, 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 08809.

1. Welcome-Sign In.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Michell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark 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: \$1,468.84
    - iii. Remaining: \$856.54
    - iv. FY24 Grant was submitted, pending approval, with estimated \$560.78 carryover.
  - b. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. The BNSF High-Hazard Flammable Trains (FAST Act) Report was presented to the committee. As this is a semi-confidential report, it will not be placed on the website, but will be available for review in the Emergency Management Office.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
  - i. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report submitted on October 30.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. Due to replacement of the bridge, 404<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 248<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup> will be closed till November/December. Please plan accordingly for Emergency Response. FYI-249<sup>th</sup> 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. EM/SAR has received a new tracked side by side to add to the current one. A trailer will be coming in soon. It will be equipped with a skid, side chair, backboard, and transport litter.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
  - a. POD Report
    - i. 439 (Corn Palace)
    - ii. 73 (MTC)
    - iii. 99 (DWU)

iv. 611 Total

12. Becky Pitz/Kacee Ehler-POET
  - a. No additional comments.
13. Dan Pollreisz/Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent
14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD
  - a. There are traffic concerns with the turkey giveaway on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
15. Marius Laursen -Avera
  - a. The road work near Avera has been completed. The broken gas line blew gas into the ER, which was aired out and NWE fixed the line.
  - b. A tabletop exercise was held at Avera. Areas to improve were noted.
  - c. There have been a few COVID admittances, but nothing high.
16. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
  - a. Dakota Counseling will be announcing a new Crisis Program soon, which will assist those who would normally be taken to jail as that is their only option.
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. Mt. Vernon will be having a Parade of Lights in December.
21. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol-Absent
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
  - a. Randy asked if we had a plan to prevent or react to a cyber-attack. The PD, Emergency Management, and Avera conduct a threat level annually.
  - b. Randy asked about communications, with the PD being digital and others being analog.
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
  - a. No additional comments.
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
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 December 13, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.

48. Adjourn the Meeting.

a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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

Date: 12/13/2023