



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
December 13, 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 18809.

1. Welcome-Sign In.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dave 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 2023 grant: \$2,026.96 (in addition to \$298.44 in carry over funds)
 - ii. Expended: \$1,616.74
 - iii. Remaining: \$708.64
 - iv. FY24 Grant was submitted and approved (amount TBD). Estimated \$560.76 carryover.
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues-None
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. LCAR was completed on December 13, 2023.
 - ii. 1st Quarter Report due January 30, 2024.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. Due to replacement of the bridge, 404th Avenue between 248th and 250th is still closed, anticipated to re-open in December 2023. 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. November 28-29, 2023, Davison County EM/SAR assisted DCI in a search. Several other agencies also assisted, including the Mitchell Dive Team.
 - b. May 14-16, 2024, Davison County will host an Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) training. Avera will also participate. Anyone who would like to participate in the training please let us know and we will plug you into a position. During an actual incident, if a team is called in for assistance, they provide guidance to each section.
 - c. Davison County EM/Search and Rescue were on the Perkins fire scene for several days, providing the MEOC, lights, generators, and security.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. No additional comments.
12. Becky Pitz/Kacee Ehler-POET
 - a. POET has given two tours recently, one for a local High School and one for Dusty Johnson.
13. Dan Pollreis/Shannon Sandoval-MFD
 - a. The MFD was on the Perkins fire scene for several days, now waiting for evidence results to be returned from the lab. Responding agencies were the Ethan Fire Department, Mt. Vernon Fire Department, Alexandria Fire Department, Davison County EM/Search and Rescue and the Salvation Army.
14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD-Absent
15. Marius Laursen -Avera

- a. Avera is completing the end of the year policy reviews.
 - b. COVID cases remain steady.
16. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
 17. Steve Harr/Tim Reitzel-Sheriff's Office
 - a. The Sheriff's Office has responded to two fatal accidents in the last few weeks. There were no HAZMAT concerns.
 18. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol-Absent
 19. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. No additional comments.
 20. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. No additional comments.
 21. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
 - a. It has been a calm year for the State Office of Emergency Management.
 - b. The National Weather Service predicted warmer temperatures and below average precipitation.
 - c. The Homeland Security Grant (HLSG) will be open Jan 1-Feb 15). The review meeting will be on March 14th in Brookings. June Snyder has retired. Kami Thompson is the HLSG contact until June's replacement is hired.
 22. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
 23. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
 24. Susan Kiepke-Auditor-Absent
 25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official
 - a. No additional comments.
 26. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
 27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
 28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
 29. Bob Everson-Mayor-Absent
 30. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
 31. Denny Kiner-Commissioner
 - a. The Commission has been finalizing the 2024 County Budget.
 32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
 33. Dave Duba-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
 34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
 35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
 36. Vacant-Education-MTI
 37. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
 38. Andrew Miller-CHS-Absent
 39. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
 40. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
 41. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-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 January 10, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.
 48. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature: _____



Date: _____

