



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
February 14, 2024 @ 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 Mike, 2nd by Mark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Michelle, 2nd by Randy 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 2024 grant: \$1,202.65 (\$800 less than last year)
 - ii. 2023 carry over: \$290.76
 - iii. Expended: \$147.88
 - iv. Remaining: \$1,345.53
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dan to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. 1st Quarter Report submitted January 30, 2024.
 - ii. County Contacts submitted January 31, 2024.
 - iii. A regional EOC Exercise (Pipeline) will be held in Yankton on April 3, 2024.
 - iv. An Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) Exercise will be held in Davison County on May 15-16, 2024. We will need to fill all positions if anyone would like to participate.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. None
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 sent the "right to know" to the local newspaper to be published, which is a yearly requirement.
 - b. Jeff has submitted the application to control the road closures for Davison County in the 511 system (Jeff, Karen, and Tim as users).
 - c. The SD DOT has contracted with HR Green to conduct a SD HWY 37 Corridor Study. Two Public Meetings will be held to answer questions and receive comments from the public. The first meeting will be at the Parkston American Legion on February 20th from 5:30-7:30 PM. and the second meeting will be at the Davison County Fairgrounds on February 21st from 5:30-7:30 PM. More information can be found @ <https://www.sd37corridorstudy.com/>.
 - d. Homeland Security Grants are currently being submitted.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. Weather Awareness Training-March 27, 2024 @ 7:00 PM-MTC Amphitheater

12. Becky Pitz/Kacee Ehler-POET
 - a. Becky reported that POET has joined with Summit in an effort to install a CO2 Pipeline.
13. Dan Pollreisz/Shannon Sandoval-MFD
 - a. Perkins will be demolished today.
 - b. There was a bomb threat at Walmart on February 9, 2024.
 - c. The MFD will have representation at the HWY 37 Study Meeting.
 - d. Dan attended the Davison County Search and Rescue Meeting on February 4, 2024.
14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD
 - a. The MPD has been working on a new system to track policies and training.
 - b. Mitchell DPS is down three dispatchers.
15. Marius Laursen -Avera
 - a. Marius is working on yearly reporting for Avera.
 - b. Influenza and COVID admissions have been up, but are now stable.
 - c. Avera will participate in the Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) Exercise in Davison County on May 15-16, 2024.
16. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle will be presenting today to the SE District on the new Crisis Program. There will be voluntary and involuntary beds. The location is the old Wholesale Electronics building and they plan to open this summer. They are working on policies and grant writing. It will be staffed, and they hope to expand to allow for juveniles.
17. Steve Harr/Tim Reitzel-Sheriff's Office-Absent
18. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol
 - a. No additional comments.
19. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. A grant award has been approved through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Grant to the City of Mitchell to construct a 1,935 square foot multi-purpose saferoom at the Lake Mitchell campground that will shelter up to 158 people during severe weather. The federal share will not exceed \$535,292.01 and the 10% state share is \$59,476.89, for a total grant eligible project cost of \$594,768.90.
20. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. No additional comments.
21. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
22. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
23. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management
 - a. Aurora County had a truck/bridge fuel/oil spill.
 - b. Aurora County has hired a new Deputy Sheriff.
 - c. Aurora County has applied for Homeland Security Grants.
24. Susan Kiepke-Auditor-Absent
25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent
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-Absent
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-Mitchell Public Schools-Absent
36. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC

- a. Scott introduced himself to the LEPC.
 - b. The Diesel building is up and running.
 - c. MTC will be reviewing their bomb threat procedures.
37. Dustin Wheeler-DWU
- a. Dustin introduced himself to the LEPC.
 - b. The old Science building is being demolished.
38. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
39. Andrew Miller-CHS-Absent
40. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
41. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
42. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
43. Jenna Auch-County Health Nurse Office-Absent
44. Adam Kjerstad-Pastor-Absent
45. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
46. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
47. Comments from the Committee
48. Next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.
49. Adjourn the Meeting.
- a. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Dan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____



Date: 03/13/2024