



Davison County Emergency Management  
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LEPC Minutes  
April 10, 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 Michelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny 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: \$232.09 (we had a credit in March due to changing the data plan).
    - iv. Remaining: \$1,261.32
  - b. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marius to approve the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input-None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. Tier II Forms are coming in but are only required to be entered into the database.
  - b. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed for 227 W. Railroad, Mitchell.
  - c. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed for 200 N. Lawler St., Mitchell.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
  - a. Yearly:
    - i. Township Contacts by March 31, 2024. Waiting on Mt. Vernon Township yet.
    - ii. Regional EOC Tabletop Exercise-Yankton on April 3, 2024.
    - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report due April 30, 2024.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main will be closed till June for infrastructure replacement and bump-out installation.
  - b. N. HWY 37 is down to one lane in the south bound lane from the airport to the spillway for preparation of the large reconstruction project to kick off soon.
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. Work has started.
  - 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. POD Alerts will not go through HAN any longer. They will go through Serve SD. Jenna sent out information on how to register, and who on the LEPC needs to be registered.
  - b. Davison County and the State Office of Emergency Management will be hosting an Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) exercise on May 15 (full day) and 16 (half day) at the Fairgrounds. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to let Jeff or Karen know. Regardless of your knowledge of Emergency Management, it can be valuable training.
  - c. Jeff recently attended a non-profit meeting. Several in attendance mentioned the need for an AED but were unable to purchase due to the cost. Jeff will look into grant options for a community wide AED project.

- d. There were fires over the weekend north of Mt. Vernon and in the James River Valley. EM/Search and Rescue were not called for assistance.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
    - a. Weather Awareness Training-March 27, 2024, with 70 in attendance.
  12. Becky Pitz/Kacee Ehler-POET
    - a. No additional comments.
  13. Dan Pollreis/ Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent
  14. Mike Koster/Dean Knippling-MPD-Absent
  15. Marius Laursen-Avera
    - a. Avera will have a Healthcare Coalition Training the same day as the IMAT Exercise. Marius will try to participate in both as Avera will be a component of the IMAT scenario.
    - b. Avera will hold a tornado drill on April 24, 2024.
    - c. COVID numbers are down, but Influenza and RSV numbers are up.
  16. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
    - a. Dakota Counseling continues to move forward with construction and Policy & Procedures for the new crisis center.
    - b. Michelle secured a grant to provide gun locks if anyone is in need.
  17. Steve Harr/Tim Reitzel-Sheriff's Office-Absent
  18. Micheal Peterson-Highway Patrol
    - a. The HP is preparing for spring/summer increased traffic in the state.
    - b. The HP has responded to a few small protests.
    - c. Construction has started on North HWY 37 and I-90.
    - d. The HP is actively hiring.
  19. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
    - a. Spring clean-up in the City of Mitchell starts April 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main is closed till June.
    - c. 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed from Burr to Foster for replacement.
  20. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
  21. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
    - a. Adam confirmed the IMAT Exercise on May 15-16 and encouraged all to participate.
    - b. Crisis Track trainings are being provided across the state. In the event of a disaster, the Crisis Track System will be required to upload any damage assessments as of January 1, 2025. These should be attended by any entity who would be requesting reimbursement from a disaster, such as the County, Municipalities, and Townships.
  22. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
  23. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management
    - a. Aurora County is hosting a CPR training at the courthouse today.
    - b. Aurora County has had several incidents of chicken manure being hauled with no tarps and one truck spilled manure into a drainage way.
  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
    - a. Davison County has been very busy overall.
    - b. Davison County is in the middle assessment appeals.
  32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent

- 33. Vacant-Environmental City of Ethan
- 34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
- 35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
- 36. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
  - a. MTC will have 300+ high school students on campus on April 12<sup>th</sup>, so they will not participate in the tornado drill.
  - b. MTC received a grant to add Narcan and signage to the AEDs.
  - c. There will be continued construction on Spruce St. in the HWY 37/RR track area.
  - d. The Tech Center parking lot will be resurfaced this summer.
- 37. Dustin Wheeler-DWU-Absent
- 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 May 8, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.
- 49. Adjourn the Meeting.
  - a. Motion by Denny, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_