



Davison County Emergency Management  
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LEPC Minutes  
February 12, 2025 @ 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
4. Financial 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 Pending Receipt (\$563 more than last year)
    - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
    - iii. Expended: \$355.74 (December 2024 & January 2025 bills)
    - iv. Remaining: \$1,409.98
  - b. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. None
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
  - a. Yearly:
    - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
      1. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report submitted January 16, 2025.
      2. Annual right to know published January 18, 2025.
      3. Personnel Action Forms submitted January 21, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. No known road closures
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
  - a. HW 37 from Bypass/Main Street to airport road reconstruction, shared use path and lighting project-Traffic will be maintained to allow both directions. The work will take two years and be completed in sections.
  - b. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
  - c. 399<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 258<sup>th</sup> and 259<sup>th</sup> St. will be closed due to a bridge replacement starting March 3, 2025.
  - d. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
  - e. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
  - f. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
  - g. HWY 38 from Riverside Road to Spencer will be graded in 2027 and resurfaced in 2028.
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-Absent
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
  - a. Karen explained there was a semi accident on February 10, 2025, at the intersection of 265<sup>th</sup> St. and 403<sup>rd</sup> Ave. The semi ended up in Twelve Mile Creek. Currently, DANR does not require any cleanup. Karen will reinspect the accident site for an oily sheen.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Matthew Burk-POET-Absent

13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreis/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD
  - a. Tiffany reported that the Mitchell, Mt. Vernon, and Ethan Fire Departments applied through the Homeland Security Grant for gas detectors.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-Absent
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
  - a. Marius reported that the shortage of IV fluids and the raw material to make blood pressure cuffs is starting to level out.
  - b. Influenza is rampant right now. Still seeing cases of COVID and RSV.
  - c. There are new faces to Avera's Decontamination Team, and lots of training is being conducted.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy-Absent
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
  - a. Mark reported that the City of Mitchell will submit their BRIC application for the property acquisition buyouts on February 12, 2025.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official
  - a. Dave reported no motor vehicle transactions can be completed on February 14, 2025, due to a system update. February 18, 2025, is when the update shall be completed.
26. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
29. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
30. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
31. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
33. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
36. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
37. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
  - a. Scott submitted the Tier II report to DANR for their fuel tanks.
  - b. Scott is watching legislation to keep an eye out for anything involving schools.
  - c. MTC will start in May the construction of their new underground lab, which is projected to take a year to complete.
38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
39. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
40. Richard Sweeney-CHS-Absent
41. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
42. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
43. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
44. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-Public Health Nursing Office
  - a. Jenna reported she ordered 350 kid doses and 450 adult doses of the flu vaccine for the 2025 POD.

b. The Freshman Impact program is being put on hold. Jenna will find out more information about why.

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 12, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.

49. Adjourn the Meeting.

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

Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 03/12/25