



Davison County Emergency Management  
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LEPC Minutes  
April 9, 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 Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended minutes.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sydney 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 (\$563 more than last year)
    - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
    - iii. Expended: \$711.48
    - iv. Remaining: \$1,054.24
  - b. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. CHS 300 gallons of liquid fertilizer released from a railcar following a hose rupture during product offloading.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
  - a. Yearly:
    - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
      1. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report due April 30, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
  - b. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
  - c. 4th Avenue and North Main Street closed for street and utility improvement.
  - d. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
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. 247<sup>th</sup> Street between 409<sup>th</sup> and 410<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed for bridge repair.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Main Street will be closed starting August 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. North Ohlman between Indian Village Road and S Harmon Drive will be closed on April 8th for approximately one week for utility improvements.
  - e. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
  - f. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
  - g. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
  - h. 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 reported that the Davison County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance completed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the Ordinance will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The effective date will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
  - a. Sarah reported that POET is finishing up the new building, and once it is completed, they will set up a tour.
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreis/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff
  - a. No additional comments.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
  - a. Marius reported the new Decontamination Team will complete training today.
  - b. Looking at planning a mass casualty exercise this spring.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
  - a. Michelle reported that they were notified of budget cuts and are seeking alternative funding sources.
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 the Flood Control Ordinance was adopted and effective 20 days post-publication.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
  - a. Adam reported there are budget cuts they are working through. He will keep everyone informed on the Homeland Security Grant.
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-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. 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-Absent
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-Absent
45. Sydney Lanning

- a. Sydney reported that everything is up in the air at this moment. They are trying to restructure and figure everything out as DOH is federally funded.

46. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent

47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent

48. Comments from the Committee

49. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.

50. Adjourn the Meeting.

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

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

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