



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
May 14, 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, 2nd by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean 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: \$889.35
 - iv. Remaining: \$876.37
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2025.041-Bussmus semi accident with 50,000 pounds dry fertilizer mixture, tipped into a ditch, spilling up to 70% of the load on April 16, 2025.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. 2nd Quarter report submitted on April 28th.
 2. Conduct Regional EOC tabletop, functional, or full-scale exercise no longer required as of March 19th.
 3. EOC Regional Staffing Plan
 4. EOC Regional Staffing Spreadsheet
 5. Primary and Alternate EOC inspection
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
 - b. 4th Avenue and North Main Street are closed for street and utility improvement.
 - c. 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.
 - d. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles, paving with flaggers and pilot car until further notice.
 - e. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - f. Intersection of N Ohlman St. and W 23rd Ave. is closed.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed for a bridge replacement at the end of May.
 - b. 250th St. between Hwy 37 and 410th Ave. will be closed for culvert replacement on May 19th.
 - c. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - d. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
 - e. 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. No additional comments.
12. KKelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreisz/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff
 - a. Dean reported they are down two patrol vehicles and are waiting for one new one.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported they will be hosting a mass casualty bus accident on June 6th at 6 PM.
 - b. They are preparing for The Joint Commission's arrival.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. No additional comments.
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Sheriff Harr reported that their Resource Officer has taken on the role as the D.A.R.E. officer.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported they are working on city projects, like crack sealing roads.
 - b. New summer hours for City Hall only will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, and Fridays, 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. Rany reported they have a newly licensed operator in Mt. Vernon.
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-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
 - a. The Red Cross reported that they have provided services to a couple of fires.
 - b. They are doing trailer inspections and have started a shelter agreement with the Davison County Fairgrounds.
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-Absent
- 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 June 11, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 50. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Michelle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____