



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
July 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 Steve, 2nd by Mark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Sarah 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: \$1,249.61
 - iv. Remaining: \$516.11
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Jenna to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. 3rd Quarter Report due by July 30, 2025.
 2. LEOP review – LEPC will review in August.
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. will be closed for a bridge replacement.
 - 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. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - b. 407th Ave. between 262nd and 263rd St. for a bridge replacement in 2026.
 - c. 411th Ave. between 249th and 250th St. for a bridge replacement 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
 - a. Jeff stated this was his last day, as he will be on military leave till 2026.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. Karen stated that we are getting ready for our annual flu POD in October.

12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
 - a. Sarah gave an update on the 5% sodium hydroxide spill in May. She stated that samples from their holding ponds are reading at acceptable levels of sodium. She has not yet received a closure letter from DANR.
 - b. POET will host a site tour in September.
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreisz/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-Absent
16. Marius Laursen-Avera-Absent
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle stated she has beds open for juveniles at the Crisis Center.
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Steve reported that the Sheriff's Office has switched over from analog to a digital radio system.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. City of Mitchell will begin chip sealing at the end of this week.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. Randy stated they are up for renewal on licenses.
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
23. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent
26. Lindsey Loiseau-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 is busy in Texas.
 - b. Finished up their inspections of the Red Cross trailers.
35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
36. Kevin Adams-DWU
 - a. On August 1st, the athletes will return, and on August 25th, school will be back in session.
37. Don Everson-Education-MTC
 - a. The campus is under construction with hopes of being done before school starts.
 - b. On August 25th, school will be back in session.
38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
39. Richard Sweeney-CHS-Absent
40. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
41. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
42. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
43. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine- Public Health Nursing Office
 - a. Jenna stated they are offering MMR vaccines at a reduced price.
44. Sydney Lanning-Absent
45. Dave/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent

46. JP Skelly-Media-Absent

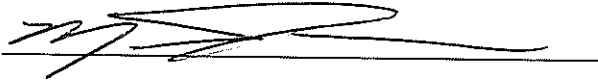
47. Comments from the Committee

48. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

49. Adjourn the Meeting.

a. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____



Date: 08/13/25