



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
August 13, 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 Michelle, 2nd by Mark 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: \$1,429.73
 - iv. Remaining: \$335.99
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. POET Closure Letter DANR File # 2025.061 – Release of 1,000 gallons of 5% sodium hydroxide.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. The 3rd Quarter Report was submitted on July 18, 2025.
 - ii. SD Department of Public Safety Pre-Award Risk Assessment Questionnaire 2025 submitted July 30, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed for a bridge replacement.
 - b. HWY 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.
 - c. 2nd and Main St. will be closed till mid-October for streetscaping.
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. Annual LEOP Review.
 - a. We discussed how the main content of the LEOP and Annexes has no changes, but updating the SDCL and contact information needs to be completed. EM Wegleitner has updated all SDCL and will continue to update contact information.
Motion by Mark, 2nd by Skyler to approve as presented with the discussed & proposed changes.
11. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-Absent

12. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. Sarah Blaine was unable to make the meeting and wanted to invite the local first responders to the Mitchell POET Bioprocessing open house on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 6 PM to around 8 PM. This includes dinner with a presentation and tour of the facility.
13. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent
14. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
15. Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
16. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff
 - a. Dean stated Mitchell PD just finished up with the rodeo and Pre-Sturgis Party with no issues. The next events are the Corn Palace Festival/Concerts.
 - b. They had active shooter training at the old high school and toured the new high school.
17. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. In early June, they had their mass causality drill, in which they discovered what does and doesn't work.
 - b. The Joint Commission came at the end of June and found some things to work on and complete them within 60 days.
18. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle stated They are seeing expansion from the region and have not caused capacity issues.
 - b. Dakota Counseling took ownership of the Coach Light Motel. They will be converting the old hotel into short-term housing opportunities.
19. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy-Absent
20. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
21. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark stated the city will be done with fog sealing this week.
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
23. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
24. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army-Absent
25. Brandon Wingert-Hanson County EM & Sheriff-Absent
26. Skyler Kehn Aurora County EM
 - a. No additional comments.
27. Tonya Ford-Elected Official-Absent
28. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
29. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
30. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
31. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
32. Stephanie Ellwein, City Administrator-Absent
33. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
34. Ryan Stahl- Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
35. Dave Kluth/Mike Kluth-Mt. Vernon Fire Department-Absent
36. Chase McBrayer-Ethan Fire Department-Absent
37. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
38. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
 - a. The Red Cross has been busy helping multiple areas with severe weather-related damage.
 - b. Shelter trailers have been updated.
39. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
40. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
41. Don Everson-Education-MTC-Absent
42. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent

43. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
44. Richard Sweeney-CHS-Absent
45. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
46. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
47. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
48. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine- Public Health Nursing Office-Absent
49. Sydney Lanning-Absent
50. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
51. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
52. Comments from the Committee
53. Next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M. due to the EM conference, we do not have an LEPC meeting in September.
54. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____