



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
October 8, 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 Randy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Steve 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: \$1,706.16
 - iv. Remaining: \$59.56
 - b. Motion by Marius, 2nd by Mark to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. POET closure letter DANR file # 2025.117 – Release of 50 gallons of thin stillage.
 - b. DANR file # 2025.122 – CHS spill of 1-2 tons of dry fertilizer on August 28, 2025.
 - c. Bussmus closure letter DANR file # 2025.041 – spill of 30,000 lbs. of dry fertilizer.
 - d. Former Freedom Valu no further action letter & closure letter – removal of three underground storage tanks.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Quarterly report due October 30, 2025.
 - ii. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 - iii. LEPC grant due by November 30, 2025.
8. Current 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.
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-Absent
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. EM and the Department of Health are working on the POD, which will be on October 14, 2025.
 - b. EM Wegleitner responded to a semi accident on 403rd with a fuel leak. There were fewer than 25 gallons spilled, so the duty office was not contacted.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent

13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-Absent
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported there is a new strain of COVID-19.
 - b. Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and travel is limited.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Steve reported that the Homeland Security Grant is all on hold.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported there will be intermittent patching of the roads here & there.
 - b. Blue & White parade on October 25th, Main Street will be closed.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. Randy reported the repeater license has expired and can't renew with the shutdown.
 - b. There are 3 active local members.
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. Tonya Ford-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. Don Everson-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. Next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.
50. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Steve to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____