



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
November 12, 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 Casey to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the 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 carryover: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,765.72
 - iv. Remaining: \$0
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Tiffany to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. 4th quarter report submitted on October 28, 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-Leave of absence.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director
 - a. The new boat from 2024 HLSG will be arriving on the 16th or 17th of November.
 - b. 2026 LEPC Grant will be signed and submitted today.
 - c. 2025 Flu POD 497 doses
 - i. Corn Palace (main event) 10/14/25 – 338 doses
 - ii. MTC mini POD 10/16/25 – 93 doses
 - iii. DWU mini POD 10/21/25 – 66 doses
 - iv. On behalf of Sarah Blain from POET, the Mitchell facility has increased the caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) inventory from 6,013 gallons to 12,513 gallons by installing a 6,500-gallon tank in our process area next to our evaporators and dryers.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent

13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing
 - a. Bob Way stated they started accepting soybeans at the end of September, started making oil in October, and are running 24/7.
 - b. There are approximately 83,000 gallons of crude oil on site.
 - c. Sodium hydroxide and Hexane are on site.
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD
 - a. No additional comments.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff -MPD
 - a. Casey stated they are in the process of trying to purchase drug detection devices with the Opioid Grant money.
 - b. They have new vehicles and a new paint job.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius stated they have two different OBGYN locations and are remodeling the 1st floor at the Physicians Plaza to combine them into one location.
 - b. They have put in a new AC unit and are updating the parking lot.
 - c. No new reports of COVID.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle stated they started offering crisis beds to juveniles in July.
 - b. The hotel is under construction and will start renting rooms on December 1st. There will be 20 rooms.
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. No additional comments.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
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. Tonya Ford-Elected Official-Absent
26. Kathy Wingert – Elected Official-Absent
27. Lindsey Loiseau/Veronica Smith-Health – Firesteel-Absent
28. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
29. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
30. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
31. Stephanie Ellwein, City Administrator- Absent
32. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
33. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
34. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
35. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
36. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
37. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
38. Don Everson-Education-MTC-Absent
39. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
40. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
41. Richard Sweeney-CHS-Absent
42. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
43. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
44. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent

- 45. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-County Health Nurse Office-Absent
- 46. Sydney Lanning-Office of Health Statistics-Absent
- 47. Dave/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
- 48. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
- 49. Comments from the Committee
- 50. Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 51. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Casey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: 12/10/25