



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
March 11, 2026 @ 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. Election for Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Rob to nominate Marius Laursen as the Chair. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Marius Larusen. Motion carried.
3. Election for Vice-Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Rob to nominate Steve Harr as the Vice-Chair. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Steve Harr. Motion carried.
4. Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer/Information Officer
 - a. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Rob to nominate Jeff Bathke as the Secretary/Treasurer/Information Officer. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Jeff Bathke. Motion carried.
5. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Rob to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
7. 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 2026 grant: Still waiting for 2026 grant approval. The SERC meeting for approval is on March 24, 2026.
 - ii. 2025 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$469.37 (December, January, & February Verizon bills)
 - iv. Remaining: TBD
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Rob to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
8. Public Input
9. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2026-002-150 gallons of 5% caustic CIP Solution were released at POET on 1/7/2026.
 - b. 2026.002-Closure Letter for POET about the release of 5% caustic CIP Solution.
 - c. 2026-008-1,760 gallons of soybean distillate oil were released at High Plains Processing on 1/25/2026.
 - d. 2026-008-Closure letter for High Plains Processing about the release of 1,760 gallons of soybean distillate oil.
 - e. 2026.017-100 gallons of salad oil (processed soybean oil) were released at High Plains Processing on 2/5/2026. Waiting on the closure letter.
10. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. Township contacts by March 31, 2025.
 2. 2nd Quarter report due April 30, 2025.

11. Current Road Closures

- a. 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.

12. 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 March 2026.
- c. Intersection of 6th Ave. and Lawler to Burr with a 2026 May-June start.
- d. Intersection of 5th Ave. and Burr to Foster sometime in 2026 for the entire construction season.
- e. Intersection of Ohlman and 23rd to N of Kemper sometime in 2026.
- f. Intersection of 13th Ave. and Wisconsin St. to E. of Bypass sometime in 2026.
- g. 411th Ave. between 249th and 250th St. for a bridge replacement in 2026.
- h. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
- i. HWY 38 from Riverside Road to Spencer will be graded in 2027 and resurfaced in 2028.

13. Approve Road Names

- a. Kernel Way, requested by Cory Aadland. Motion by Marius, 2nd by Dean to approve the road name. A map of the area is attached.
- b. Legacy Court, requested by Paul Groeneweg. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Mark to approve the road name. A map of the area is attached.

14. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-Leave of absence.

15. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director

- a. Davison County is in a burn ban. The Davison County Commissioners will meet weekly to discuss.
- b. The NWS Severe Weather Awareness Training will be held at MTC in the Nordby Trades Center on April 23, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Severe Weather Awareness Week will be from April 13-17, 2026.
- c. Emergency Management and the Red Cross will be hosting a shelter training at the Davison County Fairgrounds on March 28, 2026, from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- d. Davison County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan with the assistance of District III. The first meeting will be held at the Davison County North Offices on March 24, 2026, at 10:30 AM.

16. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-absent

17. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing

- a. Bob explained the above spills, how everything was contained, and cleaned up.

18. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-absent

19. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff -MPD

- a. Dean reported on behalf of Fire Chief Sandoval that they had a house fire due to an electrical issue and had a grass fire near Graphic Packaging that was knocked out fast. The fire department hired 6 people.
- b. Dean reported they have 1 dispatch and 1 police officer position open.
- c. The National Basketball Tournament will be held in Mitchell, making it a busy weekend.

20. Marius Laursen-Avera

- a. Marius stated they are changing their reporting computer system, and it shall be done by July.
- b. The hospital has been at capacity with a mixture of sicknesses.
- c. In April, the police and fire department will be at Avera for facility tours.
- d. With the new year, they are going through policy and procedure updates.

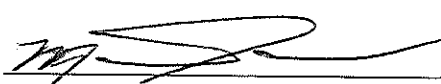
21. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-absent

22. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy-absent

23. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-absent

24. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported that the proposed storm shelter for the Mitchell Campground has been bid twice and denied both times. The project will be submitted for a third bid.
25. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-absent
26. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-absent
27. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army-absent
28. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-absent
29. Tonya Ford-Elected Official-absent
30. Kathy Wingert – Elected Official-absent
31. Lindsey Loiseau/Veronica Smith-Health – Firesteel-absent
32. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-absent
33. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-absent
34. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-absent
35. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-absent
36. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-absent
37. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-absent
38. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-absent
39. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
 - a. Rob reported the Red Cross gave 50 smoke alarms to the Mitchell Fire Department.
 - b. They will be conducting a Thunder Bolt training to test the Red Cross's capabilities. The date is TBD.
40. John Sieverding-Education-Publica-absent
41. Kevin Adams-DWU-absent
42. Don Everson-Education-MTC-absent
43. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-absent
44. Dan Muck-Community Member-absent
45. Richard Sweeney-CHS-absent
46. Jackie Horton-CASA-absent
47. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-absent
48. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-absent
49. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-County Health Nurse Office-absent
50. Sydney Lanning-Mitchell United Way-absent
51. Matt Geidel/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire-absent
52. JP Skelly-Media-absent
53. Comments from the Committee
54. Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026 @ 10:30 A.M.
55. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____



Date: 05/13/2026