



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
April 8, 2026 @ 10:30 A.M.

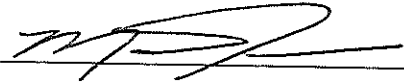
Chairperson: Marius Laursen Vice Chairperson: Steve Harr Secretary: Jeff Bathke

Call in Number is 1-866-990-6338. The Conference ID is 18809.

1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Steve to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean 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 2026 grant: \$3,166.11
 - ii. 2025 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$649.49
 - iv. Remaining: \$2,516.62
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2026.043 Corn Oil Release - POET
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. 2nd Quarter report due April 30, 2025.
8. 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.
 - b. I-90 from 2.75 miles west to 1 mile west of Mt. Vernon exit 319 with lanes reduced to 1 until November 2026.
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 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.
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-Leave of absence.

11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director
 - a. The burn ban for Davison County has been lifted.
 - b. The 2nd Hazard Mitigation meeting will be held on April 28th @ 10 am at the Davison County North Offices.
 - c. Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13th through the 17th, and the storm sirens will go off April 17th @ 10 AM.
 - d. The Severe Weather Awareness Training will be held at MTC in the Nordby Trade center on April 23rd from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-absent
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-absent
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD
 - a. No additional comments.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff -MPD
 - a. Dean reported the circus will be in town at the end of the month.
 - b. Preparing for school to get out.
 - c. Staffing is good.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera-absent
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. No additional comments.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported the city will present the bid for the storm shelter at Mitchell Campground for the 3rd time on April 28th.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. No additional comments.
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-Publica-absent
37. Kevin Adams-DWU-absent
38. Don Everson-Education-MTC
 - a. MTC will be redoing MTC drive.
 - b. School will get out May 15th.
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-Mitchell United Way
 - a. Actively reviewing and updating policies while bringing forward new ideas in support of my new role with United Way.
47. Matt Geidel/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 May 13, 2026, @ 10:30 A.M.
51. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature:  _____

Date: 05/13/2026