



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
May 13, 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 Dean to approve the agenda.
3. Approval of the previous minutes. Items g & h under upcoming road closures were removed as they were duplicates and item c was moved up to current road closures.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Skyler to approve the amended 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: \$829.61
 - iv. Remaining: 2,336.50
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2026.063 CHS 1500 gallons liquid fertilizer release.
 - b. 2026.046 POET corn oil release at Mitchell POET closure letter.
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 submitted on April 30th.
 2. EOC Regional Staffing Plan
 3. EOC Regional Staffing Spreadsheet
 4. Primary and Alternate EOC inspection
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.
 - c. 407th Ave. between 262nd and 263rd St. for a bridge replacement in March 2026.
 - d. 411th Ave. between 249th and 250th St. for a bridge replacement in 2026.
 - e. Intersection of 5th Ave. and Burr to Foster sometime in 2026 for the entire construction season.
 - f. Intersection of Ohlman and 23rd to N of Kemper sometime in 2026.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - b. Intersection of 6th Ave. and Lawler to Burr with a 2026 May-June start.
 - c. Intersection of 13th Ave. and Wisconsin St. to E. of Bypass sometime 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/Deputy Director
 - a. No additional comments.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
 - a. Sarah stated the railroad expansion will be going south of the plant.
 - b. Will be loading corn oil on the rails in the fall.
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-absent
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-MPD
 - a. Dean stated they are hiring.
 - b. Expressed that it has been a long couple of weeks, with two serious accidents occurring while also getting the college kids situated following graduation.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius stated the 5th Ave. construction will affect the hospital.
 - b. Avera staff is training on the new reporting system, Epic, as they will be switching over on June 1st.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-absent
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
 - 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
 - a. No additional comments.
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. Chris DeBoer-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-absent
34. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-absent
35. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
 - a. Rob stated the Red Cross Thunderbolt exercise has been completed and Mitchell had scored the highest. Rob discussed the criteria looked at during the exercise.
36. John Sieverding-Education-Publica-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-Mitchell United Way-absent
- 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 June 10, 2026, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 51. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Rob to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____