



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
June 10, 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.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean 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: \$3,116.11
 - ii. 2025 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,011.73
 - iv. Remaining: 2,104.38
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Steve to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2026.070 High Plains Processing - 100 gallons of salad oil released.
 - b. 2026.077 High Plains Processing - 150 gallons of salad oil released.
 - c. 2026.083 POET - 100 gallons of Ethanol Distillate Solution released.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. EOC Regional Staffing Plan
 2. EOC Regional Staffing Spreadsheet
 3. Primary and Alternate EOC inspection
 4. EOC Job Descriptions
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. HWY 38 is closed from Alexandria to Spencer.
 - b. I-90 from 2.75 miles west to 1 mile west of Mt. Vernon Exit 319, reduced to one lane until November 2026.
 - c. Intersection of 5th Ave. and Burr to Foster for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - d. Intersection of Ohlman and 23rd to North of Kemper for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - e. Intersection of 6th Ave. and Lawler to Burr for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - f. Intersection of 13th Ave. and Wisconsin St. to E. of Bypass for the entire 2026 construction season.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon may receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - b. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
 - c. HWY 38 from Riverside Road to Spencer will be graded in 2027 and resurfaced in 2028.
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director

- a. Davison County received storm damage on June 9th consisting of pole barns, hoop barns, and a house being built destroyed. We also had minor trees in the right of way. The municipalities received numerous branches/trees. The landfill will accept branches free of charge.
 - b. Jeff will attend the United Way funding interview on June 10th for Search and Rescue.
 - c. Jeff explained he has watched and called frequent travelers for concerns of HWY 37 traffic. No issues were reported, and the new turning lanes on 257th Street have helped.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Deputy Director
 - a. No additional comments.
 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-MPD
 - a. No additional comments.
 16. Marius Laursen-Avera-absent-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. No additional comments.
 21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. Randy asked what our policy was on evacuation orders. It is very rare we would have evacuation orders on a large scale but also noted it is very difficult to force residents to evacuate an area.
 22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
 23. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army-Absent
 24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Vacant (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
 25. Tonya Ford-Elected Official-Absent
 26. Kathy Wingert – Elected Official-Absent
 27. Lindsey Loiseau/Veronnica 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-Absent
 36. John Sieverding-Education-Publica-Absent
 37. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
 38. Don Everson-Education-MTC-
 - a. MTC Drive is currently being removed and replaced, with an anticipated completion date of the end of July.
 39. Peggy Tisdell-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-County Health Nurse Office-Absent

- 45. Sydney Lanning-Mitchell United Way-Absent
- 46. Matt Geidel/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
- 47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
- 48. Comments from the Committee
- 49. Next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2026, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 50. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____