



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
July 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.
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: \$3,166.11
 - ii. 2025 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,214.53
 - iv. Remaining: 1,951.58
 - v. Jeff explained the LEPC grant funds was much higher than previous years. We have funds to support food, drinks, and supplies for any training events we hold.
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Jenna to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
 - a. None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2026.077 Final picture report signed 20260526
 - b. 2026.077-HPP Rolloff Invoice-20260528
 - c. 2026.083-POET Distillate Solution Spill-Closure Letter-20260615
 - d. 2026.077 HPP Spill Follow Up Report-20260616
 - e. LEPC Corrosion Inhibitor Update-20260629
 - f. Nalco EC5624A Plus SDS-20260629
 - g. 2026.070 Salad Oil Closure-20260622
 - h. 2026.063-CHS Spill report Final 20260708
 - i. 2026.099 Truck Accident-Grassland Drive-Avera Property-20260709
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. 3rd Quarter Report due by July 30, 2026
8. Current Road Closures:
 - a. I-90 from 1 mile west to 2.75 miles west of the Mt. Vernon exit (319) will be reduced to 1 lane with head-to-head traffic until November 2026.
 - b. HWY 38 is closed
 - c. 5th Ave. from Burr to Foster for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - d. Ohlman from 23rd to Kemper for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - e. 6th Ave. from Lawler to Burr for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - f. 13th Ave. from Wisconsin St. to Cadwell Park for the entire 2026 construction season. Entrance to Cadwell Park is at the Dog Park.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:

- a. Pending Landowner Approval: I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon for drainage 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. EM/SAR will provide security lights for the parking areas at the Rodeo. Jeff will take them there on July 15th.
 - b. EM/SAR will have three vehicles in the Rodeo Parade and assist the PD with traffic control.
 - c. EM/SAR will assist with the City of Mitchell with traffic control for the Pre-Sturgis Party.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Deputy Director
- a. No additional comments.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent
- a. POET is using a new corrosion inhibitor. Documents attached.
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
- a. Karen explained due to costs, the FD will be switching from eDispatch to a new notification system, which EM and SAR are also on.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff –MPD
- a. Dean explained the PD will be busy with the Rodeo and Rodeo Parade. All traffic will be sent south to Airport RD. No vehicles will be allowed to leave the rodeo grounds to the west onto Ohlman St.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera-Absent
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
- a. Sheriff Harr discussed the I-90 On Ramp closure causing traffic concerns. Jeff will contact DOT for an anticipated opening date.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
- a. Mark shared there were 3 new council members sworn in.
 - b. Mark discussed crack sealing has been completed and chip sealing will begin.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
22. Vacant-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
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. Lewis Flechner-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
35. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
36. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
37. Kevin Adams-DWU
- a. Kevin explained some students are starting to move into DWU, with August 21st as the official move in date and August 24th for classes to start.

38. Don Everson-Education-MTC
- a. Don explained August 25th is the first day for classes to start. Much work is to be completed on MTI Drive before the students arrive.
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-County Health Nurse Office
- a. Jenna has taken a new position as the State Immunization Coordinator. This leaves the Public Health Nurse's Office vacant.
 - b. Jenna has been assisting Karen with preparation for the POD on October 13th. Mini PODs will be held at DWU on October 15th and MTC on October 22nd.
 - c. A lengthy discussion was held on if the POD was worth holding. We used to have over 1,600 vaccinations and now are around 300. Those with insurance can go anywhere to get a vaccination and those without insurance can come into the Public Health Office. We will make this determination prior to the 2027 POD.
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 August 12, 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: _____