



Davison County Emergency Management
200 E. 4th Ave.
Mitchell, SD 57301-2631
Phone (605) 995-8640

LEPC Minutes
January 8, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

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

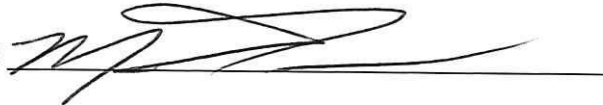
Call in Number is 1-866-990-6338. The Conference ID is 18809.

1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Election of Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Scott to nominate Marius Laursen as the Chair. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Marius. Motion carried.
3. Election of Vice-Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Michelle to nominate Sheriff Harr as the Vice-Chair. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Sheriff Harr. Motion carried.
4. Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer/Information Officer
 - a. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Mark to nominate Jeff Bathke as the Secretary/Treasurer/Information Officer. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Jeff. Motion carried.
5. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Steve, 2nd by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Michelle, 2nd by Mark 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 Pending Receipt (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$0
 - iv. Remaining: \$0
 - b. Motion by Steve, 2nd by Dean to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
8. Public Input
 - a. Sydney Lanning from the Department of Health introduced herself to the group and will be added to the committee. She explained the Workplace Safety Committee and the One-Stops in Sioux Falls, Pierre, and Rapid City. She is working on local and statewide safety policies, ICS, etc.
9. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2024.176-Harms Oil 500-gallon diesel fuel spill at CHS Farmer's Alliance on 12/10/24. GeoTech Engineering has cleaned up and disposed of contaminated soil/rock. Follow up report showed 1,000+ gallons.
10. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. 1st Quarter Report will be due January 30, 2025.
 - ii. Several items to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. LCAR was completed on 12-9-2025 and uploaded on 12-9-2024.
 2. County Contacts was updated and uploaded on 1-8-2025.
 3. Personnel Action Forms will be completed once the first payroll is received.
 4. Commission Minutes to verify information in Personnel Action Forms will be completed once the minutes are published.
11. Current Road Closures

- a. No known road closures
- 12. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. HW 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. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
 - c. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - d. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - e. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
 - f. HWY 38 from Riverside Road to Spencer will be graded in 2027 and resurfaced in 2028.
- 13. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director
 - a. Jeff will be out of the office the majority of January 14th-March 13th for the Legislative Session. However, he will be working when available.
- 14. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. Karen explained she is working with the Red Cross to update the shelters in Davison County. We have immediate shelters for tornadoes, etc. and long-term shelters for residents to sleep overnight. All will be evaluated for sleeping area, kitchen, showers, back up power, etc.
- 15. Kelly Kjelden/Matthew Burk-POET-Absent
- 16. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
- 17. Dan Pollreis/Shannon Sandoval-MFD-Absent
- 18. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-MPD
 - a. Dean reported the PD has been quiet, allowing time for training.
- 19. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported Avera Queen of Peace has received a DaVinci Surgical Robot. COVID, Influenza, and RSV remains stable, but they have seen an increase in the norovirus.
 - b. Avera uses a policy review software, which has indicated several policies came due for review on January 1st.
- 20. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle reported the crisis bed center will open on Monday, January 13th. The facility has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Clients will need to be willing to be admitted and they anticipate an average stay of three days. They can self-admit or referred to the center by law enforcement.
- 21. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Sheriff Harr reported three gang members have been arrested in Davison County.
 - b. The Sheriff's Office is converting communications from analog to digital.
- 22. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
- 23. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported the City of Mitchell has experienced several water main breaks with the cold weather.
- 24. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
- 25. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
 - a. Adam announced the Homeland Security Grant application window is open until February 15, 2025, followed by an allocation meeting in late March.
- 26. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
- 27. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
- 28. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent
- 29. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
- 30. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
- 31. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent

32. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
33. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
34. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
35. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
36. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
37. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
- a. The Red Cross reported they received a call from dispatch to install smoke detectors at a residence. They did install them, but the Mitchell Fire Department has 30 on hand and should be the entity to install them.
 - b. The Red Cross would like to do another mass smoke detector installation this summer. Jeff explained how we have done them in the past, focusing on a section of the City of Mitchell. He recommended we focus on Mt. Vernon and Ethan for the next two rounds. The detectors have a 10-year non-removable lithium battery, and the resident is also provided with educational materials.
38. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
39. Kevin Adams-DWU
- a. Students will return Monday, January 13, 2025.
40. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
- a. Students will return Monday, January 13, 2025.
 - b. Dean informed Scott the Traffic Department completed an update to the Burr/Spruce stop light, which should assist in traffic flow.
41. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
42. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
43. Richard Sweeney-CHS-Absent
44. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
45. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
46. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
47. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-Public Health Nursing Office
- a. Jenna informed the committee the Office is now called Public Health Nursing.
 - b. Jenna asked the committee for support of the Freshman Impact Program. More information can be found @ <https://freshmanimpact.net/>.
48. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
49. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
50. Comments from the Committee
51. Next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.
52. Adjourn the Meeting.
- a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature:



Date: 02/12/2024



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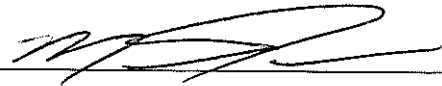
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 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dave to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Scott to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
4. Financial Status:
 - a. The Davison County LEPC receives grant funds from the state, which are used to pay for air cards in the EM and Search and Rescue vehicles.
 - i. Amount of 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 Pending Receipt (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$355.74 (December 2024 & January 2025 bills)
 - iv. Remaining: \$1,409.98
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dave to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. 1st quarter report submitted January 16, 2025.
 2. Annual right to know published January 18, 2025.
 3. Personnel Action Forms submitted January 21, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. No known road closures
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. HW 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. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
 - c. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. will be closed due to a bridge replacement starting March 3, 2025.
 - d. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - e. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - f. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
 - g. 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/EM Deputy
 - a. Karen explained there was a semi accident on February 10, 2025, at the intersection of 265th St. and 403rd Ave. The semi ended up in Twelve Mile Creek. Currently, DANR does not require any cleanup. Karen will reinspect the accident site for an oily sheen.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Matthew Burk-POET-Absent

13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreis/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD
 - a. Tiffany reported that the Mitchell, Mt. Vernon, and Ethan Fire Departments applied through the Homeland Security Grant for gas detectors.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-Absent
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported that the shortage of IV fluids and the raw material to make blood pressure cuffs is starting to level out.
 - b. Influenza is rampant right now. Still seeing cases of COVID and RSV.
 - c. There are new faces to Avera's Decontamination Team, and lots of training is being conducted.
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. Mark reported that the City of Mitchell will submit their BRIC application for the property acquisition buyouts on February 12, 2025.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official
 - a. Dave reported no motor vehicle transactions can be completed on February 14, 2025, due to a system update. February 18, 2025, is when the update shall be completed.
26. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
29. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
30. Stephanie Ellwein-City Administrator-Absent
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32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
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34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
36. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
37. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC
 - a. Scott submitted the Tier II report to DNR for their fuel tanks.
 - b. Scott is watching legislation to keep an eye out for anything involving schools.
 - c. MTC will start in May the construction of their new underground lab, which is projected to take a year to complete.
38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
39. Dan Muck-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-Public Health Nursing Office
 - a. Jenna reported she ordered 350 kid doses and 450 adult doses of the flu vaccine for the 2025 POD.

- b. The Freshman Impact program is being put on hold. Jenna will find out more information about why.
- 45. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
- 46. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
- 47. Comments from the Committee
- 48. Next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 49. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: 

Date: 03/12/25



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March 12, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

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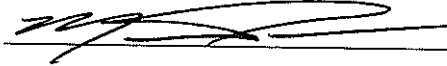
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 - iii. Expended: \$533.61
 - iv. Remaining: \$1,232.11
 - b. Motion by Steve, 2nd by Mark to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items must 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.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. No known road closures
9. Upcoming 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. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
 - c. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. will be closed starting Spring of 2025 due to a bridge replacement.
 - d. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed starting Spring of 2025 due to a bridge replacement.
 - e. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - f. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - g. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
 - h. 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/EM Deputy
 - a. Karen reported the National Weather Service and the Emergency Management Office will host the Severe Weather Training on March 20th at 6:30 PM at Mitchell Technical College.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Matthew Burk-POET-Absent

13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreis/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD
 - a. Tiffany addressed the proposed ambulance district and advised any questions to be directed to herself or the fire chief.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff
 - a. No additional comments.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported there are no cases of measles but continues to see COVID, RSV, and the flu.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle reported the crisis center has slowed but is going well.
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Tim reported they've received lots of calls for semi accidents in the last month with no hazmat issues.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported the Floodplain Ordinance will be revised and the first reading will be on March 17th. The Floodplain Ordinance will take effect on May 6, 2025.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
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32. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
33. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
36. Kevin Adams-DWU
 - a. Kevin reported that the students are out for spring break.
37. Scott Fossum-Education-MTC-Absent
38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
39. Dan Muck-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-Public Health Nursing Office
 - a. Jenna reported that the Department of Health would probably supply measles vaccinations if an outbreak occurred.
45. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
46. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
47. Comments from the Committee
48. Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.

49. Adjourn the Meeting.

a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: 04/09/2025



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April 9, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

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1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Sydney to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
4. Financial Status:
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 - i. Amount of 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$711.48
 - iv. Remaining: \$1,054.24
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. CHS 300 gallons of liquid fertilizer released from a railcar following a hose rupture during product offloading.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. 2nd quarter report due April 30, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
 - b. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
 - c. 4th Avenue and North Main Street closed for street and utility improvement.
 - d. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. HW 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. 247th Street between 409th and 410th Avenue will be closed for bridge repair.
 - c. 2nd Avenue and Main Street will be closed starting August 4th.
 - d. North Ohlman between Indian Village Road and S Harmon Drive will be closed on April 8th for approximately one week for utility improvements.
 - e. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles.
 - f. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
 - g. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
 - h. 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/EM Deputy
 - a. Karen reported that the Davison County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance completed the 1st reading on April 8th. The 2nd reading and adoption of the Ordinance will be on April 15th. The effective date will be May 16th.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
 - a. Sarah reported that POET is finishing up the new building, and once it is completed, they will set up a tour.
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreis/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff
 - a. No additional comments.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported the new Decontamination Team will complete training today.
 - b. Looking at planning a mass casualty exercise this spring.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle reported that they were notified of budget cuts and are seeking alternative funding sources.
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. Mark reported the Flood Control Ordinance was adopted and effective 20 days post-publication.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
 - a. Adam reported there are budget cuts they are working through. He will keep everyone informed on the Homeland Security Grant.
23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
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43. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
44. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-Public Health Nursing Office-Absent
45. Sydney Lanning

- a. Sydney reported that everything is up in the air at this moment. They are trying to restructure and figure everything out as DOH is federally funded.

46. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent

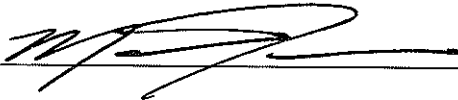
47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent

48. Comments from the Committee

49. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.

50. Adjourn the Meeting.

- a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: 

Date: 05/14/2025



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 - iii. Expended: \$889.35
 - iv. Remaining: \$876.37
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2025.041-Bussmus semi accident with 50,000 pounds dry fertilizer mixture, tipped into a ditch, spilling up to 70% of the load on April 16, 2025.
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 28th.
 2. Conduct Regional EOC tabletop, functional, or full-scale exercise no longer required as of March 19th.
 3. EOC Regional Staffing Plan
 4. EOC Regional Staffing Spreadsheet
 5. Primary and Alternate EOC inspection
8. Current Road Closures
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 - d. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles, paving with flaggers and pilot car until further notice.
 - e. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - f. Intersection of N Ohlman St. and W 23rd Ave. is closed.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed for a bridge replacement at the end of May.
 - b. 250th St. between Hwy 37 and 410th Ave. will be closed for culvert replacement on May 19th.
 - c. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work 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
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy



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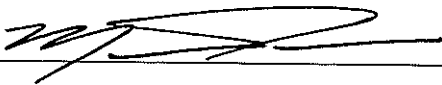
LEPC Minutes
May 14, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

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. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$889.35
 - iv. Remaining: \$876.37
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2025.041-Bussmus semi accident with 50,000 pounds dry fertilizer mixture, tipped into a ditch, spilling up to 70% of the load on April 16, 2025.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. 2nd Quarter report submitted on April 28th.
 2. Conduct Regional EOC tabletop, functional, or full-scale exercise no longer required as of March 19th.
 3. EOC Regional Staffing Plan
 4. EOC Regional Staffing Spreadsheet
 5. Primary and Alternate EOC inspection
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
 - b. 4th Avenue and North Main Street are closed for street and utility improvement.
 - c. HW 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.
 - d. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles, paving with flaggers and pilot car until further notice.
 - e. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - f. Intersection of N Ohlman St. and W 23rd Ave. is closed.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed for a bridge replacement at the end of May.
 - b. 250th St. between Hwy 37 and 410th Ave. will be closed for culvert replacement on May 19th.
 - c. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work 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.

- 45. Sydney Lanning-Absent
- 46. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
- 47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
- 48. Comments from the Committee
- 49. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 50. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Michelle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: 6/11/2025



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LEPC Minutes
June 11, 2025 @ 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 Dave to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Michelle 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,067.22
 - iv. Remaining: \$698.50
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Jenna to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2024.176-CHS Spill No Further Action Letter.
 - b. 2025.061-POET Spill.
 - c. 28.000184-HHP Air Quality Permit
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items must be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year. EOC Regional Staffing Plan
 2. EOC Regional Staffing Spreadsheet
 3. Primary and Alternate EOC inspection
 4. EOC Job Descriptions
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
 - b. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed for a bridge replacement.
 - c. 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.
 - d. HWY 42-Resurfacing from Ethan to the East for 24 miles, paving with flaggers and pilot car until further notice.
 - e. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
 - f. Intersection of N Ohlman St. and W 23rd Ave. is closed.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
 - a. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will 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-Absent

11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. No additional comments.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreisz/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-Absent
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported on June 9th that they had their mass casualty drill. The drill went well, and they learned that they have some corrections to make.
 - b. The Joint Commission has not arrived, and they have till July 1st to make an appearance.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. No additional comments.
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-Absent
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
25. Dave Beintema-Elected Official
 - a. No additional comments.
26. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
29. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
30. Stephanie Ellwein, City Administrator- Absent
31. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
32. Ryan Stahl- Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
33. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-Absent
35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
36. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
37. Scott Fossum/Dore Everson-Education-MTC
 - a. In the middle of a huge drainage project that will be under construction all summer. In the fall, they will be under construction for the new underground energy training lab, and in January, they will start construction on the amphitheater.
38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
39. Dan Muck-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- Public Health Nursing Office
 - a. Jenna reported they have cases of Measles in South Dakota. Davison County has 94% coverage for MMR vaccinations for 19–35-month-olds and 86% coverage for 7-year-olds.
45. Sydney Lanning-Absent
46. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent

47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent

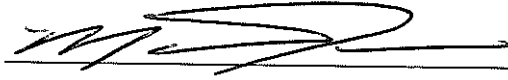
48. Comments from the Committee

49. The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

50. Adjourn the Meeting.

a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dave to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____



Date: _____

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LEPC Minutes
July 9, 2025 @ 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 Steve, 2nd by Mark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Sarah 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,249.61
 - iv. Remaining: \$516.11
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Jenna to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None.
7. Administrative and SLA 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, 2025.
 2. LEOP review – LEPC will review in August.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 399th Ave. between 258th and 259th St. closed for a bridge replacement.
 - b. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed for a bridge replacement.
 - c. HW 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.
 - d. The James River bridge on HWY 38 will be closed for three months over the summer of 2025.
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 2026.
 - c. 411th Ave. between 249th and 250th St. for a bridge replacement 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
 - a. Jeff stated this was his last day, as he will be on military leave till 2026.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. Karen stated that we are getting ready for our annual flu POD in October.

12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
 - a. Sarah gave an update on the 5% sodium hydroxide spill in May. She stated that samples from their holding ponds are reading at acceptable levels of sodium. She has not yet received a closure letter from DANR.
 - b. POET will host a site tour in September.
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
14. Dan Pollreisz/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-Absent
16. Marius Laursen-Avera-Absent
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle stated she has beds open for juveniles at the Crisis Center.
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Steve reported that the Sheriff's Office has switched over from analog to a digital radio system.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. City of Mitchell will begin chip sealing at the end of this week.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. Randy stated they are up for renewal on licenses.
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. Dave Beintema-Elected Official-Absent
26. Lindsey Loiseau-Health-Absent
27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
29. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
30. Stephanie Ellwein, City Administrator- Absent
31. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
32. Ryan Stahl- Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
33. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
34. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
 - a. The Red Cross is busy in Texas.
 - b. Finished up their inspections of the Red Cross trailers.
35. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
36. Kevin Adams-DWU
 - a. On August 1st the athletes will return, and on August 25th, school will be back in session.
37. Don Everson-Education-MTC
 - a. The campus is under construction with hopes of being done before school starts.
 - b. On August 25th, school will be back in session.
38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
39. Richard Sweeney-CHS-Absent
40. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
41. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
42. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
43. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine- Public Health Nursing Office
 - a. Jenna stated they are offering MMR vaccines at a reduced price.
44. Sydney Lanning-Absent
45. Dave/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent

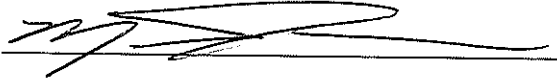
46. JP Skelly-Media-Absent

47. Comments from the Committee

48. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

49. Adjourn the Meeting.

a. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: 

Date: 08/13/25



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LEPC Minutes
August 13, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

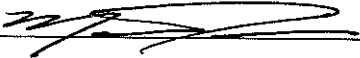
Chairperson: Marius Laursen Vice Chairperson: Steve Harr Secretary: Jeff Bathke

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1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Approval of the Agenda.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the amended minutes.
 - a. Motion by Michelle, 2nd by Mark 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,429.73
 - iv. Remaining: \$335.99
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. POET Closure Letter DANR File # 2025.061 – Release of 1,000 gallons of 5% sodium hydroxide.
7. Administrative and SLA Requirement
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 1. The 3rd Quarter Report was submitted on July 18, 2025.
 - ii. SD Department of Public Safety Pre-Award Risk Assessment Questionnaire 2025 submitted July 30, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. 401st Ave. between 263rd and 264th St. will be closed for a bridge replacement.
 - b. HW 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.
 - c. 2nd and Main St. will be closed till mid-October for streetscaping.
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 2026.
 - c. 411th Ave. between 249th and 250th St. for a bridge replacement 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. Annual LEOP Review.
 - a. We discussed how the main content of the LEOP and Annexes has no changes, but updating the SDCL and contact information needs to be completed. EM Wegleitner has updated all SDCL and will continue to update contact information.
Motion by Mark, 2nd by Skyler to approve as presented with the discussed & proposed changes.
11. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-Absent

12. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy
 - a. Sarah Blaine was unable to make the meeting and wanted to invite the local first responders to the Mitchell POET Bioprocessing open house on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 6 PM to around 8 PM. This includes dinner with a presentation and tour of the facility.
13. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent
14. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
15. Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-Absent
16. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff
 - a. Dean stated Mitchell PD just finished up with the rodeo and Pre-Sturgis Party with no issues. The next events are the Corn Palace Festival/Concerts.
 - b. They had active shooter training at the old high school and toured the new high school.
17. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. In early June, they had their mass causality drill, in which they discovered what does and doesn't work.
 - b. The Joint Commission came at the end of June and found some things to work on and complete them within 60 days.
18. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle stated They are seeing expansion from the region and have not caused capacity issues.
 - b. Dakota Counseling took ownership of the Coach Light Motel. They will be converting the old hotel into short-term housing opportunities.
19. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy-Absent
20. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
21. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark stated the city will be done with fog sealing this week.
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
23. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
24. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army-Absent
25. Brandon Wingert-Hanson County EM & Sheriff-Absent
26. Skyler Kehn Aurora County EM
 - a. No additional comments.
27. Tonya Ford-Elected Official-Absent
28. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
29. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
30. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
31. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
32. Stephanie Ellwein, City Administrator-Absent
33. Denny Kiner-Commissioner-Absent
34. Ryan Stahl- Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-Absent
35. Dave Kluth/Mike Kluth-Mt. Vernon Fire Department-Absent
36. Chase McBrayer-Ethan Fire Department-Absent
37. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
38. Robert Reuland-Red Cross
 - a. The Red Cross has been busy helping multiple areas with severe weather-related damage.
 - b. Shelter trailers have been updated.
39. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
40. Kevin Adams-DWU-Absent
41. Don Everson-Education-MTC-Absent
42. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent

43. Dan Muck-Community Member-Absent
44. Richard Sweeney-CHS-Absent
45. Jackie Horton-CASA-Absent
46. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
47. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
48. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine- Public Health Nursing Office-Absent
49. Sydney Lanning-Absent
50. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
51. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
52. Comments from the Committee
53. Next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M. due to the EM conference, we do not have an LEPC meeting in September.
54. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: 10/08/2025



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LEPC Minutes
September 10, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

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

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1. Due to the EM conference, we do not have the LEPC meeting in September.
2. Next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.



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LEPC Minutes
October 8, 2025 @ 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 Steve, 2nd by Randy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the minutes.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Steve 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,706.16
 - iv. Remaining: \$59.56
 - b. Motion by Marius, 2nd by Mark to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. POET closure letter DANR file # 2025.117 – Release of 50 gallons of thin stillage.
 - b. DANR file # 2025.122 – CHS spill of 1-2 tons of dry fertilizer on August 28, 2025.
 - c. Bussmus closure letter DANR file # 2025.041 – spill of 30,000 lbs. of dry fertilizer.
 - d. Former Freedom Valu no further action letter & closure letter – removal of three underground storage tanks.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. Quarterly report due October 30, 2025.
 - ii. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 - iii. LEPC grant due by November 30, 2025.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. HW 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.
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 2026.
 - c. 411th Ave. between 249th and 250th St. for a bridge replacement 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/EM Deputy
 - a. EM and the Department of Health are working on the POD, which will be on October 14, 2025.
 - b. EM Wegleitner responded to a semi accident on 403rd with a fuel leak. There were fewer than 25 gallons spilled, so the duty office was not contacted.
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-Absent
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported there is a new strain of COVID-19.
 - b. Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and travel is limited.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel-Chief Deputy
 - a. Steve reported that the Homeland Security Grant is all on hold.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported there will be intermittent patching of the roads here & there.
 - b. Blue & White parade on October 25th, Main Street will be closed.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. Randy reported the repeater license has expired and can't renew with the shutdown.
 - b. There are 3 active local members.
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
23. LT Rod & LT Amber Morin-Salvation Army-Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-Absent
25. Tonya Ford-Elected Official-Absent
26. Petar Mirkovic-Health-Absent
27. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members-Absent
28. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch-Absent
29. Jordan Hanson-Mayor-Absent
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38. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-Absent
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42. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-Absent
43. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-Absent
44. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine- Public Health Nursing Office-Absent
45. Sydney Lanning-Absent
46. Dave Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Izaak Goldammer (Ethan)-Fire-Absent
47. JP Skelly-Media-Absent
48. Comments from the Committee
49. Next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.
50. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Steve to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: 11/12/2025



Davison County Emergency Management
200 E. 4th Ave.
Mitchell, SD 57301-2631
Phone (605) 995-8640

LEPC Minutes
November 12, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

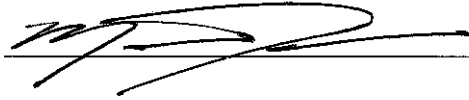
Chairperson: Marius Laursen Vice Chairperson: Steve Harr Secretary: Jeff Bathke

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 Casey to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the minutes.
 - a. Motion by Michelle, 2nd by Mark 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 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
 - ii. 2024 carryover: \$0
 - iii. Expended: \$1,765.72
 - iv. Remaining: \$0
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Tiffany to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. None.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. 4th quarter report submitted on October 28, 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.
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 2026.
 - c. 411th Ave. between 249th and 250th St. for a bridge replacement 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-Leave of absence.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director
 - a. The new boat from 2024 HLSC will be arriving on the 16th or 17th of November.
 - b. 2026 LEPC Grant will be signed and submitted today.
 - c. 2025 Flu POD 497 doses
 - i. Corn Palace (main event) 10/14/25 – 338 doses
 - ii. MTC mini POD 10/16/25 – 93 doses
 - iii. DWU mini POD 10/21/25 – 66 doses
 - iv. On behalf of Sarah Blain from POET, the Mitchell facility has increased the caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) inventory from 6,013 gallons to 12,513 gallons by installing a 6,500-gallon tank in our process area next to our evaporators and dryers.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent

13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing
 - a. Bob Way stated they started accepting soybeans at the end of September, started making oil in October, and are running 24/7.
 - b. There are approximately 83,000 gallons of crude oil on site.
 - c. Sodium hydroxide and Hexane are on site.
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD
 - a. No additional comments.
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff -MPD
 - a. Casey stated they are in the process of trying to purchase drug detection devices with the Opioid Grant money.
 - b. They have new vehicles and a new paint job.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius stated they have two different OBGYN locations and are remodeling the 1st floor at the Physicians Plaza to combine them into one location.
 - b. They have put in a new AC unit and are updating the parking lot.
 - c. No new reports of COVID.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle stated they started offering crisis beds to juveniles in July.
 - b. The hotel is under construction and will start renting rooms on December 1st. There will be 20 rooms.
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-Absent
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-Public-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-Office of Health Statistics-Absent
- 47. Dave/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 December 10, 2025, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 51. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Casey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: 12/10/25



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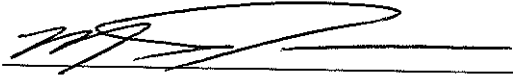
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 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Skyler to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. SUV vs Semi accident – E 1st Ave. and N Foster St.
 - b. 2025.176 - CHS Spill
 - c. 2025.910 - I-90 MM319 Semi Accident
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
 - a. Yearly:
 - i. LEPC Grant was submitted on November 12, 2025.
 - ii. 1st Quarter Report will be due January 30, 2025.
 - iii. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. HW 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.
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10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-Leave of absence.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director
 - a. Davison County Search & Rescue received new digital radios to be able to communicate with other agencies.

12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing
 - a. Bob Way reported they are in full production.
 - b. They had two separate firefighting foam release events within secondary containment.
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD - Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-MPD
 - a. Dean reported the Hwy 37 North construction will stop until Spring.
 - b. Fully staffed besides two dispatch positions.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Covid and flu #s are down.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health - Absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel- Chief Deputy
 - a. Tim reported they have access to the 511 system and can shut down roads and post no travel advised. Will start a group text between EM and Highway to make road decisions.
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. Received repeater license this morning.
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. Skyler reported he will be hosting a Red Cross free shelter training on December 17th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Aurora County Agricultural Building.
25. Tonya Ford-Elected Official - Absent
26. Kathy Wingert - Elected Official - Absent
27. Lindsey Loiseau-Health - Firesteel - Absent
28. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members - Absent
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34. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan - Absent
35. Robert Reuland-Red Cross - Absent
36. John Sieverding-Education-Public - Absent
37. Kevin Adams-DWU - Absent
38. Don Everson-Education-MTC
 - a. Construction continues on the Underground Power Line Training Facility.
 - b. Christmas break begins December 18th.
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-Office of Health Statistics - Absent

47. Dave/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire - Absent
48. JP Skelly-Media - Absent
49. Comments from the Committee
50. Next meeting will be on March 11, 2026, at 10:30 AM due to EM Wegleitner's schedule.
51. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Skyler, 2nd by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____



Date: 03/11/2026