



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
August 12, 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 Michelle, 2nd by Steve 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: \$1,414.67
 - iv. Remaining: 1,751.44
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Randy to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
 - a. None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
 - a. 2026.099 LTL Service diesel release closure letter
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
 - a. Yearly: Several items will be worked before the end of the fiscal year.
 - i. 3rd Quarter Report was submitted on July 30, 2026.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. I-90 from 2.75 miles west to 1 mile west of Mt. Vernon exit 319 with lanes reduced to 1 until November 2026.
 - b. Intersection of 5th Ave. and Burr to Foster for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - c. Intersection of Ohlman and 23rd to N of Kemper for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - d. Intersection of 6th Ave. and Lawler to Burr for the entire 2026 construction season.
 - e. 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 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. Annual LEOP Review
 - a. We discussed that there are no changes to the main content of the LEOP or its existing annexes. The possibility of adding an annex addressing cyberattacks was also discussed. Everyone present approved the LEOP as presented.
11. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-absent
12. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director
 - a. The Davison County Commissioners adopted the Hazard Mitigation Plan on August 11, 2026.

13. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
 - a. Sarah Blaine stated they now have corn oil on rail.
 - b. A future road closure is planned; POET will contact the appropriate people when the schedule is set.
 - c. In the middle or end of September, POET will host a tour.
14. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-absent
15. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-absent
16. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff –MPD-absent
17. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius provided an update on Avera's transition to the Epic health record system and the challenges.
18. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health
 - a. Michelle stated that they are currently in the process of doing some updates and discussed the challenges of funding.
 - b. Michelle explained that their facilities currently have a waiting list and there are requirements for residency.
19. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel- Chief Deputy
 - a. Steve reported no issues with bikers moving through town to Sturgis.
 - b. Dakotafest will start on Tuesday, August 18th.
20. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol-absent
21. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
 - a. Mark reported chip sealing will be done soon, and fog sealing will start.
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
 - a. No additional comments.
23. Mark Nelson (Interim)-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-absent
24. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army-absent
25. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/ Lawron Bohr (Aurora County)-Emergency Management-absent
26. Tonya Ford-Elected Official-absent
27. Kathy Wingert – Elected Official-absent
28. Lindsey Loiseau/Veronica Smith-Health – Firesteel0-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. Chris DeBoer-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon-absent
35. Lewis Flechner-Environmental City of Ethan-absent
36. Robert Reuland-Red Cross-absent
37. John Sieverding-Education-Public-absent
38. Kevin Adams-DWU-absent
39. Don Everson-Education-MTC-absent
40. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member-absent
41. Dan Muck-Community Member-absent
42. Richard Sweeney-CHS-absent
43. Jackie Horton-CASA-absent
44. Andy Mentele-S.A.R.-absent
45. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept.-absent
46. Vacant-County Health Nurse Office

- 47. Sydney Lanning-Office of Health Statistics-absent
- 48. Matt Geidel/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire-absent
- 49. JP Skelly-Media-absent
- 50. Comments from the Committee
- 51. Next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2026, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 52. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Steve, 2nd by Randy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____