



Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
September 9, 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.
 - a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Sarah 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: \$1,614.81
 - iv. Remaining: 1,551.30
 - b. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean 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 need to be completed before September 30, 2026, as we will start the new fiscal year in October.
8. Current Road Closures
 - a. I-90 from 3.75 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. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-absent
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director
 - a. The Flu POD will be on October 13, 2026, from 3 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
 - a. Sarah stated POET will be hosting their annual tour on September 24, 2026 @ 6 P.M.
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-absent
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD-absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-MPD
 - a. Dean reported that the Corn Palace Festival & Dakotafest went well.

- b. The roundabout is going well and completion is near.
 - c. 5th & Foster is now open.
- 16. Marius Laursen-Avera
 - a. Marius reported that the hospital is getting ready for the flu season.
- 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-absent
- 22. Mark Nelson (Interim)-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-absent
- 23. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army-absent
- 24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/ Lawron Bohr (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
 - a. Lewis introduced himself and stated he started the City of Ethan Maintenance position in July.
- 35. Tonya Peterson -Red Cross
 - a. Mark Miller was present representing the American Red Cross. He provided updated contact information and will forward the information to the appropriate individuals.
- 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. Vacant-County Health Nurse Office-absent
- 46. Sydney Lanning-Office of Health Statistics-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 October 14, 2026, @ 10:30 A.M.
- 51. Adjourn the Meeting.
 - a. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____