Davison County Emergency Management
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LEPC Minutes
November 4, 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 Kevin to approve the agenda.
3. Approval of the previous minutes.
    a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Kevin 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: $2,965.97
        iv. Remaining: 200.14
    b. The 6/23/26 Verizon invoice should have billed 4291 $450.75, to cover part of purchasing the iPads.
    c. The 2027 LEPC Grant has been completed, signed, and submitted.
    d. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to accept the financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
    a. None
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
    a. Bob Ball was burning trees on 10-24-2026 when the fire caught a pile of tires on fire. DANR has investigated and will issue any citations.
    b. POET DANR #2026.153 250 gallons of diluted sodium hydroxide closure letter.
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirement
    a. Yearly: The new Federal Fiscal Year started October 1st, so we have many requirements/documents to update and provide to the State Office of Emergency Management.
    b. Davison County will be required to host a Crisis Track training.
8. Current Road Closures
    a. 23rd/Cemetery Road is open, but North Ohlman is still closed.
    b. 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.
    c. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon drainage repair work is almost completed.
    d. HWY 38 East of Mitchell remains closed.
    e. Intersection of 5th Ave. and Burr to Foster for the entire 2026 construction season.
    f. Intersection of 6th Ave. and Lawler to Burr for the entire 2026 construction season.
    g. Intersection of 13th Ave. and Wisconsin St. to E. of Bypass for the entire 2026 construction season.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
    a. I-90 will be closed from 8:00 PM on November 11th until 6:00 AM on the 12th to remove light poles. Burr St. will be down to one lane.
    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. Approval of Road Names:
    a. Alice Ave., Black Eagle Loop, and Meadowlark Ave. have been requested for a new development ¼ mile north of the intersection of 407th and 23rd St.
        i. There were no concerns with the road names. Motion by Dean, 2nd by Mark to approve, motion carried.
11. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director
    a. No additional comments.
12. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/EM Deputy Director
    a. Karen reported the following POD Numbers:
        i. 211 at the Corn Palace on 10-13-26.
        ii. 106 at DWU on 10-15-26
        iii. 93 at MTC on 10-22-26
        iv. 410 total
13. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET-Absent
14. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing-Absent
15. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer–MFD-Absent
16. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff –MPD
    a. Dean reported Main St. will be closed for the National Christmas Tree in Mitchell on November 12th.
    b. The Parade of Lights will be on December 1st.
17. Marius Laursen-Avera-absent-Absent
18. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health-Absent
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. No additional comments.
22. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators-Absent
23. John Samuel-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator-Absent
    a. John will start his position on November 16, 2026.
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/Veronnica Smith-Health – Firesteel-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. Vacant-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon
35. Lewis Flechner-Environmental City of Ethan-Absent
36. Tonya Peterson -Red Cross-Absent
37. John Sieverding-Education-Public-Absent
38. Kevin Adams-DWU
    a. No additional comments.
39. Don Everson-Education-MTC-Absent
40. Peggy Tisdel-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-absent
47. Vacant-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 December 9, 2026, @ 10:30 A.M.
52. Adjourn the Meeting.
    a. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____