

Breakfast items of donuts, muffins, yogurt, gluten free-items, fruit, coffee, juice and water were available prior to the meeting.

President Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) business meeting to order at 7:36AM on Thursday, August 8th at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and virtually at: <https://meet.goto.com/746411253>

Members present indicated below:

1. Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	13. Paul Ostendorf	Industry	
2. Jessica Duffy	Public Health	X	14. Darrick Nitschke	Transportation – LaMoure County Highway	
3. Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	15. Jacob Olson	Industry	
4. Art Hagebock	Print Media	X	16. Sheriff Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	
5. Doug Hintzman	Kulm Ambulance	X	17. Janice Shannon	Edgeley Ambulance Service	
6. Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X	18. Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	
7. Mike Vogel	Verona Fire/LaMoure Fire	X	19. Stefan Schoenfelder	Edgeley City Council/Fire	X
8. Greg Hanson	Marion Fire	X	Frank Balak	CV Health (non-voting)	
9. Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	Bill Brown	NDDES (non Voting)	X (virtually)
10. Fallon Kelly	State's Attorney				
11. Nancy Noot	CVEMS of LaMoure	X	Others attending:	Clint Knudsen – Marion Fire	X
12. Zeb Mahin	City of Kulm/Kulm VFD	X		Gary Rowan – Jamestown Communications	X

Minutes from February meeting had been emailed, mailed and were available. Art made a motion to accept the minutes, Nancy seconded. Motion approved. Kimberly presented expenditures of food from the previous meeting, eDispatches second detector and batteries and supplies as well as income/expenditure from the eDispatches contract. The income from the TIER II was less than the previous year. Motion to approve the report was given by Jessica, Stefan seconded. Motion approved.

Incidents: No incidents. Kimberly stated the [www.spill.nd.gov](http://www.spill.nd.gov) website has two-factor authentication. She then presented a list of the companies that submitted reports compared to the previous year. Some questions asked: if seed treatment facilities report, how and why some facilities are not reporting more their chemicals and why some facilities did not report in 2024. They asked Kimberly to follow up on the amounts and thresholds as well as the ones that did not report in 2024 or possibly facility name changes.

Training/Exercises: The previous training calendar and the new year calendar starting 7/1/2024 were reviewed. Grant funding for the full scale active threat school exercise will expire Spring 2025 so this location has to be confirmed. The group discussed preference for the new school in Marion or Kulm School. The group also wanted to ensure SIRN radio training opportunities are kept on the schedule. SIRN Update: Stefan reminded the group that the deadline to order radios and still receive reimbursement is 3/31/2025. No other updates were available.

Old Business: Kimberly provided the breakdown of the 9-1-1 local fund and the budget presented to the County Commission. In 2025, the State Radio fee is increasing from \$1.39 per line to \$1.59 per line. With that increase, the county receives less in the 9-1-1 fee than the State Radio cost alone. Thus, the budget will be supplemented with County General Funds. The group discussed that Public Safety has a high cost and needs of possible legislative action to help fund this difference.

There is now a backup eDispatches detector in Kulm. Both the Edgeley and Kulm detectors have battery backups in place. Thank you to City of Kulm for allowing the equipment to be placed there.

The State Homeland Security Grant award notices have been issued and entities should follow up if they received a grant.

New Business: The SIRN reimbursement was mentioned earlier that there is deadline and many groups have received their reimbursement already. The group discussed pagers and that there is not a firm solution of how or what will be needed for equipment for pagers when the SIRN system is live. Also, the black box repeaters are not county property yet the responsibility of the individual agency.

The group then reviewed the Communications annex and where the priority of Facebook/social media should be on the list. After much discussion, there were no changes recommended. The group was also asked to review the locations/contacts shelter and transportation annexes and changes were provided to Kimberly.

The next LEPC meeting will again be a Thursday morning, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30AM in Edgeley. President Flath adjourned the meeting at 8:31AM.

An Active Threat mini-tabletop exercise was completed with those that remained following the conclusion of the meeting.

Minutes approved November 21, 2024.