

Breakfast items of muffins, donuts, pastries, 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 7:39AM on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> with a hybrid option of in person and virtual. In person was at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and virtually:

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Members present indicated below:

1. Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	14. Kathy Haag	Kulm Ambulance	X (virtually)
2. Jessica Duffy	Public Health	X	15. Jacob Olson	Industry	
3. Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	16. Sheriff Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	
4. Art Hagebock	LaMoure Fire/Print Media	X	17. Janice Shannon	Edgeley Ambulance Service	X
5. Doug Hintzman	Kulm Fire	X	18. Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	X
6. Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X	19. Stefan Schoenfelder	Edgeley City Council/Fire	X
7. Mike Vogel	Verona Fire	X	20. Darrick Nitschke	Transportation – LaMoure County Highway	
8. Greg Hanson	Marion Fire	X	Frank Balak	CV Health (non-voting)	
9. Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	Bill Brown	NDDes (non Voting)	
10. James Shockman	State's Attorney	X	Others attending:	Clint Knudsen – Marion Fire	X
11. Nancy Noot	CVEMS of LaMoure			Rooklyn Feist – Edgeley Ambulance/ Edgeley City	X
12. Zeb Mahin	City of Kulm/Kulm VFD	X		John – Jamestown Communications	X
13. Paul Ostendorf	Industry			Gary – Jamestown Communications	X

Minutes from December 2022 and March 2023 minutes had been emailed and were available in print. Grant made a motion to approve both meeting minutes. Art Seconded. Motion passed.

Kimberly presented expenditures of the postal mailing and eDispatches as well as the income from the TIER II fees and eDistaches. eDispatches had an extra income of \$0.22 as one agency overpaid that amount. The 2024 budget submitted to the County Commission was also submitted in the report. Art made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jessica seconded. Motion passed.

Incidents: There has been one incident in LaMoure County of spilled oil and rain water mixed in a basement of a locally owned business. The owner is working to remediate it. The city and fire department were made aware of the location.

Training/Exercises: Kimberly reviewed the status of the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP). ALICE training is delayed with the departure of one of the trainers. The Jud outdoor warning siren failed during the exercise. It has been repaired and working. The Berlin siren has been upgraded and their old siren has been offered to other jurisdictions. Cities of LaMoure and Marion had Incident Command seminars during spring flood preparation. The new training year has begun and the IPP is scheduled through June 2026.

Old Business: Kimberly reviewed the status of the FY2022 and FY2023 LaMoure County State Homeland Security Grant funds.

There was a reminder to Fire Departments to login to the [www.spill.nd.gov](http://www.spill.nd.gov) website for their TIER II reports and incidents.

As mentioned before, the Emergency Manager will plan to visit the various cities to review Incident Command the Emergency Operation Plan with local officials as time allows.

New Business: The LEPC roster was discussed. There are opening for elected officials. Stefan Schoenfelder from the City of Edgeley and Zeb Mahin from the City of Kulm offered to serve and would complete the member list of 20. It was recommended that this membership list be presented to the LaMoure County Commission for their review and acceptance.

There was a call for nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. Alan made a motion to nominate Bob Flath for President and cast a unanimous ballot. Julianne seconded. Motion approved. The newly elected President Flath then appointed Grant Mathern as Vice President and Kimberly Robbins as Secretary/Treasurer.

The Equity project was briefly discussed as moving forward with Community Preparedness Days inline with the FEMA "You Are the Help..." program. City representatives along with the respective ambulance members present from Kulm and Edgeley volunteered to assist in planning the events in their communities in 2024 or 2025.

The LaMoure County Emergency Operation Plan is on the county website. Annexes are printed only for each jurisdiction. The City of Berlin gathering space should be updated to their community building. There was some discussion about a pipeline annex if an additional pipeline would be added to the county. Along with changes mentioned, the document will have updated names/numbers and will come before the committee to review.

With new legislation, there is a question if Kulm, Edgeley and LaMoure ambulance services will need to form districts to be able to relicense in 2025 or if they are exempt from the new legislation. Several individuals expressed concern about a paid service, where the service would be and how would the district be run. LaMoure Ambulance is bringing in a consultant this evening at 7PM to explain what they can do for rural ambulance services.

Approximately at this time, the virtual meeting ended due to a technology failure (computer battery).

Next meeting date was tentative set for December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM in Edgeley with breakfast items to be served.

President Flath adjourned the meeting at 8:38AM.

John Weron and Gary from Jamestown Communications were available and they brought demonstration models to discuss their radio products, the features of the radios and pricing of the radios.

Minutes Approved 12/7/2023