

Due to the previous winter weather and predicted snow for Thursday, a message was sent via email and eDispatches that the meeting would be virtual only. The notice was also on the county website. The presentation was emailed on 12/10/25.

President Bob Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) business meeting to order at 7:33AM on Thursday, December 11th virtually at: <https://meet.goto.com/746411253>. Members present indicated below:

1. Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	15. Sheriff Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	
2. Jessica Duffy	Public Health		16. Lavern Anderson	Edgeley Ambulance Service	X
3. Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	17. Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	X
4. Art Hagebock	Print Media	X	18. Jamie Mattson	Industry	
5. Doug Hintzman	Kulm Ambulance/Fire	X	19. Position Vacant	Verona Fire	
6. Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire				
7. Mike Vogel	LaMoure Fire	X		Others Attending:	
8. Greg Hanson	Marion Fire	X	Frank Balak	CV Health	X
9. Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	Brittany Rasmussen	NDDES SE Region	X
10. Fallon Kelly	State's Attorney		Clint Knudsen	Marion Fire	X
11. Nancy Noot	CVEMS of LaMoure	X	Kelli Matzek	Paramount Planning	X
12. Zeb Mahin	City of Kulm/Kulm VFD		Christine Schmidt	LaMoure County – EM Assistant	X
13. Paul Ostendorf	Industry		Darin Anderson	Director - State Emergency Communication Center (SECC)	X
14. Darrick Nitschke	LaMoure County Highway		April Brenneise	Team Lead – SECC	X

Minutes from the October meeting had been emailed and mailed. The Chairman accepted the minutes as presented. There was only one expense of food from the last meeting. The Chairman accepted the treasurers report.

Incidents: One incident was reported on 11/26/25 regarding equipment failure of a voltage regulator with the spill that was limited to the substation gravel bed. LaMoure Fire was dispatched to the original fire call on this.

Training/Exercises: LaMoure County has been working with vendors for emergency alerts as the CodeRED system had a cyberattack and has been unavailable. The new system for Employee notifications has been tested and is now being used. We will plan for a virtual tabletop winter storm communication exercise at the conclusion of this meeting. The State Emergency Communication Center published an email yesterday regarding open burns will be referred to the local fire department for authorization at the SECC effective 1/1/2026. Darin Anderson added the change is due to North Dakota Administrative Code 33.1-15-04-02 from Department of Environmental Quality "if state or local fire officials determine conditions to be unsafe for open burning, such burning must cease until conditions are deemed safe by such officials." Kimberly will plan to attend next SECC county coordinator meeting and then meet with fire chiefs and Sheriff Department to discuss locally.

Old Business: Jamie Mattson with James Valley Grain in Verona was asked to be a member of the LEPC yet was not present this morning. The Fire/Rescue boundary will be discussed later at a fire chief meeting. Trigg Baker, LaMoure Fire, will be the new LaMoure County SIRN representative as appointed by the County Commission on 11/18/25.

New Business: Grant made a motion to approve publication of the TIER II notice as presented in the *LaMoure County Chronicle* and *Litchville Bulletin*. Julianne seconded. Motion approved.

Darin Anderson provided an update on the SIRN status across the SECC counties as well as tower build out in LaMoure County. Neighboring Ransom and Sargent counties should be transitioning to SIRN in early 2026 as their tower are ready and neighboring Richland county is currently transitioning. Dickey County would possibly be brought on soon thereafter yet LaMoure County has voids of tower coverage in the LaMoure and Alfred area. Darin discussed tower build outs and timing of summer of 2026 construction. It was discussed working with the neighboring counties when they transition and side mounting radios/talk arounds. Kelli Matzek with Paramount Planning provided an update on the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan from the last meeting. Public Comment period has closed and final edits with the draft will be completed so that the draft plan can be sent to the State of North Dakota for their review tomorrow. She thanked the LEPC for their work on the plan.

The LaMoure County Commission was presented with a Winter Weather/Storm Policy to adopt at the Commission meeting on December 2nd. However, there were two Commissioners not present so the policy was tabled. Commissioner Flath discussed the county snow plow location map will be available for the Sheriff's Department yet a public version is not available.

Other Business: Julianne stated the State Extension Veterinarian, Jake Galbreath, will be in LaMoure providing information on Avian Influzena Prevention on December 16th at 12:30PM.

The next LEPC meeting was tentatively set for Thursday morning, February 12th in Edgeley. Chairman adjourned the meeting around 8:15AM.

Following the meeting, there was a Winter Storm Mini-Tabletop scenario which SECC participating. It was discussed to check local policies/guidelines, ensure first responder safety first, contacting law enforcement and SECC for resources.