

Breakfast items of donuts, pastries, cheese/crackers, fruit, yogurt, coffee, juice and water were available prior to the meeting.

President Bob Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) business meeting to order at 7:33AM on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and virtually at: <https://meet.goto.com/746411253>

Members present indicated below:

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| 1. Bob Flath | County Commissioner | X | 15. Sheriff Fernandes | Sheriff's Dept | X |
| 2. Jessica Duffy | Public Health | X | 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 | | 18. Position Vacant | Industry | |
| 5. Doug Hintzman | Kulm Ambulance/Fire | X | 19. Position Vacant | Verona Fire | |
| 6. Alan Nitschke | Jud Fire | X | | | |
| 7. Mike Vogel | LaMoure Fire | | | | |
| 8. Greg Hanson | Marion Fire | X | Others Attending | | |
| 9. Grant Mathern | Edgeley Fire | X | Frank Balak | CV Health (non-voting) | X |
| 10. Fallon Kelly | State's Attorney | X (Virtual) | Brittany Rasmussen | NDDES SE Region (non-voting) | X (Virtual) |
| 11. Nancy Noot | CVEMS of LaMoure | X | Clint Knudsen | Marion Fire | X |
| 12. Zeb Mahin | City of Kulm/Kulm VFD | | Kelli Matzek | Paramount Planning (non-voting) | X (Virtual) |
| 13. Paul Ostendorf | Industry | | | | |
| 14. Darrick Nitschke | Transportation – LaMoure County Highway | | | | |

Minutes from the August meeting had been emailed, mailed and were available. Julianne made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Nancy seconded. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was presented with expense of the food at the last meeting. The budget was presented and the committee was reminded of areas that funding can be spent. Sheriff made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. LaVern seconded. Motion passed.

Training/Exercises: The August tabletop went well as did the ALICE training for courthouse employees. Nonemergency alerts have been added to the CodeRED system to assist with county announcements. The group discussed options to have a tabletop and/or a functional winter storm communication exercise.

Incidents: No local incidents reported. Reminder to contact the Regional Response teams from Jamestown/Fargo for Haz-Mat and Structural collapse early.

Old Business: The Emergency Response Services Committee met on August 20th and have a meeting today to discuss first responder recruitment and retention as well as fire response models and ambulance billing. Chairman Flath discussed the possibility of ambulances requesting additional mills and placing that item on an upcoming ballot to address local ambulance funding.

New Business: There is a LEPC industry opening on the committee as Jacob Olson with CHS has moved out of the area. It was mentioned that it would be good to have an industry from Verona to help representation from that area. Jamie Mattson from James Valley Grain in Verona will be contacted. The Fire/Rescue boundaries were discussed. Kimberly will meet with the Edgeley/Kulm/LaMoure Fire/Rescue chiefs to discuss any proposed changes to follow ambulance boundaries. LaMoure County does not have currently have a SIRM representative. Trigg Baker is currently with LaMoure Fire department and has worked in the radio communications industry and will be asked by Chairman Flath to be the SIRM representative and Kimberly could be the alternate.

Other Business: Grant discussed that First Responder license plates verification has recently changed as the Department of Motor Vehicle sends renewals directly to the person. Kimberly to follow up on how rosters are checked as Marion Fire roster was checked with their certificate of existence recently and LaMoure Ambulance roster was checked from Department of Health and Human Services. Chairman Flath mentioned that a Natural Gas Pipeline had proposed a route through eastern LaMoure County. No public meeting has been scheduled in the county to date.

The next LEPC meeting was tentatively set for Thursday morning, December 11th in Edgeley.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:15AM.

Paramount Planning, Kelli Matzek, reviewed the draft Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan. The group provided input on some corrections and input on hazard mitigation items as well as some hazards and how various buildings should be listed as critical facilities.

Minutes approved at December 11, 2025 meeting.