

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

President Flath called the LaMoire County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) business meeting to order at 7:35AM on Thursday, February 29th with a hybrid option of in person and virtual. In person was at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and 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 – LaMoire County Highway	
3. Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	15. Jacob Olson	Industry	X (virtually)
4. Art Hagebock	Print Media	X	16. Sheriff Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	X
5. Doug Hintzman	Kulm Ambulance	X	17. Janice Shannon	Edgeley Ambulance Service	
6. Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X	18. Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	X
7. Mike Vogel	Verona Fire/LaMoire Fire	X	19. Stefan Schoenfelder	Edgeley City Council/Fire	X
8. Greg Hanson	Marion Fire	X			
9. Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	Frank Balak	CV Health (non-voting)	
10. Fallon Kelly	State's Attorney		Bill Brown	NDDES (non Voting)	
11. Daylene Hopkins	CVEMS of LaMoire	X	Others attending:	Clint Knudsen – Marion Fire	X
12. Zeb Mahin	City of Kulm/Kulm VFD	X			

Minutes from December meeting had been emailed and mailed. Chairman Flath approved as submitted.

Kimberly presented expenditures of one Public Notice publication, food from the previous meeting and food for the ICS 100 course. The 2024 budget was also available. Chairman Flath approved as presented.

Incidents: Three incidents were presented. On December 7th, there was fuel oil found from a former gas station during excavation of a new building in LaMoire. During the Christmas ice storm, there were two transformers reported by Dakota Valley Electric that leaked oil. Kimberly reminded the group of the www.spill.nd.gov website and availability of these incident reports. Also, March 1st is the deadline for TIER II chemical reports.

Training/Exercises: Kimberly reviewed the status of the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP). The Regional Response Tabletop Exercise with Jamestown Fire was discussed with March 21st as preferred evening date. The topic of the tabletop exercise should be hazmat. Regarding the You Are the Help school presentations, only LaMoire School has committed. Kimberly is researching community events for this summer to combine with the You Are the Help program. She showed the coloring books and card games for youth as the Preparedness activities from FEMA that were ordered and received for no cost.

Old Business: Stefan provided a brief update on SIRM with additional meetings on the groups and with the third party paging working with the new system. He also reminded everyone that the deadline is March 2025 to order radios for the reimbursement and there is currently funding available. Kimberly would send information on who to contact if anyone was having problems with the reimbursement process.

The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update has been submitted to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant.

New Business: Kimberly discussed the 911 trends. Since 2015, there has been a decrease in landlines and population and an increase in wireless lines. There were several questions regarding the full tax remitted to LaMoire County and State Radio Expenses. Kimberly explained that the current 911 local tax is at the maximum by North Dakota Century Code of \$2.00. At the meeting, Kimberly stated the State Radio expense was \$1.80 and then North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo) takes 10% for the Joint Powers Agreement (this is incorrect at the State Radio expense is \$1.39 per line and there is \$0.50 to the SIRM fund). Chairman Flath explained that the County will have to utilize General Funds when the expense to State Radio exceeds the 911 tax brought in. Kimberly would bring additional information on the fund and exact breakout of expenses.

Kimberly started discussion on the eDispatches failure that happened earlier this year. Grant Mathern was able to reconnect an old detector during the outage yet it was recommended by eDispatches to purchase another detector redundancy as well as a new battery backup for the current system. Due to the location to the Merricourt tower, the backup detector would need to be placed in Kulm. Zeb discussed that the City of Kulm community center has a generator and would be able to host the equipment. Art made a motion to purchase equipment for the redundancy to be placed in Kulm as well as the mitigation of a new battery backup for the Edgeley system. Stefan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kimberly reviewed the Fire Emergency Restrictions and explained North Dakota Century Code has removed the word "Ban." The chart of specific burn restrictions was explained. At this time, there was no discussion of a Burn Restriction for LaMoire County. Fire Chiefs were encouraged to review their city ordinances on what burning is allowed within city limits.

The State Homeland Security Grant for 2024 has not been posted yet entities are encouraged to review their secure physical access. Cybersecurity concerns should be addressed through the Cybersecurity grant not the Homeland Security Grant.

Netmotion has been upgraded and due to inactivity of the ambulance services using their laptop based Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), the licenses were dropped. This will not affect the CAD data through eDispatches. The Sheriff Department uses this system to access the CAD system through their computers. If an ambulance/fire department would like to access CAD through a computer, contact Kimberly.

The Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) Workshop would be conducted after this meeting. A survey link had been sent out and paper copies of the survey were available for those who did not submit it online. A primary and secondary contact for the IPP has to be designated. Kimberly would take the primary point of contact and Jessica Duffy agreed to be the secondary point of contact.

The next LEPC meeting will again be a Thursday morning, August 8th at 7:30AM in Edgeley.

President Flath adjourned the meeting at 8:35AM.

The Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop was held discussing results of the survey. Emphasis was put on the SIRN radio transition and communications.

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