

Breakfast items of donuts, muffins, gluten free-items, 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, February 6, 2025 at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and virtually at: <https://meet.goto.com/746411253>

Members present indicated below:

1. Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	14. Darrick Nitschke	Transportation – LaMoure County Highway	
2. Jessica Duffy	Public Health	X	15. Jacob Olson	Industry	
3. Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	16. Sheriff Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	X
4. Art Hagebock	Print Media	X	17. Lavern Anderson	Edgeley Ambulance Service	X
5. Doug Hintzman	Kulm Ambulance/Fire	X	18. Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	X
6. Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X	19. Stefan Schoenfelder	Edgeley City Council/Fire	
7. Mike Vogel	Verona Fire/LaMoure Fire	X	20. Member	Verona 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		Brittany Rasmussen	NDDDES SE Region (non-voting)	X
11. Nancy Noot	CVEMS of LaMoure		Shelby Schmidt	NDDDES/State Radio (non-voting)	
12. Zeb Mahin	City of Kulm/Kulm VFD	X	Clint Knudsen	Marion Fire	X
13. Paul Ostendorf	Industry	X	Gary Rowan	Jamestown Communications (non-voting)	X

Minutes from the November meeting had been emailed, mailed and were available. The Treasurer's report was presented. Art made a motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report. Jessica seconded. Motion approved.

Incidents: No incidents reported. A reminder that the TIER II reports are due March 1st. The group reviewed SB 2082 that would increase the TIER II fee per chemical, increase the maximum amount per facility and also charge a late fee for exempt facilities if they do not report on time. Currently this bill has passed the committee.

Training/Exercises: The group moved to the Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop. The 2025 planning representatives were designated by the chair to remain as previous year with Kimberly Robbins and Jessica Duffy. There were 19 actual responses from the survey. Severe Winter Weather remains the biggest threat/hazard. They reviewed all the results and comments submitted. The group then discussed the THIRA Gaps of Operational Communication and Coordination are still the largest. Items for training year 3 should include SIRM training and ICS review as well as civil disturbance trainings. Thus, Sheriff was asked to also be on a smaller committee with Kimberly and Jessica to review the updated training plan and report back to the LEPC.

SIRM Update: Gary reminded the group that March 31, 2025 is the last day to place an order to be eligible for the \$1,500 credit. The reimbursement request does not have to be submitted by March 31st.

Old Business: Chairman Flath started with the LaMoure County Plow Tracker website. He stated that the vendor's product changed and the county has not found a way to allow public access to date to the system.

The committee reviewed a list of current bills being addressed at the North Dakota Legislative Session. There was much discussion on the bills that would have rural ambulance services. Art made a motion that the LEPC would have a committee of Kimberly, Bob Flath and Jessica to submit letters of support to keep local control of rural ambulances for bills as they arise. Al Nitschke seconded. Discussion was that the bills continue to change and need to review what is currently at committee. Motion passed.

New Business: Brittany Rasmussen was introduced as the new Southeast Regional Coordinator. She briefed the group on her background and offered to be to assistance to the LEPC.

The LaMoure County LEPC will oversee the 2025 LaMoure County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). LaMoure County has received a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant (BRIC) to hire a contractor to complete the plan. Three proposals were submitted for the group to review – Paramount Planning, KLJ, and Integrated Solutions Consulting. There was discussion on current plans that Paramount and KLJ have approved at the State. Paul made a motion that Kimberly would present a recommendation to the LaMoure County Commission on February 18th of either Paramount Planning and KLJ based on research of the current approved plans presented by both companies. Art seconded. Kimberly would have to find copies of the Cavalier and Ward County Plans and talk with Cass County. Motion approved. Kimberly provided a brief MHMP survey.

The eDispatches contact will be up for renewal and the group did not feel any change was necessary so to continue as is.

Kimberly discussed that the State Homeland Security Grant program will be available soon to apply.

The next LEPC meeting will tentatively be again be a Thursday morning, April 3rd to begin the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in Edgeley. President Flath adjourned the meeting at 8:52 AM.

A Flood mini-tabletop exercise was held following the conclusion of the meeting.

Minutes approved 4/8/2025.