

Breakfast items of donuts, pastries, gluten free-items, 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 7:37AM on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and virtually at: <https://meet.goto.com/746411253>

Members present indicated below:

1. Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	15. Jacob Olson	Industry	
2. Jessica Duffy	Public Health		16. Sheriff Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	
3. Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	17. Lavern Anderson	Edgeley Ambulance Service	
4. Art Hagebock	Print Media	X	18. Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	X
5. Doug Hintzman	Kulm Ambulance/Fire	X			
6. Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X			
7. Mike Vogel	LaMoure Fire	X			
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		Addie Robbins	High School Student (non-voting)	X (Virtual)
12. Zeb Mahin	City of Kulm/Kulm VFD	X	Blain Johnson	Paramount Planning (non-voting)	X (Virtual)
13. Paul Ostendorf	Industry		Kelli Matzek	Paramount Planning (non-voting)	X (Virtual)
14. Darrick Nitschke	Transportation – LaMoure County Highway				

Minutes from the April meeting had been emailed, mailed and were available. Zeb made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Greg seconded. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was presented with income of \$1575 from the Haz Chem local share and the expense of the food at the last meeting. President accepted the Treasurer's report.

An addition to the agenda was the Emergency Services Intern Committee.

Training/Exercises: A tabletop will be held on Wednesday, August 20th at 5PM in Edgeley for an elopement exercise. Kimberly presented the two new EMPG requirements of IPAWS use at exercises and the credentialing system. More information will be shared at the next LEPC meeting as the State had not provided all the information to date.

Incidents: No local incidents reported. Kimberly presented a summary of the April 8th South Bow pipeline incident in neighboring Ransom County. Mr. Kelly added that Ransom County worked with the company on agreements of county time and maintenance on roads and equipment that were used. The local responders supported the company yet the company led response and clean up. The July 7th incident in Richland county did include the regional hazardous materials response team.

Old Business: Each city has met with the Mitigation team to start updating the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The legislative bills have now implemented the name changes of State Radio to State Emergency Communications Center and Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the dispatchers are recognized as first responders. Art shared information on the Emergency Services Interim committee. Representative Jim Greunich is the chairman and Art was invited to attend the committee meetings. He is gathering data on reimbursement of services for fire and EMS as well as ideas for recruitment and retention and the committee was asked to share ideas with Art. The first meeting will be August 20th.

New Business: With the formation of ambulance districts in neighboring counties, the committee discussed how it could support the LaMoure County emergency medical services as they are currently entities of their respective cities. It was discussed that some districts are contracting and raising their mils to the maximum for services. No action was taken at the meeting.

Other Business: Zeb mentioned that a company named Verisk had contacted Kulm Fire department about training requirements. Kulm Fire was advised by the State of North Dakota not to work with this company as they were not recognized. Other business brought forward was that the North Dakota Forest Service Grant is no longer supported. Many departments mentioned that they had received the cost share grant in the past.

The next LEPC meeting was tentatively set for Thursday morning, October 23rd in Edgeley.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:20AM.

Paramount Planning, Blain Johnson and Kelli Matzek, reviewed the current data collected for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan and the group discussed the goals of the plan, ranking of threats and finally mitigation actions.

Minutes approved 10/23/2025.