

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

Vice President Mathern called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) business meeting to order at 7:32AM on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall and virtually at: <https://meet.goto.com/746411253>

Members present indicated below:

1. Bob Flath	County Commissioner		15. Jacob Olson	Industry	
2. Jessica Duffy	Public Health	X	16. Sheriff Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	X
3. Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	17. Lavern Anderson	Edgeley Ambulance Service	X
4. Art Hagebock	Print Media		18. Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	
5. Doug Hintzman	Kulm Ambulance/Fire	X	19. Stefan Schoenfelder	Edgeley City Council/Fire	X
6. Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire		20. Member	Verona Fire	
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	X (Virtual)	Shelby Schmidt	NDDES/State Radio (non-voting)	X (Virtual)
12. Zeb Mahin	City of Kulm/Kulm VFD		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		Christine Schmidt	LaMoure County DES	X

Minutes from the February meeting had been emailed, mailed and were available. The Treasurer's report was presented with eDispatches and CO detectors income/expense and the expense of the food at the last meeting. LaVern made a motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report. Stefan seconded. Motion approved.

Incidents: No incidents reported.

Training/Exercises: The committee of Sheriff, Jessica Duffy and Kimberly have not met to review final Integrated Preparedness Plan.

Old Business: The legislative bills that were presented at the last meeting were reviewed for their status. SB 2082 was the bill to increase the fees of the TIER II program. The maximum fee has decreased from what was initially proposed. It is back in committee. Jessica provided a short summary on the bills that affect rural ambulance. She noted that SB 2100 passing was positive news as this allows local trainer for EMS education. SB 2033 has changed significantly from the initial draft and now had more local control in the bill. It was also still in committee though.

New Business: The State of North Dakota currently has a Fire Emergency Declaration through May 31st. This provides a High Readiness level for State agencies yet does not institute any local burn restrictions. The LaMoure County Commission did declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions only when the ND Fire Danger Rating is Very High, Extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning is in place. There was discuss on how to communicate restrictions to the public. This is the second year of the NDResponse website and LaMoure County made a few edits to help clarify that the local restrictions are not in place when the Fire Danger Rating is Low, Medium and High. It was brought forward that each county defines their own burn restrictions parameters and some departments cover response areas in other counties. After much discussion, it was evident that better communication and purpose of restrictions is needed as well as methods to mitigate wildland fires.

Paramount Planning was introduced and would provide information and discussion on the 2025 LaMoure County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) update as the conclusion on the meeting.

The next LEPC meeting was tentatively set for Thursday morning, August 7th in Edgeley.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:56AM.

Paramount Planning, Blain Johnson and Kelli Matzek, introduced themselves and provided the group with a review of Multi-Hazard Mitigation planning and steps. The survey was handed out to anyone who had not completed it. The group watched the ND Mitigation Matters YouTube video and discussed benefits of Mitigation.

Minutes approved August 7, 2025.