

MINUTES BROOKINGS COUNTY LEPC
February 20, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wes Otheim at 12:06 p.m. at the East Fire Station (Next to Burger King) 607 20th Ave, Brookings, SD 57006. Members present were **Brookings County Commission** – Larry Jensen, **City of Brookings City Manager’s Office**- Samantha Beckman, **Daktronics** – Albert Patin, **City of Brookings Fire Department** – Pete Bolzer, **SDSU** – Jayme Trygstad, **Brookings County Development Department** – Richard Haugen, and **Brookings County Emergency Management** – Robert Hill, **Brookings County Sheriff’s Department** – Thomas Chester, **Solventum** - Wes Otheim, and **Bell Brands** – Brady Hanna and Patrick Lovrien.

APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved. MSC Trygstad/Jensen

APPROVE MINUTES OF PAST MEETING.

Minutes from the November 21, 2024, meeting will be provided and approved at a later meeting. MSC Jensen/Trygstad

OLD BUSINESS

1. LEPC 2025 Grant – \$3,071.27 awarded for 2025.
2. Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Renewal
3. Brookings Home Show 2025 update

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elections: Otheim, Chair, Patin, Vice Chair, Hill Secretary MSC Bolzer/Trygstad
2. LEPC Roster approved. MSC Jensen/Trygstad

Meeting Dates for the Year:

- February 19, 2026
- May 15, 2025
- August 21, 2025
- November 20, 2025

LEPC Member updates:

Bel Brands: Construction is planned with an expected completion date of 2027.

Daktronics: The powder coating process is nearing completion. It is going to replace all wet painting. The annual HAZMAT training will be done in April. A new staff member is due to arrive shortly. Their position will be to assist in maintaining sustainability operations in the company.

Brookings County Emergency Management/Brookings County Development Department: FEMA Flood Map will be in full effect in April 2025.

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SDSU: A new software package is being looked at to help modernize several safety aspects of the University. The Emergency Operations Plan has been updated and the South Dakota Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) will be conducting an exercise in Mobridge, SD.

City of Brookings City Manager's Office: The City experienced a large fire downtown. Volunteers did a good job in fighting the fire. The City of Brookings Public Information Officer (PIO) has completed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training and is fully a fully qualified PIO.

City of Brookings Fire Department: Cold weather has produced several water line breaks. Natural Gas leaks have also been occurring due to temperature fluctuations..

Brookings County Commission: Working on 214th Street upgrades between the City of Brookings and the City of Aurora. The County Commission has also formed a CO2 Pipeline Review Committee to look at pipeline ordinances in Brookings County.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2025, at the Valero Plant in Aurora, SD.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. MSC Trygstad/Moser.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Hill