

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
REGULAR MEETING: – 1:00 PM February 24, 2025
Room 005 – Chippewa County Courthouse**

CALL TO ORDER:

John Andersen called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

ROLL CALL WITH INTRODUCTIONS:

ATTENDEE NAME	TITLE	STATUS
Tyler Thibodeau	Emergency Management Director	Deployed
Brian Flynn	Chippewa County Board Representative	Absent
Matt Schroeder	TTM – Industry Representative	Present
John Andersen	Chairperson, Media Representative	Present
Kyle Hoel	Chippewa County Highway Department	Present
Brittnay Fortuna	Chippewa County Department of Public Health	Present
Chip Eckardt	Citizen Amateur Radio Representative	Present
Nate Martell	HazMat/Fire Dept. Representative	Excused
Rick Bowe	Citizen Representative	Present
Tamee Foldy	Chippewa County Communication Center	Present
Jerry Clark	UW Extension	Present
Travis Klukas	Mayo Clinic Health Systems	Present
Marcy Trubshaw	Chippewa County Emergency Management	Present
Quinn Smisky	Alternate Industry CHS	Excused

Others Present: John Ferguson, Chippewa County Emergency Management, GIS; Allie Isaacson, Chippewa County Public Health; Chad Schara, CFFES Alternate, Chris Straight, WCWRP

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD:

No one

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approve the agenda **February 24, 2025**
- Approve the minutes of **December 16, 2024**
- Upcoming meeting dates:
April 28, August 25, October 27, December 15, 2025

Motion by Chip Eckardt to approve the consent agenda with second by Jerry Clark. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

A. Chairman Report – John Andersen:

John requested a 2024 report from Chippewa Falls Haz Mat describing Type III responses for 2024.

B. Hazardous Materials Report – Chad Schara (representative for Nate Martell)

- Hosting a railcar class
- Four members going to WAHMER
- Looking to host a Haz Mat Tech class starting May 1
- Department is fully staffed
- County-wide Radiation work ongoing

C. Emergency Management Report – Marcy Trubshaw

- Marcy will contact Dave Radowicz at the state to see about Hazardous Material refreshers for departments.
- Wants all agencies to begin working on your WiCams IDs.
- Town/Village/Citys are completing their EOPS
- Webinar upcoming on Lithium Battery Response
- Strating the severe weather campaigns
- Classes out for ICS 400 on Feb 25 and 26, G402 NIMS for Senior Elected Officials and G191 ICS/EOC Interface

D. All Hazard Mitigation Plan Report – Chris Straight, Wes Central Wisconsin Regional Planning

Chris review the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Process. He described the difference between Mitigation and Response.

- We reviewed the hazard mitigation planning purpose, requirements, and related grants.
- Initial hazard event data was discussed. It was noted that major events since the last mitigation plan were a tornado and COVID-19.
- Some major changes since the last plan: Land Conservation now has a weather station at Country Fest. Considering the WiSMAC. NIMS class for senior officials coming up; most municipalities now have lead contacts for emergencies.
- Concern expressed over the lack of communication and clarity on disaster thresholds, declarations, and what costs FEMA will assist with. County may be reorganizing its EOP to align with Emergency Support functions with lifelines.
- Additional question for town surveys: Do they have a shelter with a generator?
- Other engagement opportunities: Ag Education Group on April 28th, regional Public Health Consortium, EMS Association, and Fire Association.
- Committee reviewed the project timeline with the goal to complete the update by the end of 2025. Agreed to modify its normal meeting schedule and next meet on May 19th.
- “Homework” survey was reviewed. Homework surveys are attached to the minutes

E. Community Partner reports.

Brittnay Fortuna – Public Health

Brittnay had to leave for another meeting however, gave these notes to share.

- Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance (G108) Course will be held at Fire Station 1 in Chippewa Falls on April 2 & 3. This a full two-day course.
- Community Planning for Disaster Recovery Course will be held at La Crosse County Admin Building on April 9th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration is currently low for this course. Please share the attached flyer with anyone who may be interested in attending.
- CCDPH is still working to secure locations for our 18-gallon sharps disposal units. These units will be placed outside, and disposal of the unit is at no cost to the community.
- Our Environmental Health Team has hosted several nitrate water testing events. We've had a great turnout for these events. When we wrote the grant we had planned to host 4 events
- In the last couple of weeks, we've seen an increase in interest in the MMR vaccine. This is likely because of positive mumps cases in surrounding counties.
- Fire Station 1 in Chippewa Falls hosted our emergency preparedness exercise in January. The event was "A flood that launched 1000 stomach upsets." We had a great partner turnout (hospital representatives, municipality wastewater staff, schools, emergency management, etc.).

BUSINESS ITEMS: No business items

Motion by Jerry Clark with a second by Kyle Hoel to adjourn. Motion carried.