

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
REGULAR MEETING: April 25, 2022 1:00 p.m.
Room 302 Chippewa County Courthouse

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Andersen called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Note
John Andersen	Chairperson, Media Rep.	Present	
Russell J. Bauer	Emergency Management	Present	
Jerry Clark	UW Extension	Absent	
Eric Goebel	Transportation	Present	
Rick Bowe	Citizen Representative	Present	
Chuck Daly	Industry Representative	Present	
Ron Krueger	Citizen Amateur Radio Representative	Absent	
Nate Martell	HazMat/Fire Dept. Representative	Absent	
Tamee Foldy	Emergency Communications Center Dir.	Present	
Angela Weideman	Public Health Officer	Present	
Travis Klukas	Mayo Clinic Health System	Present	
George Rohmeyer	County Board Representative	Absent	Newly Appointed
Stephanie School	HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital	Absent	
Marcy Trubshaw	Emergency Management	Present	

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the Agenda
- B. Approve the Minutes of **February 28, 2022**
- C. Upcoming Meeting Dates:
August 22, 2022 1:00 pm Room 302 Courthouse

Motion by Chuck Daly to approved the consent agenda and next meeting date. Second by Eric Goebel. Motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report – John Andersen

- Semi tractor accidents involving diesel fuel. Supposedly one of the trailers had Haz Mat. Not placarded and discovered only cleaning supplies. John Andersen wondered about highway departments response. Eric Goebel stated that they contain the spill then have contracts with hazardous materials recollection services.
- John discussed the State decision to no longer have local contractors inspect above and underground tanks. The State will be taking this over and plans on inspecting between one and five years. Through using NFPA 30 and 38, local fire departments can still inspect. The State will be claiming all records.

B. Hazardous Materials Events –John Bowe not present

C. Emergency Management Report – Russell J. Bauer

- Russ is currently working with Tamee on an investigation with CFPD
- The Public Information Officer: Working with the Media for public officials scheduled for April 19 had to be cancelled due to low enrollment. We are looking at offering it in September.
- Russ will be attending a three-day Public Information Officer course. This course is one that is needed for his Certified Emergency Management certification.
- Russ and Marcy attended a Family Assistance Center training. This was an excellent training held by NWWiHERC..
- The County Radio Project continues to move forward. It is up and running with the exception of the Cadott and Cornell antennas. The Cornell antennae installation must wait until infrastructure work is complete prior to installation. Agencies that have programmed the radios correctly and are following through with radio updates seem to be satisfied with the progress. John Andersen stated that the reception has been vastly improved. Responders have a tendency to “walk” on other users. Assigning towers would have been beneficial.
- Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds applied for funding to create a Community Safe Room/Shelter. The funds were denied however, WEM has mitigation dollars remaining. There is work being done through WCRP and Chris Straight to apply for these funds. The facility would house 3-400 people. It would not just be for the fair. It would be unlocked any time the notice of severe weather was sounded.
- Upcoming events include the Chippewa Valley Airshow. Chippewa County is responsible for anything inside the airport fence and Eau Claire PD is responsible for anything outside the fence,

Other events include Country Fest in June, the Fair and Rockfest in July. In 2023 Country Jam will be moved to Wheaton and in 2024 farm Progress Days will take place in Chippewa County.

Emergency Management report cont. Russ Bauer

- The City of Stanley had a clean-up day to finalize the debris from the December tornado. It was well attended.
- City of Cornell has a new police chief and fire chief.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS: None

7. COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Angela Weideman reported that the county is currently at low risk regarding COVID. If there is an increase in chronic conditions, or CDC guidance changes, there is still the chance that the county could go back to recommending masking indoors. There has been a good response to the fourth dose of the vaccine. Still waiting on a vaccine for 5 years and under.

Jerry Clark, Extension Office, was absent however Russ briefly discussed that the Avian flu was found in Barron County.

Travis Klukas, Mayo Clinic Health System discussed the HVA findings for Mayo Clinic – Chippewa Valley. Mayo studied three areas as seen below.

- Technological Examples: IT failure, HVAC failure, Electrical failure, Supply Shortage, etc.
- Man Made Examples: Active Shooter, Hazmat Incident, Building Fire, Planned Events, etc.
- Natural Occurring Examples: Tornado, Snow Storm, Pandemic, Ice Storm, Earthquake, etc.

The assessment reviewed five areas weather, infectious disease, utilities, global and cyber. The study found the top three concerns were EF0 or EF1 Tornado (57%) Infectious Disease Outbreak (57%) and Acts/Threats of Violence (48%). This information will be used to create a drill. He distributed a handout graph and chart with the assessment findings. John Andersen called for a motion to accept the HVA from Mayo-Chippewa Valley. Angela Weideman so moved with a second by Russell Bauer. Motion passed.

8. COMMUNICATION:

Next meeting: Approval of required responsibilities. Quorum needed. Next year the required voting will be scheduled for April.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chuck Daly, second by Rick Bowe to adjourn. Motion carried.