

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
REGULAR MEETING: August 22, 2022 1:00 p.m.
Room 005 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	Present	
Eric Goebel	Transportation	Present	
Rick Bowe	Citizen Representative	Present	
vacant	Industry Representative	vacant	
Ron Krueger	Citizen Amateur Radio Representative	Present	
John Bowe	HazMat/Fire Dept. Representative	Present	
Tamee Foldy	Emergency Communications Center Dir.	Absent	
Kristin Kelm (sub)	Public Health Officer	Present	
Travis Klukas	Mayo Clinic Health System	Absent	
George Rohmeyer	County Board Representative	Present	
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 **April 25, 2022**
- C. Upcoming Meeting Dates:
October 24, 2022 1:00 pm Room 005 Courthouse

Motion by John Bowe to approved the consent agenda and next meeting date. Second by Jerry Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report – John Andersen

- Ron Anderson, former member, passed away

B. Hazardous Materials Events –John Bowe

John mentioned a leak and fire in Chippewa Falls near Wissota Green. A propane trailer caught fire as a result of a leak. There was a runoff concern so the nearby manhole was sealed.

Russ Bauer mentioned a spill after Rockfest which involved a semi that was pulling a 12-cart trailer (golf carts). The truck rolled and three carts had minimal spills. It had leaked into the ditch line. The spill was reported to the DNR. Cleanup is ongoing.

The Friday of Rockfest there was a malfunction of the fire alarm system. The foam system was discharging. Unknown if the foam was PFAS. They self-reported to the DNR.

John discussed the pooling statewide of unmanned meters. He discussed using a specific computer in the command vehicle with single personnel that could monitor a square mile.

C. Emergency Management Report – Russell J. Bauer

Russ welcomed newcomers, specifically George Rohmeyer, county board representative. He extended a standing offer to other visitors to attend the meetings.

The fests, fair, fire camp and airport exercise have been completed. Russ reviewed the scenario for the Chippewa County/Eau Claire County airport MCI. 34 souls were on board a simulated aircraft and as a result of an emergency landing some were contaminated with jet fuel. The exercise involved patient care, decontamination and containment.

Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio group participated in the Memorial Day bicycle ride. Ron Krueger discuss the group. They have matured in equipment and flexibility. They are in ownership of a new emergency trailer. Ron would like to bring it to the next meeting to show its' capabilities. The group has also been active in the Birkie and the National Night Out.

Chippewa County Emergency Management will be beginning their work on grants. There is a new regional grant this year focusing on commodities.

Russ commended Jerry Clark and the public health department for their progressive handling of the Avian Flu.

D. FirstNet presentation – Aaron Midthun

Aaron gave a detailed report about First Net and AT&T. As a result of the information in the 9-11 Commission Report, a multiyear contract was awarded to AT & T to develop interoperable capabilities. The focus was to develop a spectrum to separate emergency phone traffic from commercial users. While the best carriers in Wisconsin claim a 80% coverage area, AT & T is required to demonstrate 90% coverage. AT & T has constructed 47 towers with 3 more in the works.

The advantage of the FirstNet system is that there is no commercial traffic. All personnel who are deemed critical to the operation of an emergency incident are eligible, including LEPC members. The members are uplifted to a higher level. Three years ago there were 9,000 users. Today that number has jumped to 40,000. They also have a satellite Colt that is a deployable asset to special events.

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E. Ron Krueger, Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio

Besides his previous report, Ron mentioned that the group meets the first Tuesday of the month in Room 001 or 003 at the courthouse at 7 pm.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Annual Business Items as listed below– Russ Bauer

1. Chippewa Falls Fire/Emergency Services HazMat Response Billing Structure
Motion by Rick Bowe, second by Jerry Clark to approve. Motion carried.
2. Process for reviewing HazMat billing
Motion by John Andersen, second by Russ Bauer to approve. Motion carried.
3. LEPC Membership List
Motion to Jerry Clark, second by Eric Goebel to approve. Motion carried.
4. Identify the Compliance Inspector for overseeing HazMat processes
Motion by John Bowe, second by Russ Bauer to name John Andersen as the Compliance Inspector. Motion carried.
5. LEPC Bylaws
Motion by Jerry Clark , second by Rick Bowe to approve. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jerry Clark, second by Eric Goebel to adjourn. Motion carried at 2:46 pm.