

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
REGULAR MEETING: December 16, 2024 – 1:00PM
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	Present
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	Absent
Jerry Clark	UW Extension	Absent
Travis Klukas	Mayo Clinic Health Systems	Absent
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; Justin Dachel, CHS; Joe Jansky , CHS; Chad Schara, CFFES Alternate.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD:

No one

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Motion by Rick Bowe to approve the consent agenda with second by Brian Flynn. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

A. Chairman Report – John Andersen:

No report due to numerous items on the agenda.

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

No report

C. Emergency Management Report – Marcy Trubshaw

- Marcy brought up the current status of EMS in Chippewa County. Discussed a meeting that will be held for all EMS stakeholders on January 8 at the Cadott High School auditorium. This meeting will be a stakeholder discussion. A survey was distributed by Garret Zastopuiol from the UW Extension office. He has been conducting the research on the status of EMS in Chippewa County. James Small, Rural EMS Manager for the Office of Rural Health has also been very active in the discussions and meetings. James will discuss options that are being used by other Wisconsin counties.

John Andersen noted that the county currently has the ability to raise the levy to help the municipalities with EMS concerns. He also mentioned that Aspirus is potentially coming to the Chippewa area and they may have an ambulance service.

- Marcy discussed the local municipality's Emergency Management Director that will work with Chippewa County if a disaster arises. All municipalities have appointed a director. The next step is to create a local Emergency Operations Plan. Seven municipalities have already submitted a plan. Emergency Management is working with them to complete their plans.
- Marcy mentioned the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office app. Discussed the options on the app and the alerting capabilities. Some members already had the app.

D. Community Partner Reports:

Chip Eckhardt report out:

- Attended a MCI class in Menomonie. Hands on table top. Excellent class.
- Commended dispatch for their good work. Siren test very successful this month.
- Working on providing two repeaters to EMS in St. Croix County

- Suggested a possible open house for Dispatch to recruit. Dispatch currently does job shadowing for candidates interested in the telecommunicator position.

Brian Flynn – County Board

- Working on budget
- The EMS issues were brought to the County Board

Brittnay Fortuna – Public Health

- Discussed the public health vending machines. Received a \$50,000 grant. Machines will supply items such as Narcan, test strips, gun locks, hygiene supplies and pregnancy tests.
- Discussed the new Sharps kiosks, working with Chippewa County Highway to install.
- Continued work on the Public Health Emergency Response Plan

John Ferguson – Interim Emergency Management Director

- John discussed radios and the history of the communication in Chippewa County.
- At first he was told by Racom IFERN was now working. Unfortunately, at the end of the meeting he was told IFERN was not working.

Max Schroeder - Industry Rep: TTM Technologies

- Max stated that TTM is working with Nate Martell, CFFES, on plans

Travis Klukas – Mayo Chippewa Valley

- Mayo held a full scale active shooter exercise at the Chippewa Falls Clinic
- Thursday they will be holding a drill with the Bloomer Hospital
- Goal is to create strong relationships with police/sheriff's office

BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Countywide Hazardous Materials Plan – Spill reports – Marcy Trubshaw

- Marcy reviewed the spill reports from 2024. They are included in the Strategic Plan. A handout was given. Reported spills did not present a danger to the public and the majority included gasoline, diesel, manure and wastewater.

Motion by Chip Eckardt with a second by Brian Flynn to accept the spill reports.
Motion carried.

- Marcy reviewed the Haz Mat Strategic Plan. This document is a joint effort between Chippewa County Emergency Management and the county Type III team, Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services (CFFES). The document was sent to all members for review in the agenda packet. Chad Schara, Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services pointed out that the number of hazardous materials

members was currently 19 rather than 22. The change will be noted. CFFES is planning on several new hires which may impact that number.

Motion by Jerry Clark with a second by Rick Bowe to accept the County Wide Hazardous Materials Strategic Plan. Motion carried.

- IPPW: The LEPC, as in the past, served as the sounding board and this meeting served as the IPPW.

Marcy reviewed the Integrated Preparedness Plan. A handout was distributed that showed the 2024 plan highlights and accomplishments. It also discussed the upcoming goals for 2025. The three preparedness priorities remained the same being EOC, Mass Care and Volunteer Management. Large Scale disasters which had been a priority has been incorporated into the other three priorities.

Tyler Thibodeaux created an EOC call list for our IPP and for our EMPG grant. It is an extensive spreadsheet which has a master list that is then divided into specific areas such as state resources, local official resources, response agencies, etc. A handout was passed around.

Motion by Chip Eckardt with a second by Max Schroeder to approve the IPP for 2025 through 2027. Motion carried.

- Marcy discussed the year end closeouts for the Computer and Haz Mat Equipment grant (due December 31), the Emergency Management Planning Grant (work completed in 2024 and grant paperwork due January 31), and the EPCRA Grant (work completed in 2024 and grant paperwork due January 31). We are on schedule. Emergency Management used a portion of the Computer Haz Mat grant to purchase a laptop and data collector for our office. The remainder went to the Type III team.
- Chip Eckardt asked Marcy where the money saved during Tyler Thibodeaux's deployment is going. Marcy did not know and asked Brian Flynn if he would research.

Motion by Brittnay Fortuna with a second by Travis Klukas to adjourn. Motion carried.