

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Brian Gehrig, Tom Emond, Alex Hegeman, Jason Goeldner, Dan Hess, Michael Dassler, Jeff Paddock, Brian Tonnancour, Rebecca Wold, Jake Simkins and Dawn Robinson, Program Assistant.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Duff Damos and Rob Swearingen.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Andy Faust (North Central WI Regional Planning Commission), Mary Langosch (Ahlstrom) and Steven Schreier (Public Safety Committee Chairperson).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gehrig called the meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order in the Community Room at the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center at 1:00 p.m. Chairperson Gehrig noted the meeting notice had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions conducted.

**APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:** To approve the Agenda (Emond/Simkins, PASSED).

**MOTION:** To approve the November 2, 2022 LEPC Committee Meeting Minutes (Emond/Tonnancour, PASSED).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN/RECOMMEND TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Faust provided members with an updated draft plan and explained there were a few changes in Chapter 1 (LEPC Members) and in Chapter 2 (Employers). Faust recommended forwarding plan onto the Public Safety Committee's February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, anticipating the plan will be forwarded onto the County Board on February 21, 2023. If the County Board adopts the plan, Faust will contact the City of Rhinelander for adoption of the county plan or, the City can develop their own plan.

**MOTION:** To forward the All Hazards Mitigation Plan to the Public Safety Committee (Hess/Simkins, PASSED).

**RESIGNATION/APPOINTMENT OF LEPC COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)**

Wold accepted a new position in the Public Health Department and recommended appointing Robbie Deede/Public Health Preparedness Coordinator (representing Health) to the LEPC Committee, position Wold held and previous position Deede held.

MOTION: To replace Rebecca Wold and approve appointment of Robbie Deede to the LEPC Committee representing Health (Hess/Emond, PASSED).

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CHAIRPERSON)**

Gehrig is interested.

Call for nominations. Gehrig was nominated, no other nominations were stated.

MOTION: To close nominations (Hess/Tonnancour, PASSED).

MOTION: To approve election of Brian Gehrig as the LEPC Chairperson (Hess/Tonnancour, PASSED).

**HAZMAT TEAM REPORT**

The Team was called to Lincoln County for a diesel spill and was cancelled while enroute. Brief discussion on response.

The Team held a business meeting last night.

**HAZMAT MEMBER STATUS**

Received three applications from new employees of the Rhinelander Fire Department.

*Appointment HazMat Chief*

The Captain of Emergency Services mentioned this is a two-year term and stated he spoke with the Tom Waydick who is interested.

MOTION: To approve appointment of Tom Waydick as the HazMat Chief for a two-year term (Emond/Tonnancour, PASSED).

*New Members*

None.

*Probationary Members*

None.

*Probationary Completion*

None.

*Resignation of Members*

None.

**ITEMS FOR AND REPORT FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES**

*LEPC Compliance Inspector*

The Captain of Emergency Services recommended designating the State/WI Emergency Management as the LEPC Compliance Inspector.

MOTION: to appoint the State/WI Emergency Management as the LEPC Compliance Inspector (Simkins/Goeldner, PASSED).

*LEPC Bylaws*

No changes.

MOTION: To approve the current LEPC Bylaws (Emond/Gehrig, PASSED).

*Review and Approval of County Wide Hazardous Materials Plan-Strategic Plan*

The Captain of Emergency Services indicated the plan is transitioning to the state template.

MOTION: To approve the County Wide Hazardous Materials Plan-Strategic Plan (Simkins/Emond, PASSED).

*Review and Approval of Offsite Response Plans*

The Captain of Emergency Services indicated there are two new planning facilities reporting sulfuric acid. Facilities information and overview were provided. A list of Planning Facilities was available.

MOTION: To approve Offsite Response Plans for 2023 (Simkins/Tonnancour, PASSED).

*HazMat Incident Billing Policy and Procedure*

No changes and there were no incidents requiring billing.

**WI Association of Hazardous Materials Responders Conference (WAHMR)**

March 1-2, 2023 in Stevens Point, can send two hazmat members.

**STATE HAZMAT TEAM CONTRACT**

State contract as a Type II Team ends in June and would require signing a new contract for the next two-years.

**COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM CONTRACTS**

Contracts with Lincoln, Langlade, Vilas and Forest Counties remain the same, no changes.

**2023 COMPUTER HAZMAT RESPONSE EQUIPMENT GRANTS (CHREG)**

Annual grant for HazMat Team to receive equipment.

MOTION: To authorize the Captain of Emergency Services to apply for and accept the 2023 Computer HazMat Response Equipment Grant (Hess/Goeldner, PASSED).

**ITEMS FOR AND REPORT FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL**

None.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF BILLING FOR SPILLS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

List as needed.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The Captain of Emergency Services mentioned the January meeting is an annual meeting and mentioned last year there were more meetings scheduled due to updating the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. If a need arises to have another meeting, the Committee will be contacted. The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

The Regional Hazmat Transportation Tabletop Exercise, scheduled for January 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. was mentioned.

**ADJOURN**

**1:22 p.m.** MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Simkins/Tonnancour, PASSED).

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Brian Gehrig  
Chairperson

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Dawn Robinson  
Program Assistant

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Jason Goeldner  
Vice-Chairperson