

Chippewa County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

The Chippewa County Local Emergency Planning Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Attendance

The following committee members were in attendance at the at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault in the Library Room, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783.

Kelly Church, Administrator of Chippewa County
Greg Postma, Chippewa County EM/911 Director
Charlotte Landreville, Lead Environmental Program Technician, BMIC
Karen Senkus, Chippewa County Health Department
James Snyder, United States Coast Guard
Austin Conway, MyMichigan Medical Center Sault
Brian Lavey, Cloverland Electric Company

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Chair, Austin Conway

Introductions

Members and participants introduced themselves to all.

Public Comment

None

Action Items:

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Karen Senkus, supported by Brian Lavey to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried on a unanimous vote.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Karen Senkus, supported by Brian Lavey to approve the minutes from 4-22-25 meeting. **Motion Carried** on a unanimous vote.

Informational Items

1. Review of Tier II Sites –

- a. Big bear – Not much progress there. EM position moved on. Still trying to find staff for this position. Will speak with Chief Miller about this site.
- b. Progress on Large Fuel Storage Sites – Gave committee the list of sites that plans have been started for. Not required for 302 reports. Will continue to work on those plans.

2. US Coast Guard Trailer-

- a. Vehicle inspection still pending but will schedule a hard date for inspection. Will contact Lt. Snyder.

3. 2024-25 HMEP Grant-

- a. Grant approved from the federal government for \$46,000.00 with a 25% match. Match will be in-kind hours for my time into the project. Will bring to County Board for approval.

4. MV Oberstar Vessel – Hay Lake Operation.

- a. Discussed the process and how it led to the success of the operation. Briefed the team.

5. EV Incidents and Blanket Update

- a. Discussed the dangers associated with EV fires and EV blankets. Tempered the idea of pulling the blanket policy all together. Discussion regarding grants for lithium battery disposal and drop sites. EV charging stations now being put at Admiral Gas Station and talk of EV charging stations for boats at Carbide Dock.

Committee Member Comments

Austin Conway – Discussion on the BitCoin operations in Dafter. Haybales placed to quite the noise.

Announcements

Next Meeting October 22nd, 2025 @ 1000.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1035

Minutes by Greg Postma