

Chippewa County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

The Chippewa County Local Emergency Planning Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Attendance

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

Greg Postma, Chippewa County EM/911 Director
Jesse Wesolek, Biologist, Bay Mills Indian Community
Nick Gordon, Environmental Scientist, Sault Tribe
Austin Conway, MyMichigan Medical Center Sault
Tom Asmus, EGLE
Ashley Miller, EGLE
Steve Carey, CCHD EPC
Justin Fruchey, Chippewa County Sheriff's Office
Ed Miller, Sault Ste Marie Fire Department
Ryan Berkompas, Rudyard Fire Department/USACE
Wes Bierling, SSMPD
Sara Ostwald, CCCD

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by Chair, Austin Conway

Introductions

Members and participants introduced themselves to all.

Public Comment

None

Action Items:

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Ed Miller, supported by Jes Wesolek to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried on a unanimous vote.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Ed Miller, supported by Justin Furchey to approve the minutes from 10-22-25 meeting. **Motion Carried** on a unanimous vote.

3. Elect Board Members – Wes Bierling, made a motion to nominate all three position to remain the same. Ed Millers supported. There were no other nominations. On a

a vote the positions remained the same. Austin Conway – Chair, Steve Carey – Vicechair, Greg Postma – Secretary.

Informational Items

1. Review of Tier II Sites –

- a. Big bear – Nearly Complete, waiting on some additional information.
- b. Progress on Large Fuel Storage Sites – Will continue to work on those plans.
- c. USACE New Reporter. - Will begin working on this plan
- d. Port of Entry USBP – Will begin working on this plan.

2. SARA Title III Training. - Completed

3. US Coast Guard Trailer. – Tabled until the snow is gone.

4. ICS Training 300/400 - Updates given.

5. Water Spill Exercises.

- a. 3 to be exercised. One in City, one in Detour and one in Paradise.

6. EGLE/PEAS Presentation - EGLE representatives gave a presentation on PEAS and response resources and responsibilities.

Committee Member Comments

Ed Miller – Discussed the need for some exercises in the city and county.

Steve Carey – Announced that planning for R&R 2026 is underway.

Greg Postma – Notice that HMP has begun and to be on the look out for requests for assistance as from Postma as well as from EUPRPD. Reminder that the OES millage will be put up for renewal this year. Affects fire departments, training funds, and some communication fund.

Announcements

Next Meeting April 22nd, 2026 @ 1000.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1158

Minutes by Greg Postma