

Chippewa County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

The Chippewa County Local Emergency Planning Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2025 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.

Kelly Church, Administrator of Chippewa County
Greg Postma, Chippewa County EM/911 Director
Dan Rosenbohm, EMS MMMCS
Jesse Wesolek, Biologist, Bay Mills Indian Community
Nick Gordon, Environmental Scientist, Sault Tribe
Austin Conway, MyMichigan Medical Center Sault
Brian Lavey, Cloverland Electric Company
Ashley Miller, EGLE
Steve Carey, CCHD EPC
Justin Fruchey, Chippewa County Sheriff's Office
Ed Miller, Sault Ste Marie Fire Department

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chair, Austin Conway

Introductions

Members and participants introduced themselves to all.

Public Comment

None

Action Items:

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
Moved by Steve Carey, supported by Ed Miller to approve the agenda.
Motion Carried on a unanimous vote.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
Moved by Ed Miller, supported by Dan Rosebohm to approve the minutes from 7-22-25 meeting. **Motion Carried** on a unanimous vote.
- 3. Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule** – A copy was sent to all members. Pending no issues, the Meeting Schedule will be posted in month of November 2025 on the county website.

Informational Items

1. Review of Tier II Sites –

- a. Big bear – Will forward a copy of the Pullar's Plan to Nick Gordon from Sault Tribe to have him assist with putting a new plan together for the Big Bear Ice Arena
- b. Progress on Large Fuel Storage Sites – Will continue to work on those plans.
- c. Begin Working on Site Plan for Sanderson Airport – Aviation Fuel

2. US Coast Guard Trailer-

- a. Site Visit was complete. Discussion on location to store it and transfer process. Governmental Shut down is holding this up.

3. DoD Notice Regarding Explosive Dump Sites – 4 Plans presented to the board. 3 in Kincheloe and 1 in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

4. 2024-25 HMEP Grant-

- a. County Board Approved - Planning will begin in November.

5. Hazardous Waste Incident Whitefish Township -

- a. Discussed the hazardous material incident and what steps could be improved and was a better understanding of who has responsibility for what. Discussed a TTX with Cloverland and Coast Guard in future.

6. Waika River Incident

- a. Discussed the oil sheen at the private boat launch on 7 Mile Road.

7. HMEP Reimbursement Submitted – Advised board that the reimbursement for plans was submitted and approved by the State for \$830.00.

Committee Member Comments

Ed Miller – Discussed the recent brown-out at LSSU and the response to it. Also discussed ICS training.

Austin Conway – Decon process discussed.

Brian Lavey – Discussion of spill responsibilities and capabilities. TTX Exercise requested.

Greg Postma – Request for EGLE to present on PEAS and Mackinac County Spill.

Nick Gordon – He and Robyn Boushour will be the contacts for Sault Tribe for anything Hazmat/LEPC related going forward. Will share Pullar Plan with them for the Big Bear. Nick indicated that have several CFlex bags for floating submerged items if needed.

Announcements

Next Meeting January 22nd, 2026 @ 1000.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1106

Minutes by Greg Postma