



Sawyer County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)

04/16/2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held at Enbridge in Stone Lake, WI

Members Present: Mike Herrmann, City of Hayward Fire; Marshal Savitski, City of Hayward Police Department; Mark Lundeen, LCO Emergency Management; Joyce Knowlton, Sawyer County Public Health; Jason Weaver, LCO Emergency Management; Mark Manning, Tamarack Health; Marc Helwig, Sawyer County Board; Brody Fischer, Wisconsin DNR; Kerri Sabin, Namekagon Transit; Cory Sulley, LP Hayward; Julie McCallum, Sawyer County Public Health; Zac Dzikowski, Enbridge; Sean Gallegher, Enbridge; Brian Cockerham, WEM; Mike Schmidt, RLFD/SPFD; Nick Compton, Enbridge; Kyle Kinsley, Enbridge; Nicole Ripczinski, Sawyer County Sheriff/Emergency Management; Darin Jensen, Sawyer County Sheriff's Office

Meeting Called to Order: 9:38 am by Mike Herrmann

- Introduction & Sign-In Sheet

Approval of Agenda & Minutes: 9:38 am

- Agenda change requested by Nicole Ripczinski to remove the BRIC Grant/Hazard Mitigation due to federal changes. Add hazardous material / explosive storage. Agenda change approval and motion by Mark Manning, seconded by Marc Helwig
- Minutes approval motioned by Marc Helwig, seconded by Julie McCallum

BRIC Grant Follow-Up

- Removed from agenda.

Hazardous Material Storage

- Conversation regarding an e-mail received by Administrator Albarado as it pertains to storage containers containing hazardous material that had been requested to be stored at the former Thompson Sand and Gravel Pit off of USH 63.
- Property owner is Hayward Demo LLC
- Recently approved by the city council – will contain fireworks and explosives
- Mark Manning asked about how many pounds of explosives, how far it will be set back from USH 63, gated road access, blast radius, vented or grounded units, and public access
- Going through the approval process at this time.

- Mike Herrmann – need to know what fire and HazMat are responding to.
- 8 containers on site.

Follow-Up:

- IMT Follow-Up
 - o DNR just had IMT training
 - o County IMT – no update
- CHEMPACK
 - o Moved to October's agenda
- Birke
 - o Mike Schmidt was invited to the AAR for EMS with Les Luder
 - Accidents are more apt to happen when it's cold, at the beginning of the race.
 - Two serious injuries – one came through Sawyer and one through Bayfield
 - Bib numbers weren't requested from dispatch for the racers down.
 - Once they have bib numbers, it would make it easier to track them down.
 - In the information packet to spectators, don't drive on the snowmobile trails or the backroads/fire lanes.
 - o Mark Manning – a lot less, Birke Medical ski patrol made it more difficult

Report Outs:

- Skywarn Spotter Training on April 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Sawyer County Courthouse in the assembly room.
- Mike Herrmann
 - o Powerline Safety Training in Spooner, April 24, 2025, at Barron Electric. Jump River hosted a few weeks prior. Price Electric in Phillips is coming up in a few weeks.
- Mark Manning - Tamarack Health:
 - o The Trauma Program is going to be doing a Rural Trauma Team Development Course on May 14, for positions and nurses, EMS and focusing on pre-hospital and hospital working together in trauma situations.
 - o Active Shooter Drill set for May.
- Jason Weaver & Darin Jensen
 - o Tribal Offices planning for maybe September
- Darin Jensen
 - o Community Alice Class in Winter on Thursday April 18, 2025 for citizens in the High School Auditorium
- Mark Lundeen – Wesleyan Church Alice Training on April 28, and Active Shooter drill in September.
- Julie McCallum – CHA published and posted on the Tamarack Heath and Sawyer County websites.

Agenda Items:

- CHEMPACK for October
- IMT
- Follow-up for Hazardous Material Site

Next Meeting: July 16, 2025 @ 9:30 am – Namekagon Transit

Adjournment: Adjourned at 10:19 for regular meeting – tour of Enbridge facility followed the regular meeting.

Minutes Taken By: Nicole Ripczinski

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