



**Midland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**
c/o Midland County Emergency Management Office
2727 Rodd Street
Midland, MI 48640
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MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING

February 05, 2026

1:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joelle Jacobs, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Jenifer Boyer, Midland County Emergency Management
Lt. Chris Wenzell, Chief, City of Midland Police
Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners
Trish Thayer-Knivila, MyMichigan Medical Center EMS
Lisa Hall, Director, Midland County Central Dispatch
Art Buck, Superintendent, Midland County Road Commission
Suzette Loeffler, Dupont
Kara Stark, Midland Public Schools
John Searles, Midland ESA
Katie Romo, Midland County Public Health
Harry White, Trinseo
Ember St. Amour, Midland Daily News
Shannon Guilbeaux, Captain, Midland County Sheriff
Steve Stoddard, Environmental Director, Midland County Public Health
Brad Blanchard, Roquette

MEMBERS ABSENT

Austin Conway
Jacob Kain, Assistant City Manager
Jake Cole, Jerome Township Fire Chief, Midland Fire Chief's Association Representative
Carl Doud, Midland County Mosquito Control
Angela Sweebe-Ware, Midland County 911
Shawn Hale, Superintendent, Bullock Creek Schools
John Clayton, MyMichigan EMS
Scott Malusi, State of Michigan EGLE
Beth Strong, Roquette
Jeff Gray, Community Member at Large
Scott Holzinger, Midland County Sheriff
Kevin McCartney, Dupont
Bob Budnik, Trinseo
Brian Solomon, Corteva
Bob Rhode, Corteva
Steve Stoddard, Environmental Director, Midland County Public Health
Corbin Berent, Hemlock Semi-Conductor
Ryan Gwizdala, Dow Chemical
Ryan Martin, Dow Chemical
Brian Brutin, Midland Public Schools
Jai Mahabir, Deputy Chief, City of Midland Police
Ryan Cobberly, Sunbelt Rentals
Ann Marie Walters, Quala Wash

Brett Kauser, Quala Wash
Jacob Purcilly, Director of Security, MyMichigan Medical Center
Josh Mosher, Chief, Midland Fire Department
Mark Laux, Region 3 Rescue Response Team
Richard Ward, Coleman Police Chief
Eric Wilber, Lieutenant, Michigan State Police Tri-City Post
Wayne Wadsworth, Airgas
Peter Swartz, Water Superintendent, City of Midland
Jared Discoll, City of Midland Water Reclamation
Carly Owens, XALT
Karen Murphy, Midland Public Services
Eric Cozat, City of Coleman Public Works
Chief Nicole Ford, Midland Police Department

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Roger Bebeau
Kevin Bettendorf
Mellisa Powers-Taylor, USEPA
Taylor Brubaker, USEPA
Larry Schuelke, Midland County Board of Commission

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Jenifier Boyer. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Katie Romo moved that November 06, 2025 minutes be approved as presented. John Searles supported the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion Passed

Approval of Agenda

No changes to agenda February 05, 2026. Katie Romo moved, John Searles supported the motion, Agenda approved.

Public Comment – none.

Presentation:

- a. EPA- East Palestine Ohio and Teams EOC presentation- EPA presented on how they utilized Teams for their incident that included a 50-railcar derailment. They used Teams to connect with several of their virtual connections. Utilizing pre-established channels and dashboards to share files, visual aids, and information. This was especially helpful for PIOs and partners to use a centralized location to share the same message.

New Business:

Old Business

- a. Bylaws approval
 - a. Katie Romo moved to approve the Bylaws. John Searles supported the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The LEPC Bylaws were approved.
- b. Community Members at Large Approval
 - a. Jenifier Boyer moved to approve the 3 community members at large Roger Bebeau, Kevin Bettendorf, Keith Matthews. Katie Romo supported the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Community Members at Large approved.

c. Elections

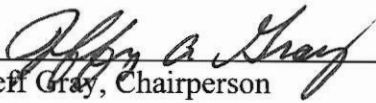
- a. Chair- Katie Romo motioned for Jeff Gray as Chair, Jessica Snyder supported the motion. All were in favor, motion approved
- b. Vice Chair- Shannon Guilbeaux motioned for Roger Bebeau as Vice Chair, John Searles supported the motion. All were in favor, motion approved.
- c. Community Emergency Manager- Shannon Guilbeaux motioned for Jenifier Boyer as Community EM, Katie Romo supported the motion. All were in favor, motion approved.

Round Table/Announcements

Jenifier Boyer-Small oil clean up with Miller Energy today in Porter Township. Midland Township getting a battery storage facility. FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan.

Next Meeting

At 1:15 pm on May 14th, 2026, at the Midland Law Enforcement Center.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.



Jeff Gray, Chairperson