



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 8, 2024

1:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Gray, Community Member at Large
Shawn Hale, Bullock Creek Schools
Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners
Lisa Hall, Director, Midland County Central Dispatch
Jeniffer Boyer, Emergency Management Coordinator
Roger Bebeau, Battalion Chief, City of Midland Fire
Jake Cole, Jerome Township Fire Chief, Midland Fire Chief's Association Representative
Katie Romo, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Midland County Public Health
Josh McMillan, Deputy Chief, City of Midland Police
Travis Toth, Lieutenant, City of Midland Police
Myron Greene, Midland County Sheriff
James Henry, Environmental Director, Midland County Public Health
Brian Solomon, Corteva
David Tippman, DuPont
Brad Blanchard, IFF
Harry White, Trinseo
Art Buck, Superintendent, Midland County Road Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Ripke, Community Member at Large
Penny Miller-Nelson, Midland Public Schools
John Searles, Midland Education Services Agency
Carol Stone, Assistant City Manager, City of Midland
Trish Thayer-Knivila, MyMichigan Medical Center EMS
Jacob Purcilly, Director of Security, MyMichigan Medical Center
Mark Laux, Region 3 Rescue Response Team
Richard Ward, Coleman Police Chief
James Lang, Lieutenant, Michigan State Police Tri-City Post
Loren Curtis, State of Michigan EGLE
Carl Doud, Director, Midland County Mosquito Control
Peter Swartz, Water Superintendent, City of Midland
Wayne Wadsworth, Airgas
Kevin Musser, Cabot
Shawonda Brockington, ES&S Operations, Dow
Corbin Berent, Hemlock Semi-Conductor
Jared Discoll, City of Midland Water Reclamation
Carly Owens, XALT
Karen Murphy, Midland Public Services
Eric Cozat, City of Coleman Public Works

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Charles Barker, Lieutenant, Michigan State Police, EMHSD
Otis Hart, DHS-CSI
James Harkness, DHS-CISA

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Roger Bebeau moved that November 2, 2023 minutes be approved as presented. Katie Romo supported the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion Passed

Public Comment – none.

Presentations: Corteva

Brian Solomon presented on Corteva's spill prevention and response programs. Their product and research focus is the agro science field, they own Pioneer.

Elections of Officers:

Nominations for Officers was requested. Jenifier Boyer nominated Jeff Gray as Chairperson. Jeff Gray nominated Dick Ripke as Vice Chair. Jim Henry nominated Jenifier Boyer as Community Emergency Manager. **Roger Bebeau moved to approved nominations presented. Katie Romo supported the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion Passed**

Executive Board Report:

- The Dow Silicones plan is still outstanding and an update Qula Wash.

Letter of Request to Michigan Citizen Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council

(MCCERCC): The State responded with a recommendation of record retention schedule, however the response does not actually set a record retention schedule as needed by the State through the proper process. Additional follow up will be done.

Round Table/Announcements

Jeff Gray shared that he recently learned that the Coast Guard Post in Bay City will go to an 8-5 operations schedule and all incident response outside those hours will come from the Tawas Post. There is also a company that is looking to partner with Bay County by providing enhanced Doppler Radar to the area.

Roger Bebeau shared a recent odor issue due to a release of a natural gas additive, mercaptan, by Riverside Energy last month.

Jenifier Boyer reported the Midland County Hazard Mitigation Plan is in final draft and has been posted for review and public comment. The MCCERCC has established a Hazard Mitigation Committee which Jenifier hopes to participate on. The annual pipeline safety dinner is coming February 27th. The Emergency Management Office's new Deputy started on January 8th and doing great. Upcoming community exercises include extensive power outages and cyber attach to meet new State planning requirements.

Next Meeting

At 1:15 pm on May 2, 2024 at the Midland Law Enforcement Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.



Jeff Gray, Chairperson