

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

The Alpena County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Director of EM and E911 Services	Kim Elkie
	Deputy Director of EM and E911 Services	Al Rapson
	NE Mich Medical Control	Nick Harrison
	Alpena City Fire Department	Rob Edmonds
	Alpena County Sheriff	Erik Smith
	Michigan State Police	John Grimshaw
	MyMichigan Medical Center	Austin Conway (zoom)
	Alpena Public Schools	Lee Fitzpatrick
	City of Alpena Elected Official	Mike Nowak
	Alpena County 911 Lead Dispatcher	Rory Sherwood
	Private Citizen at Large	Edna Sorensen
	Alpena City Police	Eric Hamp
	Alpena County Road Commission	Ryan Brege
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Chair-Alpena County Commissioner	Burt Francisco (excused)
	Public Health Representative, District 4	Nic Modrzynski
	Alpena County Fire Representative	Hanna Trelfa
OTHERS PRESENT:	County Board Assistant	Kim MacArthur
	Combat Readiness Training Center	CMSgt Bob Sutton

Emergency Manager/E911 Director Kim Elkie called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by John Grimshaw and supported by Erik Smith. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion was made by Erik Smith with support by Nick Harrison to approve the minutes from the LEPC held July 19, 2023. Motion carried.

Director Elkie reported all three Off-Site Response Plans were submitted to the State for review. The DPI response plan received a \$300 reimbursement; the Besser response plan received \$50, and the Frontier plan received \$50.

Discussion was made on 2024 meeting dates. Per guidelines, Chair Francisco will become the Vice Chair in 2024 and Commissioner Robin Lalonde will be the Chair. Commissioner Lalonde was not available for the meeting, and all agreed that her input was necessary before choosing meeting dates. Director Elkie will send out an email poll with dates for the first meeting of 2024.

Discussion was made on LEPC bylaws. Motion was made by Rory Sherwood and supported by John Grimshaw to table discussion pending further review from Commissioner Lalonde. Motion carried.


OTHER DISCUSSION: At October's Courts & Public Safety Committee meeting discussion was made on replacing radios for the Sheriff's Office. At that meeting Chair Francisco asked for more discussion to be held at the next LEPC meeting. The sheriff gave the committee an update that the current radios are becoming obsolete and will no longer be able to be serviced. Discussion was made as to what other agencies are using.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for January 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room. Date yet to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.



Burt Francisco, Chairman



Kim Elkie, Director of Emergency Management and E911 Services

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