

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

June 30, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

The Alpena County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIR – Alpena County Board of Commissioners Robert Adrian
Director of Emergency Management and E911 Services Kim Elkie
Alpena County 911 Training Officer Rory Sherwood
Public Health Representative, District 4 Nic Modrynski
Alpena County Sheriff Erik Smith
Director, Alpena County Road Commission Ryan Brege
City of Alpena Elected Official Representative Mike Nowak
NE Mich Medical Control Representative Nick Harrison
MSP Alpena Post Commander John Grimshaw
Alpena County Fire Representative Hanna Trelfa
Coordinator EMHSD, MSP District 7 Lt. Michael deCastro

MEMBERS ABSENT: Superintendent, Alpena Public Schools David Rabbideau
Chief, Alpena City Fire Department Bill Forbush
MidMichigan Medical Center Representative Paige Armstrong
Chief, Alpena City Police Joel Jett

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim MacArthur, Board Assistant

Commissioner Chairman Adrian called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from July 14, 2021 meeting was made by Erik Smith with support by Rory Sherwood. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Adrian asked Kim Elkie to update the Committee on the purpose of the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Kim reviewed the purpose of the committee, which is oversight of all SARA Title III sites (meeting a quantity threshold of chemical(s) in inventory) in the County. She reported there are three sites to monitor: Alpena Biorefinery (closed but chemicals remain on site), Besser Company (quench oil), and the Frontier Communications building (batteries). The Hazard Mitigation Plan was last updated in 2021 and is good for 5 years.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Rory Sherwood and supported by Erik Smith. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Kim updated the Committee that she is compiling the mitigation strategies and priorities from the Hazard Mitigation Plan into a spreadsheet to bring to the committee for review and planning purposes.

INFORMATION ITEM: Coordinator EMHSD, MPS District 7 Lt. Michael deCastro informed the committee that plans need to be approved by FEMA in order to apply for grants and discussed plans for other regions around the state. Alpena County was notified of FEMA's approval of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan on January 7, 2022.

INFORMATION ITEM: Kim updated the Committee on interviews being held this afternoon to hire a part-time Assistant Director for the 911 Office/Emergency Manager. One of the tasks planned for the Assistant Director is to review and assist with planning the mitigation strategies from the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

INFORMATION ITEM: Discussion was made regarding the requirement for three additional LEPC meetings this year. Kim discussed having meetings in August, October, and December.

INFORMATION ITEM: Discussion was made that the EM's job is incredibly difficult and they need a good support system. The recent tornado in Gaylord was discussed and when an emergency happens there is complete chaos. Kim informed the Committee that she has spoken with Otsego's Emergency Manager, Jon Deming, and they have plans to meet and have discussion.

INFORMATION ITEM: Discussion was made on tentative 2022 meeting dates. The Committee will meet August 11, 2022; October 13, 2022; and December 8, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Nowak with support by Rory Sherwood. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Robert Adrian, Chairman

Kim Elkie, Director of Emergency
Management and E911 Services

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