

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) MINUTES

Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department
West Conference Room
525 N 6th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

February 27, 2026

Called to Order 8:00 A.M.

Adjourned 9:40 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Hass, Aurora Medical Center; Matt Kroeplien, Glacier Transit; Chuck Butler, Sheboygan County HazMat; Allison Butler-Walsh for Star Grossman, Sheboygan County Public Health; Peter Madden, Member at Large; Steve Steinhardt, Emergency Management; Phillip Ditter, Plastics Engineering; Dean Dolence, American Red Cross; Jenifer Vorpapel, Public Health (PIO); Jeff Salzman, City of Sheboygan FD

ALSO PRESENT: Matthew Spence, Sheriff; Tony Biddle, Vollath; and Collin Hendrickson, US EPA

MEMBERS ABSENT: Katrina Gilbank, ACTUS Nutrition; Travis Feaker, Millipore Sigma; Charlette Nennig, County Board; Jason Liermann, Cascade Police Dept; Dan Althaus, Orange Cross Ambulance and Joe Sheehan, State Elected Official

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chuck Butler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WISCONSIN OPEN MEETING LAW

Steve Steinhardt stated that the meeting agenda had been posted with the County Clerk's Office on February 11th, 2026, at 12:15 p.m. and that the requirements of Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 14th, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Peter Madden, seconded by Tom Hass, to approve the Minutes from the November 14th, 2025 Committee Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

.HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE

Steve and Chuck Butler updated the committee on adapting to the move to our new location. We also reviewed recent training opportunities for the team. Four members of the HazMat Team will be attending the State HazMat Conference next week.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Jennifer gave updates covering staffing levels, a community survey, and the plans being made for a measles outbreak.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE AND HAZARD VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

Steve updated the committee on the Sheboygan County Planning assisting on the update to the Sheboygan County Hazard Mitigation Plan. It came to light that the City of Sheboygan has the potential to receive significant funding for a storm water project. Aaron Brault, Planning Director, explained the steps his department has taken to date. Steve reviewed our past hazard vulnerability assessment and requested input from the LEPC. In approximately 1 month, Steve and Allison will be sending out a HVA for the LEPC to participate in filling out.

UPDATE ON FEDERAL FUNDING

Steve updated the LEPC on the 2025 EMPG award that has been approved since the lawsuit that was pending last time we met. Homeland Security funding for 2026 is currently unknown and the agency is currently shut down except for essential functions due to a lack of congressional funding.

PRESENTATION ON THE EPA'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE BRANCH - COLLIN HENDRICKSON, FEDERAL ON-SCENE COORDINATOR

Collin Hendrickson gave a presentation on the EPA's roles, responsibility, and capabilities as it relates to their emergency response branch.

OFF-SITE PLANS

Motion by Peter Madden, seconded by Dean Dolence to approve the NEW Emergency Off-Site Plan for Cedar Grove Warehouse, 1016 South Street, Oostburg, WI, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Ditter, seconded by Peter Madden to approve the NEW Emergency Off-Site Plan for Cedar Grove Warehouse, 307 Commerce Street, Cedar Grove, WI, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Ditter, seconded by Peter Madden to approve revisions of the Emergency Off-Site Plan for Kohler Company, 444 Highland Avenue, Kohler, WI. Motion carried.

Motion by Peter Madden, seconded by Phil Ditter to approve the NEW Emergency Off-Site Plan for Rehlko Power System, 220 Twin Oaks Drive, Kohler, WI, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Peter Madden, seconded by Phil Ditter to approve revisions of the Emergency Off-Site Plan for Rehlko Power Systems, N7650 Lakeshore Road, Sheboygan, WI, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Ditter, seconded by Peter Madden to approve revisions of the Emergency Off-Site Plan for Toro, 3424 County Road PP, Plymouth, WI, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Peter Madden, seconded by Phil Ditter to approve revisions of the Emergency Off-Site Plan for Curt G. Joa, Inc, 100 Crocker Avenue, Sheboygan Falls, WI, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Peter Madden, seconded by Phil Ditter to approve revisions of the Emergency Off-Site Plan for Adell Cooperative Union, 707 Mill Street, Adell, WI, as amended. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Phil Ditter, seconded by Peter Madden to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by:

Steve C. Steinhardt, Recording Secretary