



BARRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

THURSDAY, April 30, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
BARRON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:

Louie Okey, Barron County Board. Mike Judy, Barron County Emergency Management. Nate Dunston, Emergency Management – Medical Examiner. Melissa Miller, Mayo Clinic Health System. Craig Turcott, Barron County Supervisor. Jamie McCready, Barron County Supervisor. Neil Shipley, Barron School District. Matt Feeney, Cumberland EMS. Patricia Wickman, Barron County Health Officer. Tyler Gruetzmacher, Barron County Soil & Water. Sue Dau, Barron Electric Cooperative. Barry Kuenkel, Cumberland Fire Department. Travis Klukas, Mayo Clinic Health System. Jade Merrill, St. Croix Emergency Management. Brian Cockerham, Wisconsin Emergency Management. Paul Brooten, Barron County Dispatch. Dave Paulson, McCain Foods Inc. Joshua Miller, Saputo Cheese. Gabby Thomsson, Mosaic Telecom. Bob Zientara, Barron News-Shield. Mathew Heath, Synergy Cooperative.

Additional Attendees:

Luong Huynh, Red Cross.

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Louie Okey called the meeting to order at 09:00 am.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- LEPC Secretary Nate Dunston stated the County's compliance with Wisconsin's open meeting laws.

APPROVE AGENDA

- Motion: (McCready/Turcott) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVE JANUARY 29, 2026, MEETING MINUTES.

- Motion: (McCready/Turcott) to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

SPILL REVIEWS

- 1-29-2026: 2022 Cenex Dr., Rice Lake. Gas
- 1-30-2026: 324 2nd St., Chetek. Gas & Diesel Fuel
- 2-19-2026: Tainter St. & 2nd St., Chetek. Concrete Wash Water
- 3-11-2026: 2595 US Hwy 8, Cameron. Hydraulic Oil Fluid
- 3-12-2026: 1640 Western Ave., Cumberland. Wastewater
- 4-06-2026: 791 1st St., Turtle Lake. Sewage
- 4-16-2026: 582 4 ½ Ave., Prairie Farm. Manure Spill

RESPONSE REIMBURSEMENTS

- None.

BUSINESS REVIEW: SAPUTO CHEESE, ALEMNA

- Josh Miller gave a presentation on Saputo's Almerna facility.

LEPC MEMBER UPDATES

- Tyler Gruetzmacher – The Chetek Dam plan was approved by the DNR.
- Jamie McCready – Cumberland Healthcare will be participating in the Mercy Drill, to practice a patient surge of at least 10% hospital capacity. The drill is scheduled for 5-1-2026.



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SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS ITEMS

- Discussion on Virtual Attendance at Committee Meetings

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, July 30, IN THE EOC AT 09:00.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Okey, 09:45, declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

TOUR OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Nate Nelson, Highway Commissioner, gave a guided tour of the highway facility.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nate Dunston, LEPC Secretary

Minutes are not official until approved by the LEPC at their next meeting.

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