



BARRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

THURSDAY, July 30, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
BARRON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER (EOC)
1420 WI-25, Barron, WI 54812

MINUTES:

Present: Louie Okey, Barron County Board. Mike Judy, Barron County Emergency Management. Jodi Kummet, Barron County Sheriff. Nate Dunston, Emergency Management – Medical Examiner. Melissa Miller, Mayo Clinic Health System. 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. Barry Kuenkel, Cumberland Fire Department. Travis Klukas, Mayo Clinic Health System. Dave Paulson, McCain Foods Inc. Joshua Miller, Saputo Cheese. Gabby Thomsson, Mosaic Telecom. Bob Zientara, Barron News-Shield. Mathew Heath, Synergy Cooperative. Katt Murphy, Ardisam. Jeff French, Barron County Administrator. Steven Roux, Rice Lake Police Chief. Michael Hover, Rice Lake Fire Chief.

Absent: Nate Nelson, Mike McElmury, Dale Hanson, Jenny Legaspi, Brian Cockerham, Paul Brooten, Greg Martin, Brittany Fry, Brian Kaczmarek, Sue Dau, Dillon Palmquist, Rebecca Ekenstedt, and Jade Merrill.

Members Attending Virtually: None.

Others Present: Julie Bates-Maves, Chippewa Valley Emergency Support Service (CVESS)

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Louie Okey called the meeting to order at 09:00 am.

Public Meeting Notification: LEPC Secretary Dunston stated the meeting complied with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (McCready/French) to approve. Carried.

Approve Minutes of April 30, 2026: (McCready/Miller) to approve. Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Virtual Meeting Attendance: Discussion. **Motion: (McCready/Miller)** to approve virtual meeting attendance by committee members with prior approval of the chair. Members are encouraged to attend in person. The chair of the committee still needs to attend in person. Committee members attending virtually will not be able to attend closed sessions. Carried.

Spill Reviews: Emergency Manager Judy reviewed two spill reviews: 5-7-2026: Manure in Maple Grove and 6-23-2026: Hydraulic Oil in Cumberland

Response Reimbursements: None.



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Business Review: Chippewa Valley Emergency Support Service (CCESS): Julie Bates-Maves gave a presentation on the services that Chippewa Valley Emergency Support Services can provide to emergency responders in Barron County.

Miscellaneous Updates: Emergency Manager Judy gave the following informational updates:

- Mayo Barron – Alternate helipad is at the Barron Airport. If EMS agencies need ED key card badge, they can contact Lacey Huset or Melissa Miller.
- Dispatch implemented an automated voice attendant on the non-emergency line to help reduce non-dispatch-related calls (admin, records, jail, etc.)

LEPC Member Updates:

- Neil Shipley – Possibility of getting solar panels for school to utilize for science class.
- Melissa Miller & Travis Klukas – Mayo – Menomonie had a recent water shortage; Mayo Clinic is reviewing/updating all their EOP(s). Melissa is working on cleaning out her storage and has cots and shelters for possible donation.
- Jamie McCready – Discussed lessons learned from July power-outage at Cumberland Healthcare.
- Nate Dunston – Please watch your email before the October meeting for a IPP survey and LEPC Bylaws.

Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 9:00AM at the Justice Center (EOC) located in Barron.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: Integrated Preparedness Planning (IPP) Workshop, Review of the LEPC Bylaws and EPCRA Compliance Officer

Adjournment: By Unanimous Consent at 9:45AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nate Dunston, LEPC Secretary.

MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT MEETING.