



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

**Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Groves – Chair	Valley Fire District
Tommy Smoot	Summit County Emergency Management
Tim Gemind - Secretary	Summit County Emergency Management
Pam Williams	American Red Cross
Bill Goncy	Village of Boston Heights
Julia Harber-Vice Chair	NEO Regional Sewer District
Sharen Breyer	Community
Judy Bearer	Retired Industry
Brenda Robinson	Huntsman
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township
Don Weaver	Summit County DOSSS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sam Rubens	Summit County Public Health
Macklin Flinn	Cleveland Clinic – Akron General
Shawn Metcalf	Akron METRO RTA
Steve Brown	Bath Township PD
Kurt Kollar	OEPA
Joseph Shumaker	Akron Fire Department
Jacob Maxim	Huntsman

GUESTS PRESENT

Kelsey Kurcsak	Georgia Pacific
Joseph St. John	SCEMA
Stephen Tompkins	ODNR
Damion Vickrey	Univar
Bob Zehentbauer	OEMA
Judy Kelly	SCEMA



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I. INTRODUCTIONS

This meeting of the Summit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was called to order by Steve Groves at 8:30 am on August 17, 2023.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2023

First: Mayor Goncy Second: Pam Williams

The motion was carried by voice vote.

Correspondence and Comments:

Steve Groves reviewed and passed around the correspondence:

- Current budget and updated membership application
- A conglomerate of LEPCs sent a letter voicing their concerns regarding railway safety.
- No electronic votes

III. INFORMATION COORDINATORS REPORT:

Tommy Smoot stated we received nine right-to-know requests, three 30-day follow-up reports, and three spill reports. The 2023 Statewide LEPC Conference will be virtual on October 26 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Tim Gemind submitted our 2023-25 LEPC membership nominations to the SERC on August 9, which was approved. Tim also completed the fiscal report and is working on the compliance report, which is due by October 1. Two additional virtual SERC coffee talks are scheduled on September 27 & December 20 27; I'll forward invites to the Committee and the state LEPC conference. There have been no updates on the HMEP year two grant application for approximately \$52,950, which will fund 80%; if awarded, we will ask the LEPC to support the 20% match of \$10,590.

IV. SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER REPORT – Tim Gemind

Tim Gemind stated there was no hazmat training in July. August's training is on biological. September 20-22 will be a functional exercise at Firestone Polymers, with Friday being a state-graded LEPC exercise. October is chlorine rail cars.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None



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VI. NEW BUSINESS –

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

EHS Hazard Analysis Committee

None

Spill Reporting Compliance

Tim Gemind will email it out when received. First Energy made three late notifications to the LEPC. Tim has talked with Mike Gordon regarding this, as Mike will be retiring in November. The Committee discussed the violations matrix and discussed taking further actions. The group decided to allow Tim to work with Mike about making corrections, and further late reports would result in monetary fines.

Training, Education & Exercise Committee

None

Planning Committee

We will review the plan and send any changes to the State by October 17.

Finance Committee

Tim Gemind asked for a motion for \$1,500.00 to repair the AreaRaes. Pam Williams motioned for approval, with Mayor Gony as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind asked for a motion not to exceed \$10,000 to send four technicians to the Hazardous Materials Instructors & Commanders Conference, November 13-15th in Fort Lauderdale, FL. (2 Akron & 2 County). This could vary on shift availability in Akron and registration, airfare, hotel, and transportation to the hotel/airport will be included. Sharen Breyer motioned for approval, with Don Weaver as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

VII. INCIDENTS

Tim Gemind stated there have been no incidents except for fuel spills.



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VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The group discussed reverse alerts, tornado sirens, and Ipaws. All sirens are locally owned, maintained, and tested at the local jurisdiction level.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

Mayor Goncy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 am, with Bruce Koellner as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

X. NEXT MEETING

November 16, 2023, @ 8:30 am location EOC.