

Meeting Date: February 18, 2026

Members Present: Alex Brooks(v), Bruce Degner (Chairperson), Shane Hart, Sean Heaslip, Kevin Hollis (v), Kevin Hrobsky, Matt Kanters, Tyler Kubicek (v), Sam LaMuro (Co-Chairperson), Travis Maze, Elizabeth McGearly(V), Tracy Neuhauser, Michael Stephens, Chief Ron Wegner(v)

Other Attendees: Danielle Thompson (v), Michael Luckey (v), Ben Schliesman

1. **Call to Order:** Bruce Degner calls the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
2. Quorum is met, and roll call is taken.
3. In compliance with the open meetings law.
4. **Review of the Agenda**—Chair Degner reviews the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Tracy Neuhauser and seconded by Sam LaMuro. Motion passes.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Discussion on August 20, 225 and November 19, 2025, meeting minutes.** Motion to approve both sets of minutes made by Tracy Neuhauser and seconded by Mike Stephens. Motion passes.
7. **Communications.** – Tracy Neuhauser updates the committee on a spill that occurred that morning by Nestle Purina.
8. **Spill Report Updates**—Tracy Neuhauser provides updates on spills. The spill report raises concerns about how agencies are notified. OSI had experienced an anhydrous ammonia leak, which resulted in injuries. Mike Stephens explains it would have been helpful for Fort Hospital to have been notified. Emergency Management was notified by the Fort Atkinson Fire Chief after the event. Communication is something agencies are working on. This brought up questions on how the MABAS cards work, and Sheriff Maze and Chief Wegner were able to clarify. We will continue efforts to make sure all necessary parties receive notification.
9. **Fire Department updates from Chief Ron Wegner:** Chief Wegner provides updates on how electronic vehicles and lithium batteries are becoming more complex to handle and store. He also goes over the spill from that morning at Nestle Purina, and he provides additional information on MABAS cards.
10. **Status of 2026 Off-Site Plans:** Tracy Neuhauser discusses that 12 plans will be completed this year, and at this time, only one has been completed and passed along to the LEPC Plan Review Committee. Mike Stephens asks how we know when a facility becomes a planning facility. Explanation is given by Tracy Neuhauser and Ben Schliesman (Southeast Regional Emergency Management Director)
11. **Tier II Reminders:** Tracy Neuhauser updates the committee that reminders to facilities were sent by the State that they must file their Tier II reports by March 1, 2026. Tracy Neuhauser and Tier II will review these reports.
12. **Grant Funding**

- a. **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Core and Specialized Hazmat Training Grant** – Jefferson County Emergency Management applied for and received this grant, which is focused on EV (electronic vehicle) safety. Flyers to first responders have already gone out for this training.
 - b. **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) HazMat Exercise Grant**: Jefferson County applied for and was awarded this grant to do a hazardous material exercise that involves transportation. This will be a multi-county grant with Dodge and Jefferson Counties involving a train carrying anhydrous ammonia that derails.
13. **Subcommittee Report Out**
- a. **Tier II Review Committee**: Tier II reviews have been coming in, and the committee will start reviewing them.
 - b. **Off-Site Plan Committee**: The committee has received one plan, and they have no issues with it.
14. **Update on Hazmat Team**
- a. **Review of Agreement with Dodge County** – Attorney Thompson informs the committee that the agreement is still with Dodge County for review.
15. **Training & Conferences**
- a. Tracy Hameau is currently attending the Active Threat Integrated Response Training this week.
16. **Outreach to potential off-site facilities**: The LEPC has discussed sending letters to facilities that have potential for extremely hazardous substances on site. Recently, Tracy Hameau asked municipal clerks for feedback.
17. **Future Agenda Items**: Committee members are encouraged to reach out to Tracy Hameau or Tracy Neuhauser with any items they would like to address at future meetings. The discussion of visiting new sites, such as Kikkoman, was held.
18. **Set Time/Date of next meeting**: May 27, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

**Motion to adjourn is made by Tracy Neuhauser and seconded by Sam LaMuro.
Meeting ends at 1:35 p.m.**

Meeting adjourns at 1:35 pm. Motion made by Tracy Neuhauser and seconded by Sam LaMuro.

(V) – appeared via video on Teams