



**Lincoln County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2025, 9am**

Dead River (685 Route 1, Newcastle) and via [Teams](#)

Welcome and Introductions

Mark Anderson
Stuart Blanchard (online)
Don Gleason
Amanada Jacobs
Rand Maker, Vice Chair (online)
Kevin Sutherland (online)
Scott Sutter
Rose Mooney
Charon Curtis (online)
Pat Voit (online)
Emily Huber
Emma McKearney
Frank DeMers

Minutes

- a) **July 18, 2024:** *Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2024, and May 14, 2025, meetings as written. Motion seconded by Amanda. Motion passed.*
- b) **May 14, 2025:** *Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2024, and May 14, 2025, meetings as written. Motion seconded by Amanda. Motion passed.*

Clerk's Report

- a) **Work Plan and Bylaws:** Frank presented the current work plan and bylaws which need to be reviewed and updated as needed for the upcoming year (October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026). Frank discussed forming a work group to move projects like this forward in-between quarterly LEPC meetings. Don and

Kevin stated that they would be interested. Frank will follow up with the LEPC to recruit other members and initiate their first meeting. Noted additions to the work plan include SMART goals to assess progress.

- b) **Recruitment, Participation, and Engagement:** Addressing recruitment, participation, and engagement will be another role of the work group. While the LEPC is continuing to grow with rejuvenated efforts, we are still looking for more involvement in the LEPC from Tier 2 industry members, public safety, and local officials. Lincoln County LEPC has a short presentation during the next SERC meeting on 10/14. Frank will be working on creating this presentation with support from office staff. Membership updates to SERC are due 10/15. Frank will be reaching out to reporting agencies to review EOPs and assess capabilities. Moving forward, we would like to continue to do site visits for LEPC meetings to also include a tour and EOP reviews if possible. [ASERT Training](#) in Bangor is 8/1 or 8/2. This is a live-agent training. Registration is still open. *Scott made a motion to accept the Clerk's report. Motion seconded by Amanda. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report

- a) Current Balance: \$10,085.53: The EMA office has gotten quotes from Specialty Response for an Energy Solutions course for \$800 and Al Nygren for a Butane Hash Oil course for \$1,950. EMA is hoping that both training courses will accept payment prior to the start of the new LEPC fiscal year. Members were in agreement to host both courses. EMA will talk with Specialty Response to offer the course on a Monday or Thursday evening in September and Al Nygren to offer the course on a Sunday morning in October. *Scott made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Don. Motion passed.*
- a. Operating: \$5,311.69
 - b. Training: \$4,773.84

EMA Report

- a) Updates
- a. There is a significant amount of uncertainty regarding the restructuring of FEMA and funding. Lincoln County EMA is ready to absorb any additional responsibilities that may be associated with the restructuring. The office has been working to build and maintain resource inventory, identify gaps in MOU needs and obtain the MOUs as necessary, and strengthen community connections.
 - b. Emily discussed a major power failure that occurred on Monhegan at the beginning of the month. There's a generator that powers the island that's not owned by the island which failed, and the backup generator was unable to operate fully. EMA and Communications supported the island in

delivering water and a variety of generators. Monhegan's generator is out for repairs. Currently, there is no timeline for the project to be completed. EMA still has generators on the island.

Presentation

- a) None scheduled

Discussion

Incident Updates/Regional News

Miles Hospital: Miles recently had a water main break and is working to secure capital funds to replace it. This has been an ongoing issue with several areas of the water main breaking in the last several years. Because of the construction of the water system on campus, there are manageable work arounds during these incidents. The hospital has significant reserves of back up (50 year) water and MOUs with Hood, Fred's Coffee, etc. to meet the needs of the facility. The facility is also working on funding for a parking structure.

Newcastle: There was a recent diesel spill that ended at the entrance of the Reny's Warehouse after a tank fell off a truck and temporarily continued to travel on Route 1. About 50 gallons were estimated to have spilled.

County: There appears to be an increase in propane leaks and odors increase in propane leaks/smells calls around the county. Some group members discussed concerns about the impacts of this coming hurricane season based on the current hurricane projection maps.

New Business

- a) **LC LEPC Work Plan – Review:** The LEPC and Lincoln County EMA will establish a work group which will review and make recommended changes for the next scheduled meeting and provide a report.
- b) **LC LEPC Bylaws – Review:** The LEPC and Lincoln County EMA will establish a work group which will review and make recommended changes for the next scheduled meeting and provide a report.

Old Business

- a) **Membership and Recruitment:** SERC approved the membership applications of the following people during their meeting on 7/8/25: Erin Bean, Amanda Jacobs, Kevin Sutherland, Don Gleason, Mark Anderson.
- b) **Schedule Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 10/8. Frank will work with those interested in participating in the work group to schedule a meeting in the coming weeks to begin working on the work plan and bylaws.

Upcoming Meeting Information

October 8, 2025, location TBD

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03am.