



Gratiot County Emergency Management Division
Emergency Operations Center
1375 County Farm Drive
Ithaca, MI 48847

Gratiot County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Chair: Mike Soltis – Gratiot EMHSD

Vice-Chair: Kelli Sigafoose – Gratiot Isabella RESD

Information Coordinator: Chief Richard Ramereiz – St. Louis Police Department

Emergency Services Coordinator: Deputy Mike Soltis – Gratiot EMHSD

I. Call to order

- a. Kelli Sigafoose

II. Roll call/attendance:

- a. Dan Morden – GCCD
- b. Kelli Sigafoose – GIRESD
- c. Mike Soltis – Gratiot County EM - HSD
- d. Jeff Yonker – EMHSD
- e. Chief Rich Ramereiz – SLPD
- f. Chief Dave Nelson – IFD
- g. John Gibson - Gratiot County Amateur Radio Operators
- h. Mary Jo Beal – MMMC-C (MidMichigan Medical Center – Gratiot)
- i. Mark Williams – Alma DPS

III. Call to the public:

- a. None

IV. Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes:

- a. Questions/comments/concerns – None
- b. Motion to approve – Kelli Sigafoose / Support – Dan Morden
- c. All in Favor - None opposed
- d. Motion approved

V. Approval of the May 2021 meeting agenda

- a. Questions/comments/concerns – Date corrected.
 - i. Agenda showed 5/9/2021. Corrected to 2/11/2021
- b. Motion to approve – Dan Morden / Support – Dave Nelson
- c. All in favor – None opposed
- d. Motion approved

VI. Special Presentation

- a. Pine River contamination study
- b. Presentation by Alma College postponed

VII. Old Business

- a. Membership list created in google docs updated
- b. Work in progress
- c. Membership updates (name/contact info) can be updated directly in the google doc.



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- d. Rich Ramereiz can also update your information if you contact him directly at ramereiz@stlouismi.com
- e. If you need the google doc shared with you, please contact Rich Ramereiz.

VIII. New Business

- a. March 24, 2021 was the state Tornado Drill awareness day.
- b. EM Mike Soltis conducted a tornado drill and tabletop exercise including a policy/procedure update with the Gratiot County courthouse staff.
- c. SSA meetings – Kelli Sigafoose has arranged for the SSA meeting dates to be changed to accommodate better attendance.
 - i. SSA meetings will now be the 2nd Wednesday of every other month.
 - ii. Meetings will be in the Mahoney Center tech lab at the Gratiot Isabella RESD in Ithaca, MI.
 - iii. New SSA meeting dates for 2021/2022
 - I. September 15, 2021
 - II. November 19, 2021
 - III. January 12, 2022
 - IV. March 16, 2022
 - V. May 11, 2022
- d. LEPC meetings will remain on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month
- e. Meetings will remain via zoom until further notice.
- f. Due to low attendance, there will be no July meeting.

IX. Round Table

- a. Mary Jo Beal – MMMC-Gratiot
 - i. Planning an active shooter drill at MMMC-Gratiot for hospital staff in September.
 - ii. This will be coordinated with Alma DPS and EOC.
 - iii. Local law enforcement will be invited to participate
- b. Kelli Sigafoose – GIRESD
 - i. School is almost done for the year.
 - ii. Safety Plans have been started for the 2021/2022 school year.
 - iii. Schools are already scheduling training for the 2021/2022 school year.
 - iv. Governor's office has released data that cyber bullying/inappropriate online behavior (sexting) is on the rise statewide in schools and with school age children.
 - v. Schools statewide have been approved to provide meals to children 0-18 years of age all summer through the summer of 2022.
 - vi. If you are aware of a family that could benefit from this service have them contact their local school district.
- c. Jeff Yonker – EMHSD
 - i. Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference has been cancelled for this year.

X. Adjournment



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- a. Motion to Adjourn made by Rich Ramereiz / Support Dan Morden
- b. All in Favor – none opposed
- c. Meeting adjourned by Mike Soltis
- d. Adjourned 1051 am.

*Next scheduled LEPC meeting – September 14, 2021, at 10am. **THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE TECH LAB AT AT THE GI-RESD BUILDING IN ITHACA, MI.** For those that choose not to attend in person, here is the zoom option.

ZOOM Meeting URL:

<https://zoom.us/j/91545757481?pwd=TXBLSnMyWkR2RmxRTUpCcGVjekM3UT09>

Meeting ID: 915 4575 7481

Passcode: Jy8uy4

Dial in: 1 312 626 6799 (US)

Meeting Minutes submitted by:
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LEPC Information Coordinator