

# LEPC Meeting Minutes 2-25-26

The February edition of the Tooele County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting covered several key points. Beckie Boekweg emphasized the importance of updating the LEPC website and introduced a new 10-minute tabletop exercise to simulate emergency scenarios. Alex Smith from NOAA National Weather Service provided an update on current weather conditions, highlighting record warm temperatures and below-normal precipitation, which could lead to an above-normal fire season. The committee approved the 2026 LEPC bylaws and discussed the implementation of designated hazardous materials transportation routes in Tooele County. Various attendees provided updates on local issues, including measles cases, substation progress, and emergency response capabilities.

**Attendees:** Mike Abdo, Scott Horrocks, Nic Jenkins, Michael Howsden, Laney Riegel, Dan Camp, Amanda Crump, Kathleen VonHatten, Tracy Frailey, Veneta Daniels, Jesse Wilson, John Jorgensen, Alex DeSmet, Beckie Boekweg, Bucky Whitehouse, Anthony Bott, Dustin Brewer, Carly Sands, Cavett Eaton, Christy Montierth, Brayden Davis, Tal Ehlers, Jason Brown, Myla Jeffries, Jennifer Matthews, Maresa Manzione, Richard Parker, Scott Johnson, Jed Colovich, Jared Sternberg

## Introductions and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Bucky called the meeting to order and requests introductions from attendees, including representatives from various agencies and organizations.
- The meeting agenda includes approval of January 28, 2026, meeting minutes. Mike Abdo made motion to approve, seconded by Tracy Frailey. All in favor.

## National Weather Service Update

- Alex Smith from NOAA National Weather Service provides an update on current weather conditions and forecasts.
- Alex discusses the impact of La Niña on the recent winter, including record warm temperatures and below-normal precipitation.
- The current snow water equivalent is below normal, with significant concerns for fire weather in the coming months.
- Alex highlights the importance of the NWS chat tool for real-time communication and support for public safety and emergency response.

## LEPC Bylaws Review and Approval

- Bucky introduces the need to review and potentially amend the LEPC bylaws.
- The bylaws outline the structure, mission, and responsibilities of the LEPC, including the roles of the chairperson, co-chair, and operations manager.
- A motion is made by Nic Jenkins and seconded by Dustin Brewer to approve the 2026 LEPC bylaws, which is approved by the attendees.

- A resolution is also put forth to endorse Tooele County Hazardous Materials Truck Routes. A motion is made by Jesse Wilson and seconded by Nic Jenkins. All are in favor.
- Bucky addresses a typo in the bylaws, which will be corrected before finalizing the document.

### **Tabletop Exercise and Emergency Response Discussion**

- Bucky leads a 10-minute tabletop exercise simulating a hazardous materials incident involving anhydrous ammonia.
- Participants discuss the potential risks and response strategies, including evacuation zones and communication challenges.
- The exercise highlights the importance of coordination between public safety and industry partners in emergency situations.
- Bucky emphasizes the need for ongoing training and preparedness to handle such incidents effectively.

### **LEPC Co-Chair Election and Roundtable Updates**

- Bucky announces the election of Dustin Brewer as the new LEPC co-chair for 2026-2027.
- Attendees provide updates on various topics, including the first measles cases in the county, the completion of a new substation, and ongoing efforts to improve emergency response capabilities.