



# INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting Details

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**Date:** August 12, 2024

**Time:** 1:30 PM EST

**Location:** MADE @Plainfield 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168 and virtually via Microsoft Teams – Pursuant to [IC 5-14-1.5-3.6](#)

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### Member Attendance

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Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Stephen Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Rusty Goodpaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Stephanie McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Person (Late: Joined at 2:05 pm)
Chris Barr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Matt Bilkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Jeff Larmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Shawn French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Bruce Palin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
James Pridgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Aaron Sims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Travis Tschann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Myra McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

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### Notes

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Additional information may be available at the [DHS Boards and Commissions Page](#).

Hillary Egan, Jackie Pulley, Melissa Amerman, Lauren Francis and, Dustin Dyer (Electronic Means (MS Teams)), all from IDHS, also in attendance.

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- 1. Call to Order:** At 1:32 PM EST Chairman Steve Jones called the August 12, 2024, Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) meeting to order. Three members attended the meeting electronically by videoconference through Microsoft Teams, pursuant to the requirements of [Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-3.6](#).
  - 2. Roll Call and Quorum:** A roll call was conducted to determine member attendance. The
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results are included above. Quorum was met.

3. **Reports and Updates:** Chairman Jones introduced Rusty Goodpaster as a new Chair member and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. **Presentation by:** James S. Armstrong, Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley, Lead Port Security Specialist – Commercial Vessel Traffic and Commodities Carried by Barge on the Ohio River
5. **Review and Action of May 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes:** The IERC reviewed and approved the minutes, pending noted changes (to add that a committee had been formed to address legislative changes), by a vote of 10-0.

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	Yes	No	
Stephen Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Rusty Goodpaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Stephanie McKinney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Chris Barr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Matt Bilkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
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Myra McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

6. **Fiscal Report:** Update was given by Rusty Goodpaster.

**\*NOTE:** Stephanie McKinney joined the meeting at minute 1605 of the meeting in-person and was present for the meeting and votes following this time.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. The By-laws were approved with the pending revisions.
- b. County Compliance 2023 for Funding Distribution-was approved.



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- c. IERC District assignments – Jackie Pulley
- d. 2024 ERG Book Distribution update – has been completed.
- e. Discussion on LEPC HAZMAT Awareness Survey was tabled pending more and different options for education opportunities.

## 8. New Business:

- a. Discussion from Todd Harmeson from Madison County asking for the IERC to advise on whether the counties can use the distributions monies for online communication purchasing of digital campaigns, electronic campaigns, apps, social media, websites for the LEPC’s. Also to hire Public Relations companies to design websites. Results of discussion – IERC Concluded no vote was necessary it was at the discretion of the LEPC to decide how to spend the distribution monies for communications.
- b. A Vote was taken and approved to accept the - Memorandum of Understanding between the IERC, IDHS and IDEM, about changes and implementation of notification and reporting requirements regarding the Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, pending amendments. The document is complete. (Refer to Document 2)

Vote for Memorandum of Understanding: Approved 11-0

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Rusty Goodpastor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Stephanie McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Chris Barr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Matt Bilkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
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James Pridgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Aaron Sims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Travis Tschaenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Myra McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

- c. IERC Meeting Dates for 2025
- d. Discussion - Legislation Changes for District Changes, and Budget allocation, Overseeing - Jeff Larmore, James Pridgen, Travis Tschaenn with a special acknowledgment that a committee was formed.
- e. Discussion on Facilities not compliant with reporting with an acknowledgement that further work needs to be done in this area.
- f. Discussion on LEPC's not compliant to-date for 2024 with acknowledgment that a couple of reports have not yet reached their due dates.

9. **Closing Remarks:** Chairman Jones

10. **Next Meeting:** TBA

***A public notice with specific details regarding the format of the meeting will be provided on the [IDHS Boards and Commissions Page](#) in advance of the meeting date.***

11. **Adjournment -The Commission adjourned the meeting.**

Signature:

Date: