

CARD Monthly Meeting Minutes- AI final

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Location:** via Zoom

1. Call to Order - Welcome

- **Chair:** Roger Rayle (Chair of CARD and Scio Residents for Safe Water) called the meeting to order.
- **Moderator:** Jack Eaton, Executive Director, moderated the meeting.
- **Introductions:** Roger Rayle introduced a new student, Manush Gopal, who would present a project on forecasting 1,4-dioxane travel at the end of the meeting.

2. Approval of January Minutes

- **Motion:** James D'Amour moved to approve the January minutes with one correction: clarifying that the Scio Township trustee is Kathy Knol, not "Kathy Null" as misinterpreted by AI.
- **Second:** The motion was seconded.
- **Result:** The minutes were adopted unanimously.

3. US EPA Update

- **Introduction of EPA Team:** Diane Russell (Community Involvement Coordinator) introduced members from the Superfund division: Colleen Mahan (Remedial Project Manager) and Melissa Powers Taylor (On-Scene Coordinator based in Ann Arbor).
- **Site Listing & Enforcement:**
 - The Gelman Sciences Inc. site was added to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) on March 12, 2026.
 - EPA will meet with Gelman to discuss a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) under an administrative settlement agreement (AOC).
 - Specific negotiation details remain enforcement confidential while negotiations are underway.
- **Community Engagement Plan:**
 - Diane Russell outlined plans for "community interviews" to learn site history and establish communication expectations.
 - A "sounding board" or subcommittee will be formed to help EPA draft a robust engagement strategy.
 - **Action Item:** A small core group, including the CARD Executive Board and Scio Township representatives, will hold a preliminary Teams meeting with Diane Russell May 14 to review the engagement framework.

4. Chair Updates

- **Observations:** Roger Rayle provided updates on the latest news and observations regarding the plume.

5. Non-Agenda Items

- **Student Presentation:** Manush Gopal presented a physics-based machine learning model titled "Forecasting where 1,4-dioxane will travel next".

6. Next Meetings

- **June 2, 2026:** Meeting cancelled.
- **July 7, 2026:** Quarterly Meeting scheduled for 10:00 AM via Zoom.