

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.)

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **3/24/2022 11:30 AM**

Location: **Ambulance Hall, Meeting Room; 220 W 1ST AVE; Big Timber MT**

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner
Ian Peterson, CEO PMC (virtual)
Rob Farnum, Ambulance Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health

Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Matt McManamen, East Boulder Mine
Leigh Suel, Big Timber Pioneer paper
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Julie Arthur, NWS (virtual)
Linda Racicot, Red Cross MT (virtual)

The meeting was called to order by Clifford Brophy DES / E9-1-1 Coordinator at 11:30 AM

The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag was recited

Minutes for the Meeting on 2/24/2022 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions: Completed

Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) Topics:

The final draft of the SGC LEPC Bylaws were submitted with one correction. A grammatical correction was made on the bottom of page 5. Rob Farnum moved to adopt the Bylaws with the one correction. Seconded by JV Moody. Motion passed unanimously.

The members were asked if they wished to hold elections or continue as is with the appointed officers. No action was taken at this time.

Disaster and Emergency Services (D.E.S.) Topics:

Cliff announced that the only bid submitted was accepted by the county. This is for the 3 replacement radios on Tin Can Hill. The successful bidder was Industrial Communications and Electronics. Their bid was slightly less than the federal award amount.

Cliff announced that the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan was formally adopted by the county and the city via resolution. FEMA has since formally approved our plan.

Cliff reported that the State of Montana will be offering to administrate the MHMPs on a statewide basis if jurisdictions wish to participate. This will be a decision made by the Commissioners. If anyone had input, they were encouraged to contact Cliff and he would submit those to the Commissioners. We can continue to administrate our own MHMP process if we so choose.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

The state trunking program folks are still waiting to hear what the funding level will be this year. Until they hear, we won't have an indication as to if we can look forward to any assistance with the proposed new repeater site in the north part of the county.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that we are at zero active cases of COVID-19. She anticipates that there will be a few cases that will be identified off and on.

Fire Topics:

US Forest Service has scheduled a joint meeting with Forest Service, Park Co. and Sweet Grass Co. following our LEPC meeting on April 28, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

Public Works:

JV announced that the county will hopefully be replacing the bridge on Bridger Creed Rd. sometime in May 2022.

Melanie announced that Triangle Tel. Co. will have contractors in the Boulder River valley working on fiber optic installation. They anticipate traffic congestion and delays because of this. Pre-construction meetings will be held.

National Weather Service:

Julie with the NWS service announced that Cory Mottice is the new WCM.

Julie then spoke about the short- and long-term weather outlook. It continues to look bad for drought conditions.

Comments from Members:

Linda reported that the Red Cross assisted in two fires. One in Livingston and one near Reed Point.

Ian reported that the PM Clinic is working through changes brought about by the COVID pandemic.

Rob reported that they recently had a great training session with the Fire Department. They practiced extricating individuals from wrecked vehicles.

Rob reported that they just finished a 140 hr. EMT class. They will now be able to bring on more EMTs.

Matt reported that the mine will be bringing contractors into the Boulder River area to complete construction at their facility. This will also bring in more vehicle traffic.

Dan reported that the foundation held a great community meeting. Much of the discussion was about the mental health issues in the community. Dan pointed out that we have several services in this area and good cooperation amongst agencies in reporting and coordinating efforts.

Cliff announced that two different vendors were in contact with him. One provides a disinfecting service that utilizes UV light and another technology. It is used to sterilize pathogens and viruses. The other vendor has a complete software program that provides a single program solution for most all of government services. If anyone is interested, please contact Cliff.

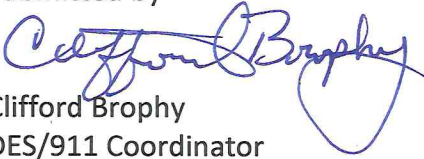
Select Next Meeting Date: April 28, 2022 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:12 PM

Tabletop Exercise: "Designate radio frequencies during events". This exercise was postponed as many of the key individuals were unable to attend do to scheduling conflicts.

Submitted by


Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator