

# SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

### All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

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#### Minutes

Date of Meeting: **8/25/2022 11:30 AM**

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

#### Attendees:

Bill Wallace, SG Commissioner  
J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner  
Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner  
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health  
Dan Tronrud, Community Health  
Cory Tronrud, EMS

Cory Conner, SG Public Works  
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief  
Bob Culbreth, USFS  
Matt McManamen, East Boulder  
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Nick Vertz, NWS (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 7/28/2022** were approved as submitted.

#### **Welcome and self-introductions:**

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

Cliff announced that we need to review our chemical and HAZMAT emergency response plan. We will set a date for the subcommittee to meet and review those plans.

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

Cliff reported on the status of the radio replacement repeaters for Tin Can Hill. As with a lot of items, the radios have not shipped and there is no shipping date set. This project was scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2022.

Industrial was able to respond to Tin Can and repair the loose coax cables. It appears that the winds had broken the cable ties and was allowing the cables to flop around in the wind.

Cliff reported that the FEMA public assistance was still moving forward for the county. The projects for the personnel time during the flood did not meet the \$3500.00 threshold so that project was withdrawn. The damage to the fairground buildings also did not meet the threshold and was withdrawn.

**Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:**

Cliff reported on the recent project started by Third Signal. They will assist us by completing an inventory of the wireless towers in the county and ensuring that they are routed correctly. This project should be completed by the end of October.

Cliff provided an update on the request to Triangle Tel Co to install emergency phone boxes at key locations along the Main Boulder Road while they were in the area installing fiber cable. Triangle advised Cliff that they would need external power sources at those locations. Fiber optic cable does not carry its own power like the older wire cables did.

**Public Health Topics:**

Jenn reported that there are two cases of Monkey Pox reported in the State. None here in Sweet Grass County.

**Fire Topics:**

Nothing to report for local fire.

Bob reported that the USFS had 5-6 starts in our county. There is one fire just inside of the wilderness area located South of Chrome mountain.

**Public Works:**

Cory reported on the Melville bridge project. The detour should be finished soon. They will remove the old bridge about the first week of September. The detour will be open to all vehicles, so there should be no blockage. New bridge should be in by mid-October 2022.

Cory reported that the East Boulder bridges were inspected by the state. They are still as good as they were two years ago.

Cliff reported that he received a call from State DOT asking for any assistance we might provide for the Boulder Bridge on Highway 10 East of Big Timber. The water has been eroding the bank on the river right. It's on private property and the bridge belongs to the State. FEMA public assistance funding was not an option for us because it is not our property.

**National Weather Service:**

Nick reported that there may be wet storms come in this weekend. September will be warmer and dry.

**Mitigation Progress:**

Cliff announced that he will set a date for a mitigation subcommittee to meet and review the progress that has been made on the mitigation project. We will also assess what needs to be completed next.

Cliff reported that the Western Region MHMP has still been moving forward.

**Comments from Members:**

Cliff received word from Bill and Linda Racicot that they will be stepping down from volunteer service in the Red Cross. Cliff stated that we were very appreciative of all of the time and work that they put into helping our County. They will be missed but we wish them well. Two new members will be assigned to this area. They are; Kris Nichols and Val Utley.

JV stated that there is a need for school bus stop signs. It is in a location that State DOT would need to place them.

JV reported that there have been complaints about a large drone that is flying very close to peoples houses. In one of the cases, it was at night and was flying close the picture window. They are looking into that issue.

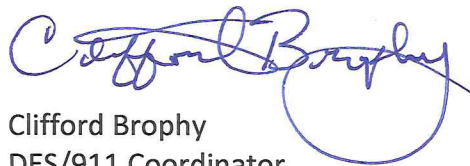
Matt reported that the East Boulder Mine is still building season.

**Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:30 AM**

**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** 12:20 PM

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifford Brophy", with a large circular flourish at the end.

Clifford Brophy  
DES/911 Coordinator