

# 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: **November 17, 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  
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff  
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent  
Ian Peterson, CEO PMC (virtual)  
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health  
Dan Tronrud, Community Health  
Cory Conner, SG Public Works

Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief  
Matt McManamen, Sibanye-Stillwater  
Matt Wolfe, Sibanye-Stillwater  
Zane Leonard, Sibanye-Stillwater  
Tyler Christman, NW Energy  
Scott Racki, NW Energy (virtual)  
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Kyle Sturgill-Simon, MT DES FO

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

**Minutes for the Meeting on 9/22/2022 and 10/27/2022 (no meeting)** were approved as submitted.

**Welcome and self-introductions:** (completed)

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

Cliff presented a list of individuals that are considered for appointment to the SGC LEPC. Those individuals are: Andrew Bullock - Ambulance manager; Sgt Shane Warehime – MHP; Wyatt Duncan – MHP; Tyler Christman – North Western Energy; Sandy Wolford – PMC trauma coordinator. Per the LEPC bylaws, we can forward the names of these individuals to the SG Commissioners to be recommended to the State SERC for appointment. Kris moved to accept these names for nomination to the Commissioners and Cory seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kyle reported that the State will be sending out the announcement for the State Homeland Security grants early to allow local jurisdictions more time to prepare for the application process.

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

FEMA Public Assistance update – Cliff reported that county officials are still working with the FEMA and State reps. on the Voges Bridge flood project. The initial amount for

federal funding set by FEMA was not sufficient in the county's estimation. This will be revisited by all involved.

Tin Can Hill radio repeater replacement update. Cliff reported that he received word that the radios were scheduled to ship soon.

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

Cliff reported that we are now setup to use the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to launch alerts through our CodeRED alerting vendor account. This authorization requires a lot of extra training for the user and monthly testing for each user.

Computers for the Dispatch consoles are being ordered. Ours are very outdated. These are for the county radio system.

Rapid SOS – Alan reported that dispatch will be connected to a service that allows for additional information to be transferred to the dispatch center when people make wireless 9-1-1 calls. There is an additional service that will piggyback on Rapid SOS that will allow callers and dispatch to text one another in different languages. The conversations will be automatically translated and saved for future reference.

**Public Health Topics:**

Jenn reported that they are seeing an increase in influenza cases.

**Fire Topics:**

Kris reported that there hasn't been much for fires but there have been some crashes. The fire department will be installing another message board sign on a truck.

**Public Works:**

Cory reported that the south wall on the Melville Bridge is finished and has water running against it. They will be working on the north wall now.

Corey Austin inquired if there was a way the road crew could put delineators along the Howe road to assist his drivers in locating the edge of the road during snow events. Cory Conner replied that it would be difficult as it hinders snow removal. The request will be examined further.

**National Weather Service:**

No update

**Mitigation Progress:**

No reports on updates at this time. Kyle reported that the regional mitigation risk assessment is available online.

**Comments from Members:**

Ian announced that a new Direct of Nursing was hired for the PMC and he would like to have that person involved in the LEPC as well.

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

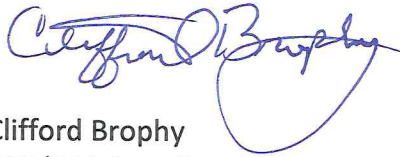
**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** The business portion of the meeting was concluded. A short break will be taken to allow for the set up of the Exercise discussion.

**Exercise – Workshop:** As announced, members of the LEPC and representatives from Sibanye-Stillwater Mine met to begin the review of the emergency plan for the East Boulder Tailings Facility. This was to build on the planning and Tabletop Exercise held last year. Participants walked through the plan and gave input based on their various responsibilities within the county. This information will then be formulated into a draft plan to be tested in another tabletop. Participants were able to draw on experiences and lessons learned from the recent flood to re-examine the existing plans to identify any changes needed.

**Meeting concluded: 1:00 PM**

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifford Brophy", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

Clifford Brophy  
DES/911 Coordinator