

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **March 23, 2023 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner

Greg DeBoer, City Mayor

Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff

Corey Austin, HS Superintendent

Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager

Jennifer Chappell, Public Health

Dan Tronrud, Community Health

Cory Conner, SG Public Works

Angie Matos, USFS

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

Nick Vertz, NWS (virtual)

Jude Waerig, Healthcare Coalition (virtual)

Guests: Shellie Creveling, ARC

Guests: Lee Brunckhorst, Food Bank

Guests: Linda Brunckhorst, MoM

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cliff Brophy at 11:30 AM

The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag was recited

Minutes for the Meeting on February 28, 2023 and for special meeting **March 8, 2023** were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions: Guests: Shellie Creveling, ARC; Lee Brunckhorst, Big Timber Food Bank; Linda Brunckhorst, Montana on a Mission

National Weather Service:

Nick reported that we have been below normal temps for the past month and about average for precipitation. Long-range, we will be moving into ice-jamb season. Given the current conditions, we should keep an eye on the rivers.

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

Cliff announced that as we move towards testing our HAZMAT response plan for the LEPC, we will need volunteers for the subcommittee. Kris and Alan will be on the committee by default because of their positions.

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

The Tabletop Exercise (TTX) will be moved from April to May 23 12:30 and will be held at the Mine Office in Big Timber

Shelters: Guest speaker, Shellie Creveling with the American Red Cross MT spoke to us about various options we have with shelters. ARC has three locations listed in Big Timber as emergency shelters. Those are; the civic center, high school and the Evangelical Church. Current practice is to not use schools as they are generally busy with other events, remodeling and most school furniture is not made for adults. She explained that ARC can be

called in to assist with the shelters and they will staff it and operate it. Another option is that a local jurisdiction can manage it and ARC volunteers will assist as workers.

Shellie spoke about the various trainings that ARC can bring in. She will continue to work with volunteers and bring whatever training is needed this spring and summer.

Shellie then spoke about unrelated services that the ARC provides. Those were; smoke alarm installations; housing assistance for those that suffered residential fires; and in-school educational training for youth.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

A radio vendor recently sent some info that he sells Zetron radio and that the cost of replacement consoles is significantly lower than other brands that were priced for us.

Cliff reported that the SHSG application was submitted for the replacement of the two dispatch radio consoles. Cliff thanked everyone for the assistance on such short notice.

Public Health Topics: None

Fire Topics:

CWPP update: Cliff reported that we accepted the proposal of a vendor to complete our Community Wildfire Protection Plan update. We will be starting that year long process soon.

USFS will hold our annual cooperator's meeting on May 23, 2023 at 10:00 am located at the Mine Office in Big Timber.

Angie announced that the USFS will be hosting a lot of training this year. Anyone that requires fire related training is welcome to attend. A training schedule has been sent out. USFS will be scheduling a meeting with the mine in the near future to talk about fire suppression topics.

Public Works:

Cory reported that the PW staff just completed their training on how to use road equipment to assist with fire suppression.

Mitigation Progress:

Cybersecurity updates: Cliff reported that the implementation of the DOT GOV emails has just about been completed. Dispatchers and several deputies are the only ones remaining.

Cliff reported that the WRMHMP project is still moving forward. No significant updates at this point.

Comments from Members:

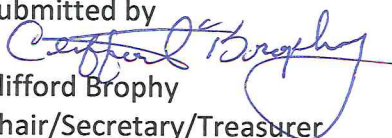
Corey Austin announced that the schools will be having Prom on the 22 of April this year and Graduation will be May 21st.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:40 PM

Submitted by


Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer