

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **April 27, 2023 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

Angie Matos, USFS

John Wetenkamp, NWS (virtual)

Dan Tronrud, Community Health (virtual)

Taylor Slabaugh, HRDC (virtual guest)

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

Minutes for the Meeting on March 23, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions: Welcomed guest Taylor Slabaugh with HRDC

National Weather Service:

Above normal snow pack and warmer temps could lead to some flooding. Above normal temps next two weeks. Spring could be lower temps and more moisture.

Weather spotter training **May 25, 2023 6 – 8 PM** at the ambulance hall.

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

We need to identify points for distribution of items such as food, water, medical supplies and other items needed during emergencies and disasters. This is needed for the distribution plan. Members were asked to think about possible sites and we would work on the plan later.

Pipeline groups were not able to offer in-person training in Big Timber this year. They do have some good online training for those that would like to participate.

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

Cliff reported that the Glaston Lakes group are updating their response plans. We should receive an update copy of that plan.

Debrief natural gas leak near The Legion Hall in Big Timber on April 14th. Subcontractor hit an unused snub line that had been abandoned sometime ago. NWE was able to seal it. Area had been evacuated between 2nd and 3rd Ave for about one hour.

TTX will be held on May 23, 2023 about 1200 pm at the mine office in Big Timber. It will be focused on evacuations during those fire events.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Radios still have not shipped from Motorola for Tin Can Hill.

Fire Topics:

There will be a fire cooperator's meeting on May 23, 2023 at 10:00am also held at the Mine Office in Big Timber.

Cliff reported that we are making progress on the SGC CWPP project. We have been sending needed information to the consultant. We should be announcing meetings in the near future. We will involve responders and community members.

Angie reported that the USFS is still in training mode, no other updates at this time.

Kris is adding a new position to the BTVD. Kevin Langhus will be the new training officer.

Mitigation Progress:

Cybersecurity – Deputies and Dispatchers have been switched over to the new dot gov emails.

Cliff reported that he still attends the WRMHMP virtual meetings. Not much for updates at this point for the regional plan.

Comments from Members:

Dan announced that they will be putting a class on for responders and others on May 2, 2023. About 40 have signed up so far.

Dan also announced that the After-School program will be providing lunches starting June 5th for kids during the summer.

Taylor reported that they work for the HRDC Child care programs. One of their duties is to assist childcare providers in developing emergency response plans during events.

Select Next Meeting Date: May 25 meeting cancelled because of TTX that week

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:00 pm

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer