

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **September 28, 2023 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Angie Matos, USFS
Matt McManamen, East Boulder
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
John Wetenkamp, NWS
GUESTS:
Taylor Slabaugh, HRDC (Virtual)
Cody Nelson, Wheatland Co DES

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

The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag was recited

Welcome and self-introductions: Completed

Minutes for the Meeting on August 24, 2023 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Sweet Grass Co. saw 2-3" above normal precipitation on one end of the county and 1.5-2" on the other end. We will be moving into fall weather with anticipated winds.

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

The draft LEPC 2023 Annual Report was previously distributed. Members recommended two changes. List the Big Timber Water Works and Phillips 66 as other sectors which are members. JV moved to accept the report as modified. Kris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The draft 2023 NIMS survey was also previously sent out. Dan moved to accept the survey. Corey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2023 THIRA/GAP assessment was distributed and reviewed. Alan moved to accept the report. Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff reported that the RFP for the radio consoles has been published and sent out to various vendors. DES director Cody Nelson commented that a Bob Sage from around Missoula may also be interested in the RFP as a radio vendor.

Alan commented that he is still short on dispatchers. Stillwater Sheriff's Office will be sending several dispatchers over here next week to assist while one of our dispatchers is attending training in Helena. They should be filling in starting next week.

Sweet Grass County is changing vendors for the PBX phone system. We will take this opportunity to integrate the headsets for dispatch.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that she will begin flu shots in October.

Jenn stated that COVID cases are going around. We do not have any reported cases in Sweet Grass County at this time.

Andrew announced that they have a replacement ambulance about ready for service.

Fire Topics:

Angie reported that the FS was busy this week with the prescribed burning in the Derby mountain area. As far as wildfire, it's been somewhat slow this year around here. She commented that seasonal hirings will be ending soon. If anyone knows of good candidates, let them know. With the prospect of a government shutdown, it's uncertain as to how that will affect USFS fire suppression.

Kris announced that the fire department will have some basic level training on October 25th at 1900 hrs. at the fire hall. It will be taught by Park Electric and should be really good training. It's open to all of the disciplines.

He also reported that there has not been a lot of fires in the area this year.

Public Works:

Normal work tasks going on. JV announced that the tanker car with hazardous material was removed from the back of the courthouse lot.

Mitigation Progress:

Cliff reported that the county has moved almost everybody with the county over to the DOT GOV email service.

Cliff announced that the draft WRMHM plan is still on-line if anyone wants to review it and make comments. We still have some information that needs to be gathered and sent to the consultant as part of our review.

Comments from Members:

Taylor with HRDC announced that they have some programs available that allows for them to financially assist qualified individuals. One program deals with heating costs, and the other deals with childcare needs.

Matt reported that the East Boulder Mine is still working on the plateau.

Dan stated that they are monitoring the government shutdowns as they have some programs tied to the federal funding.

Corey announced that SGHS Homecoming is this weekend and there are several events tied to that function.

Cody gave a brief overview of the changes and reorganization of DES in Wheatland County.

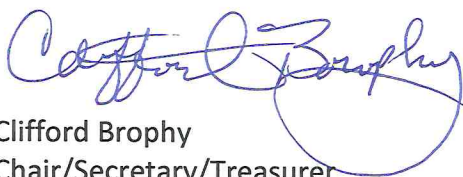
JV spoke about the big changes in our assessments and how its impacted local budgets. Theirs was completed but now has to be redone.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:30 AM (Normal date changed due to schedule conflicts)

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:29 pm

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer