

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **November 16, 2023 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

Bill Wallace, SG Commissioner
J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR

Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Jason Ferguson, Deputy Sheriff
Robert Spencer, USFS
Zane Leonard, East Boulder (virtual)
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
John Wetenkamp, NWS (virtual)

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 October 19, 2023 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

John noted that we are in our windy season. We have had mild temps. Next week we will be seeing cooler temps. John reminded everyone that the NWS has the winter weather page up for those that require more in-depth info on winter conditions.

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

Cliff announced that the EPA is adding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to the list of reportable substances. Full article is available for those interested.

Cliff and Zane spoke about the Tabletop Exercise (TTX) for the Sibanye-Stillwater East Boulder Mine Tailings Facility. It will be held next week on the 20th of November, 11:30 AM at the Palladium mine office in Big Timber.

Zane announced that there was a fatality at the Nye mine site. It's still under investigation. Both side of the mine shut down for one shift during that event. Members expressed their condolences to employees and family connected to the tragic event.

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

Cliff reported that he was able to attend a recent training event that is new to the field. Several Federal, State and not-for-profit groups have put together training that deals

with one specific group of Access and Functional Needs people. This training dealt with children and the special needs they require during disasters and emergency events.

An update on the Annex Generator grant funded project was given. The generator was finally ordered. That project should be completed by next summer.

The generator at the Courthouse is operational again. TWE sent a technician out to fix it and get it running again.

The Request for Bids (RFB) was issued for the grant funded project. That will begin soon.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff gave an update on the Dispatch Radio Consoles. The proposals were submitted by two vendors. The Zetron console was selected. Meetings with the installer will take place soon.

Public Health Topics: None

Fire Topics:

Robert with the NFS reported that they completed the prescribed burns in the Derby Mnt. area. Those went very well. The Forest Service also conducted some pile burning.

Cliff gave an update on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). It's in the final draft stage. We are waiting for some of the Fire Services to return their respective Bio's for the plan. Once we receive the update, we will announce it and have members review it.

Public Works:

The repairs to the approach for the Voges Bridge have been completed and accepted. Our costs will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

Mitigation Progress:

The County is still working on Cybersecurity projects. The Clerk and Recorder's Office will be participating in a third-party security assessment in the next few months. This is a requirement of the voting integrity standards.

Cliff announced that the Western Region Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan project is in final draft. Not a lot of new information.

Comments from Members:

Corey Austin announced that the High School has installed a NARCAN station on campus. There was training offered to some of the staff in the event of a possible opioid overdose. Other members of the LEPC reported that their office has or is considering adding the NARCAN station to their offices.

Melanie announced that the county offices will have new phones installed in the next few weeks.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 28, 2023 **11:30 AM**

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:05 PM

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy

Chair/Secretary/Treasurer