

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **December 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
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health
Kyle McLaughlin, MHP

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Nick Vertz, NWS

GUESTS:

Taylor Slabaugh, HRDC (Virtual)
Julie Ludwig, HRDC (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 November 16, 2023 were approved as submitted.

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

Cliff gave a brief report on the status of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and the recent separation of duties at the State level. The SERC was given the Federally charged duties and all of their extra former duties were moved over to the State DES.

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

Cliff reported that he was able to attend training geared specifically for considering the needs of children during Emergency events and planning. Taylor and Julie with HRDC will be offering the training again in the Billings area. Taylor stated that it would be February or March. This could be useful training for those dealing with schools, child care centers, faith-based camps and after school programs.

Cliff spoke about the CDBG-DR funding opportunities presented to counties that were impacted by the floods last year. The Department of Commerce - MT Housing group is coordinating the data gathering. If anyone is interested in listing a loss, please contact Cliff.

Cliff reported that the generator for the annex has been ordered and NW Energy is placing a work order for the project.

A vendor was selected for the replacement of the Grey Cliff repeater radios. A contract will be signed and equipment ordered.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

A vendor was selected to replace the radio consoles in dispatch. That install should be last of February and into March. The headsets for dispatch should be integrated again.

The contract with that vendor should be signed soon.

Public Health Topics:

Our county participated in a virtual Tabletop Exercise a few weeks ago. It was hosted by DPHHS and centered around identifying an illness and shipping samples for testing.

Jenn reported that there are a lot of COVID and norovirus cases currently. No confirmed Influenza cases at this time.

Fire Topics:

Cliff reported that there was a human caused wildland fire near the East Boulder drainage called the Green Mountain Fire. EOC was opened and two staff members from the East Boulder Mine participated in the EOC. CodeRed notifications were sent out. The firefighters did a great job and put it out quickly.

Mitigation Progress:

Clerk and Records office participated in a third-party cybersecurity assessment. It went well. No surprise findings.

Cliff gave an update on the Western Region MHMP. Plan is still in draft phase and should be closing comments soon. Final draft will be sent out for review.

National Weather Service:

Nick reported that the weather has been mild and not much snow.

Comments from Members:

JV announced that Dawn Curry will be the new Clerk and Recorder starting tomorrow.

Alan will be working on vacation overages facing his staff. Dispatch is short handed and this will be a challenge to see that they get their vacations.

Kyle McLaughlin with MHP announced that there will be a MHP trooper stationed in our area. He was able to secure a residence.

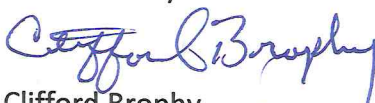
Dan reported that they were able to give out over 130 Christmas Dinner boxes to our community during the Christmas Holiday. It took a lot of work and many volunteers.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:10 PM

Submitted by


Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer