

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **February 22, 2024 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
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health
Cory Conner, SG Public Works
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Zac Krohn, USFS
Matt McManamen, East Boulder

Brandon Coleman, Trooper MHP
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
John Wetenkamp, NWS (Virtual)
GUESTS:
Jude Waerig, Healthcare Coalition
Julie Ludwig, HRDC (Virtual)
Stacey McManamen, RN - PMC
Heidi Baker, DON – PMC
Paige Whalin, Dispatcher
Paige Norskog, Dispatcher
Cody Nelson, DES Wheatland Co.

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: Done

Minutes for the Meeting on January 25, 2024 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Temperatures were in the 50's to 60's. There will be a drop in the temps next week and winds will pick up. No strong signals as to what the temps and moisture will do long term.

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

Two State Homeland Security Grants (SHSG) applications were being proposed but they were not ready to be submitted this year. No action required.

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

Cliff announced the he and the Commissioners would be attending the MACo winter conference in Great Falls next week.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Alan gave an update on the dispatch staffing. One of the newest dispatchers just graduated the PSAP Basic Academy.

Cliff reported that he was expecting a phone call from Dunne Communications to set a date for installation of the new radio consoles in dispatch.

Cliff reported that there was a nation-wide outage that affected AT&T and some other phone carriers. No official word as to what caused it. Notice was put out on Face Book that 9-1-1 calls could be affected.

Public Health Topics:

No major updates, but there are some illnesses going around the communities.

Cliff and others reported that several people joined in on the Public Health virtual functional exercise on the 15th of February. Members of the PMC, County Health and DES participated. There will be another training in a few weeks that will deal with chemicals.

Jude reported that the State public health folks are working on securing a centralized room to run operations and coordination efforts during big events.

Fire Topics:

Zak reported that Forest Service was able to burn a lot of piles this winter.

Kris reported that he will be scheduling a HAZMAT refresher course for fire and any of the other responders that would like to attend.

Public Works:

None

Mitigation Progress:

Cliff reported that the county is still working on cybersecurity updates.

The Western Region MHM plan is being reviewed for final submission.

Comments from Members:

Matt McManamen reported that their subcontractors are finishing up with their project. They will have another contractor coming in later to complete a different phase.

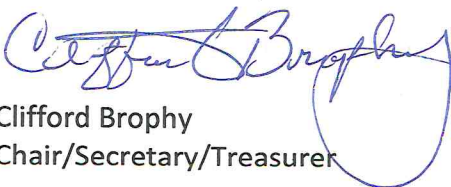
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Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: Business Meeting

Tabletop Exercise: Hazmat incident presented to test everyone's response plans as required by Federal Code. 2-hour event. (See AAR/IP)

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer