

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **May 28, 2020 11:30 AM**

Location: **Ambulance Hall, Meeting Room; 220 W 1ST AVE; Big Timber MT**
Virtual attendance via "GoTo Meeting"

Attendees:

Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner

Rob Farnum, Ambulance Manager

Cory Conner, SG Public Works

Jenn Chappell, SG Public Health Nurse

Kris Novotny, City Public Works/Fire Chief

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

Jim Sulages, Trooper MHP

Tom Frieders, NWS (virtual)

Bob Culbreth, Forest Service Fire Mgmt.

Jessica Stover, HRDC Billings (virtual)

The meeting was called to order by Clifford Brophy DES / E9-1-1 Coordinator at 11:30 AM

The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag was recited

Minutes for the Meeting on April 23, 2020 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions

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

Cliff reported that the Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) review will begin again. He requested that emergency responders review their sections of the EOP for changes and additions. If a copy of the plan is needed, please contact Cliff.

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

Cliff reported that we were successful in obtaining the EMPG grant and two of the three Homeland Security grants that we had applied for. We were successful in obtaining the base radio upgrade and the purchase of the generator for the civic center. We did not receive authorization for the generator for the county annex.

Members indicated that the Rodeo and the Sweet Grass Fest were still going to be held. The organizers are still considering whether or not they will have the car show. Those

events will be held June 26th and 27th. Boat float is tentatively scheduled for July 10th and 11th.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

The Montana Highway Patrol submitted a draft interlocal agreement to Sweet Grass County. The agreement would allow the State of MT to access the Grey Cliff repeater site and maintain the radio system on that location. This would last for 10 years unless modified by either party. Members were in favor of this agreement as long as it does not interfere with the current Sweet Grass communication system.

Public Health Topics:

There are currently no known cases of COVID-19 in the county. PMC reported that they will begin testing residents and employees for the COVID-19 Virus.

Fire Topics:

Bob Culbreth reported that the Forest Service has hired additional staff for this area and for Park County. Four will be stationed in Big Timber. The Forest Service will also have contractors in the area working on fuels reduction.

DNRC and local fire officials have been meeting and begun planning how fire response will work within the guidelines of a COVID-19 pandemic.

Kris reported that DNRC is still assessing mutual aid abilities throughout the State. There won't be much from outside resources. Agencies will need to rely on neighboring counties.

Weather Service: Tom reported that they are still restricted from attending meetings in person. They can still attend via video conferencing. Tom reported that the snow pack in the mountains will come out this weekend. Although we got some rain this last few weeks, we are still one inch short on moisture.

Comments from Members:

Cory reported that the Old Boulder Rd. bridge will be replaced starting on August 15th, 2020. They are still working on a detour route. It is scheduled to last for 100 days.

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June 25, 2020 11:30 AM same location

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:30 PM

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifford Brophy". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator