

# SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

### All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

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#### Minutes

Date of Meeting: **June 25, 2020 11:30 AM**

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

#### Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner

Rob Farnum, Ambulance Manager

Cory Conner, SG Public Works

Kris Novotny, City Public Works/Fire Chief

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

Tom Frieders, NWS (virtual)

Shawn Palmquist, NWS (virtual)

Bob Culbreth, Forest Service Fire Mgmt.

Bob Fry, MT DES Field Officer (virtual)

**The meeting was called to order** by Clifford Brophy DES / E9-1-1 Coordinator at 11:40 AM

**The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag** was recited

**Minutes for the Meeting on May 25, 2020** were approved as submitted.

#### **Welcome and self-introductions**

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

Cliff reported that he is still working on the Emergency Operations Plans (EOP). Cliff reported that he is experiencing difficulties with the document formatting. There are several different sections of the document that were compiled by different versions of Word. Local emergency response agencies were asked if they had any changes that needed to be made to the EOP. There were no changes needed.

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

Cliff reported for the benefit of those that were not in attendance last month that we were successful in obtaining 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.

**Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:**

Cliff reported that the SG Commissioners signed the Montana Highway Patrol interlocal agreement. The agreement would allow the State of MT to access the Greycliff repeater site and maintain the radio system on that location. This would last for 10 years unless modified by ether party.

**Public Health Topics:**

There are currently no known cases of COVID-19 in the county. Rob reported that the cases are high across the nation including Montana.

**Fire Topics:**

Bob Culbreth reported that the Forest Service has hired additional staff for this area and for Park County. The Forest Service will continue to have contractors in the area working on fuels reduction.

Kris reported that he was able to secure a trailer to assist in transporting fire equipment without having to rely solely on the county road crew. He will have fire staff staying at the fire hall.

**Public Utilities:**

Cory spoke briefly about the work in the Reed Point Area by Triangle TelCo. They have been very busy and their work will last for some time.

**Weather Service:**

Tom reported that they are still restricted from attending meetings in person. They can still attend via video conferencing. Tom spoke about the minor flooding that we have had this spring. High temperatures in May caused a lot of the snow to melt out. Tom inquired as to our input on the recently adjusted flood height trigger point for the Boulder River. Everyone believed that it was very close after the UWS raised the height up to where it is now.

**Comments from Members:**

Bob Fry reported that he has been busy with the State meetings. He announced that a lot of PPE is being sent out to the counties.

**Select Next Meeting Date:**

July 23, 2020 11:30 AM same location

**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** 12:30 PM

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy  
DES/911 Coordinator