

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

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

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner

Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner

Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff

Corey Austin, Superintendent High School

Rob Farnum, Ambulance Manager

Dan Tronrud, Community Health

Cory Conner, SG Public Works

Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

Bob Fry, MT DES

Glenn Madler, Phillips 66 Pipeline

Eric Ouzts, Phillips 66 Pipeline

Jerry Prete, Fire Services Training School

Adam Karlin, MAJ National Guard

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 January 28, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions

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

Major Adam Karlin with the National Guard joined us via go-to-meeting. He spoke about some of the resources that we can access if needed. They can assist in Hazmat situations as well as general disasters and emergencies. They have mobile communication units, mobile lab units and specialized equipment. He stated that they would be available for training scenarios also. He announced that his unit would be in the Gallatin Co. area around August if we had the opportunity to participate.

Cliff announced that he received the annual TIER II report from AT&T reporting as required.

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

The members reviewed certain projects that could be eligible for submission to the State Homeland Security Grant funding program. The membership chose to go with the generator at the annex; then the Base Radios repeater system on Tin Can Hill, and third, a shelving type storage system in the Civic Center to get the emergency supplies off the floor and into a protected area.

Chief Kris Novotny made the motion to rank them in that order. Commissioner JV Moody seconded. Motion passed with one friendly vote from the Sheriff in opposition. The generator was given top priority due to the past power outages and the critical services located at that facility. One of the concerns involves the required refrigerated storage of medications used by the county health nurse.

Cliff gave a brief report on the PDM All Hazard review process. We recently had a meeting focused on identifying possible hazards in the county. Process is going well.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff updated the membership about State's plan to moved approximately \$400,000 annually to the State Library from the E911 funds. They are planning on updating the GIS cadastral maps by assisting the local GIS departments.

Cliff inquired as to if there were any known issues with routing of wireless calls. Sometimes callers in one county are re-routed to another county. Most everyone believes that it has been good lately. In times past, it was hit and miss.

Public Health Topics:

Rob reported that there have been 687 COVID-19 doses given to date. 186 individuals have been fully immunized. This is approximately 20% of the eligible people. There is more vaccine on the way.

Fire Topics:

No updates statewide. There was one structure fire. That was extinguished before they lost the house. Owners were able to stay in their home. American Red Cross was notified and they contacted the owners.

Jerry Prete with Fire Training Services was in the area and taught a Hazmat awareness class the night before. A lot of the local responders attended. There were great reviews on the class.

Public Works:

Cory Conner reported that the State will be working in the area on Highway 191 on the North end of the County. That will cause disruption for a while during the milling process.

The State may also work on the Rapelje Rd but that is not certain at this point.

Kris reported that the City will be working on the 3rd Ave. from McLeod St. to Hooper St. this spring.

National Weather Service:

Nothing significant at this time based on reports, more wind.

Comments from Members:

Several members asked that we conduct a public campaign to have residents upgrade and/or replace their rural address on their driveways. Many of the address signs are missing.

Phillips 66 representatives reported that they will also be working on updating the address location markers and data for their sites.

Corey Austin reported that the High School will be busy for the next few weeks. They are hosting games at the School. Driver's ed will be starting soon also.

Jerry gave a TIM update and stated that the "Move Over" bill is being heard.

Select Next Meeting Date:

March 25th, 2021 1130 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:40 PM

Submitted by

Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator