

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **April 22, 2021 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

Rob Farnum, Ambulance Manager

Cory Conner, SG Public Works

Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Nadine Stosich, BT City Clerk

Jeff Brown, DNRC FMO

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

Joan Mainwaring, ARC

Robert Setzenfand, NWS

Eric, Phillips 66 Pipeline

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 March 25,2021 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions

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

Everyone was reminded of the tabletop exercise that is scheduled for May 13, 2021. It will test the emergency plan for the mine tailings pond on the East Boulder drainage.

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

Cliff reported that the base radio replacement project was proceeding. The Request for Bids was advertised. This is a Homeland Security Grant project.

Cliff reported that the Civic Center Generator project was also proceeding. It is also a SHSG funded project.

Cliff gave an update on the Pre-disaster Mitigation grant project and it going well. About half of the planning meetings have been held.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff reported that he did not have an update on the State GIS funding project. The state was looking at using approximately \$400K of 9-1-1 funds to assist the State Library.

Rob also mentioned that there was some plan to fund EMS retirement with 9-1-1 funding. He has not heard how that progressed.

Public Health Topics:

The public vaccination clinic scheduled for April 29, 2021 was brought up as a reminder. The MT National Guard was previously requested and is planning on assisting. The expected number of people that need their second shot is about 110.

Rob announced that it is reported that variants of the COVID-19 virus may be headed this way.

Rob reported that the construction at the PMC is progressing.

Fire Topics:

Jeff Brown reported that he was recently hired as the FMO for DNRC. He reported that some positions were recently filled in that office. He expects that the Billings area will have a helicopter pilot stationed there. This will help a great deal with fire response.

Public Works:

No update on the public street projects.

County is looking for new hires to fill positions.

National Weather Service:

Bob with the NWS gave us an update on the short term and extended term weather outlook. Warm and dry for the summer. Snow pack is a little low for this area.

Comments from Members:

ARC is sending out fire info.

Select Next Meeting Date: May 27, 2021; 11:30 A.M. same location

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 1200 hrs. (12:00 PM)

Submitted by


Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator