

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **June 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
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health

Cory Conner, SG Public Works
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Tom Frieders, NWS
Matt Wolfe, Sibanye – Stillwater Mine
Linda Racicot, ARC of MT

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 May 27, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions

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

Matt spoke about the events planned for this Thursday the 24th. Sibanye – Stillwater Mine will host a virtual public meeting open to present the Tailings Storage Facility emergency preparedness plan. This will begin at 9:00 am on Thursday. The mine officials will provide a power point presentation explaining the emergency preparedness plan. Local officials are invited to speak and answer questions about the county's procedure for evacuations and emergency notifications. After the virtual meeting, mine officials and local officials will meet with a group of residents that reside in the immediate area of the mine. This will take place at the McLeod Fire Hall.

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

Cliff Brophy announced that the updates to the County/City Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) were completed. Updates included the following:

(1) Update Contact Information; (2) Annex 16.2.1.2) replaced “channel 3” with “SGC West”; (3) Reformat #22 Plan; (4) Add annexes to Public Health PLAN #22 and renumber all (those annexes added are: 14-Emergency Med. 15-Countermeasures; Chempack Plan; 16-Specimen Transport; 17-Continuity of Opps. Plan; 18-Non-Pharm. Interventions).

If these changes are accepted by the LEPC, then the EOP will be forwarded to the City Council and the County Commissioners for their approval. After that, the plan is sent to the State of MT for Review.

Chief Kris Novotny made a motion to accept the EOP as presented and forward it to the Commissioners and City Council with the recommendation to approve the EOP. Cory Conner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

None

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that she had previously emailed annex 14 of the County Public Health Plan to appropriate agencies. She indicated that it was reviewed to her satisfaction and she just needed a few more signatures to complete that process.

Fire Topics:

Kris reported that he has had the station staffed since last week. He has been in contact with DNRC.

Public Works:

Corey reported that he has been preparing his water tenders in anticipation of the fire season. Most of the equipment will be centrally located if needed.

National Weather Service:

Tom reported that the weather outlook is about the same. Very warm and temperatures possibly reaching into the 100's next week. Fuels are drying fast as we continue in the near drought conditions.

Comments from Members:

Linda with the ARC of MT introduced herself and reported that the Red Cross has been very busy this year with fires and a flood. The Red Cross assisted with one fire in the Greycliff area. They are authorized to congregate now. Linda anticipated that they will be able to attend more meetings. The Red Cross is also approved to use congregate sheltering once again. Prior to this, sheltering was a challenge.

Select Next Meeting Date:

July 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM same location.

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:15 PM

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator