

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **9/22/2022 11:30 AM**

Location: **County Annex, Meeting Room; 515 Hooper St; Big Timber MT**

Attendees:

Bill Wallace, SG Commissioner
Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Sandy Wolford, Trauma Cord. PMC
Levi Duncan, USFS
Shane Warehime, Sgt MHP (virtual)
Wyatt Duncan, Trooper MHP
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Cory Mottice, NWS (virtual)

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

Minutes for the Meeting on 8/25/2022 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions:

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

The LEPC annual report was presented as draft form for input and action. Bill moved to accept as is and submit it to the State. Kris seconded. Motion passed

Cliff handed out a copy of the LEPC membership list. Several updates were recommended. The updated list will be submitted to the State when requested.

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

Cliff gave an update on the FEMA Public Assistance for the flood. The smaller projects such as the Fairgrounds buildings, debris on the Lower Sweet Grass Rd and personnel costs have been removed from the public assistance list. The Voges Bridge project is still active.

The NIMS report was presented in draft form for input and action. Melanie moved to accept it as is and submit it. Alan seconded. Motion passed.

The THIRA assessment was presented in draft form for input and action. Kris moved to accept the assessment and submit it to the State. Jenn seconded. Motion passes.

Debrief report for recent high pressure pipeline. Cliff and Kris gave a summary of the incident. Call came into dispatch. Dispatch notified company and local responders. Leak was

mitigated by next day. CodeRed notification system was used. Incident went very well given the potential.

Sandy Wolford spoke about the challenges for those dealing with the Amtrak train derailment. Communications were reported as the biggest challenge.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Sheriff spoke about a service that his office has signed up for dispatch. It is called RAPID S.O.S. and is a supplement source of information for 9-1-1 emergency calls. If the subscriber inputs additional information into the company database, the info may be forwarded to the dispatch call taker when that individual makes a 9-1-1 call. Implementation may be another month or two.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that COVID-19 is on the uptick again. No Monkey Pox nor Influenza has been reported in the county so far.

Fire Topics:

Levi reported that restrictions for prescribed burns have been lifted however it will probably be a sometime before they will do the prescribed burns.

Kris reported that the fire severity staffing is shutting down now for the season. Controlled burns are still prohibited in the county while it's warm and dry.

Public Works:

Old bridge over the Sweet Grass Creek was pulled out for replacement. The next step is to have concrete poured. The project should be finished near end of October.

National Weather Service:

Next week appears to be a warming trend and dryer.

Cory announced that the NWS will have a winter weather class coming up.

Comments from Members:

Corey Austin reported that the High School conducted an evacuation (fire drill) the other day. The time from alarm, evacuation and return to class was 7 minutes. He stated that they will work on lock-down drills next.

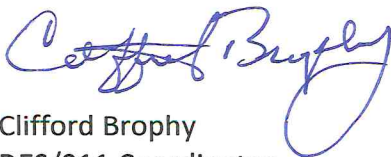
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There were scheduling conflicts with the October and November meetings. Kris Novotny moved to cancel the October meeting and reschedule the November meeting to the 17th of November. Alan Ronneberg seconded, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:31 PM

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator