

# 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: **March 28, 2024 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

Corey Austin, HS Superintendent  
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief  
Levi Duncan, USFS  
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

John Wetenkamp, NWS (Virtual)  
Scott Konley, Health Department  
GUESTS:  
Stacey McManamen, PMC

**The meeting was called to order** by Clifford Brophy, Chair at 11:30 AM

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

**Welcome and self-introductions:**

**Minutes for the Meeting on February 22, 2024** were approved as submitted.

**National Weather Service:**

John announced that Nick Vertz will be the new Warning Coordinator Meteorologist for the Billings area. John also announced that they have developed a new page for river and water information.

Short-term weather will be cooler with moisture and winds (40-50 mph). No strong signals as to what long term (April – June) will be.

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

Cliff reported that there are a lot of HAZMAT training opportunities right now if anyone needs that type of training. Dates available for those needing them.

Cliff reported on the updated TIER II reports that we have received. We don't have any big sites in our county. There are three sites that have batteries for backup power and they have submitted their TIER II reports as they have for the last few years.

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

The repeater replacements have been shipped and programmed. They will be installed after the new radio consoles have been successfully installed.

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

Dunne Communications has the dispatch consoles programmed. They should be installed soon.

**Public Health Topics:**

Cliff reported that the PMC and responders participated in a virtual TTX involving HAZMAT contamination. Stacey also spoke about the TTX and shared her thoughts on the exercise.

**Fire Topics:**

Kris spoke about the HAZMAT refresher training at the Fire Hall on March 27<sup>th</sup>. All responders are invited.

Cliff announced that there will be a Fire Cooperators meeting on April 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM located at the Ambulance hall following the LEPC meeting. More information will be sent out at a later date.

Levi reported that some staff will be returning from Florida shortly and will begin fearing up for our fire season.

**Comments from Members:**

Scott Konley introduced himself as the new Sanitarian for Sweet Grass County. He is anxious to get to know the community better.

Corey announced that Prom will be this April 21, 2024.

**Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:30 AM**

**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** 12:00 PM

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy  
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer