

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **May 23, 2024 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

Bill Wallace, SG Commissioner
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Cory Conner, SG Public Works
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Matt McManamen, East Boulder

Stacey McManamen, PMC
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
John Wetenkamp, NWS (virtual)
GUESTS:
Taylor Slabaugh, HRDC (Virtual)
Julie Ludwig, HRDC (Virtual)

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

The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag was recited

Minutes for the Meeting on April 25, 2024 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

John talked about the 1-2" of rain in the lower areas and snow in the higher elevations. Creeks and rivers will rise but shouldn't be a big concern. Next week, if we receive significant rains along with higher temps, we could see some flooding.

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

Cliff reported that the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) has been meeting and they are reportedly working on updating guidelines for the LEPCs in the State.

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

Cliff spoke about the Boulder riverbed project upstream from the Business Loop Road bridge (Highway 10) East of town. They have moved a lot of rock from the riverbed and placed riprap on the river right (East bank) just above the bridge to prevent damage to the bridge during the next high water.

Cliff reported that the grant project to replace four Grey Cliff repeaters is underway. The Fire and Road's repeaters were replaced first, then the Dispatch consoles had to be replaced. Once the consoles were in place, the Law and County repeaters could be replaced. During the installation of the different components, we have been plagued with challenges

such as: pagers not working correctly, mysterious transmissions from other sources and static noises.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

As indicated in the update on the repeaters, the Zetron radio consoles are in place in dispatch. The radio and E9-1-1 phones have been integrated into the headset for dispatch. We are now working on getting the new admin phones integrated as well.

Public Health Topics:

No updates

Fire Topics:

Cliff reported that the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been posted on the County website and also distributed to interested parties for comments and review. Included in the CWPP is an older map of the County's Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI) and a short paragraph describing the WUI.

Cliff reported that he and Kris were able to attend the Wildfire Leadership Conference in Billings last weekend. Various speakers gave presentations at the conference. DNRC is working on some upgraded equipment for fire response. That should be available in the near future.

Public Works:

Kevin and Cory spoke about the noise being transmitted on the road repeater. The source is unknown. The contractor will be informed of the interference.

Mitigation Progress:

Cliff reported that the County continues to update the cybersecurity status of various offices.

We are still waiting for the Regional MHMP to be finalized by the State and the Feds.

Comments from Members:

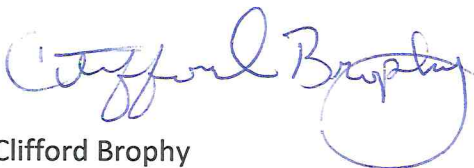
Matt reported that they will be installing or modifying the ventilation system for the mine. This will create a bigger concern when there are fires in the area of the East Boulder because of the needed redesign. Matt will meet with the Forest Service and update them also.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:00 pm

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer