

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **June 27, 2024 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Cory Conner, SG Public Works
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Angie Matos, USFS
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Bob Setzenfand, NWS (virtual)
GUESTS:
Taylor Slabaugh, HRDC (Virtual)
Julie Ludwig, HRDC (Virtual)
Jerry Prete, Fire Training school

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: Done

Minutes for the Meeting on May 23, 2024 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Bob reported that there would be thunderstorms moving in today and this weekend. Long-term – July will be warmer and dryer for this year.

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

A reminder was given out to all that the railroads and pipelines are hosting training sessions right now. They don't have any in person trainings in this area, but they do have some virtual trainings going on if anyone is interested.

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

Cliff gave a report on the FEMA PA Voges Bridge project. All of the paper work has been turned in and we are expecting a federal check as reimbursement. Cliff asked if there were any local training needs. None identified at this time.

Cliff announced that we were able to secure several demonstration mobile phones and a hot spot service. These will link into the Starlink Sat service if needed.

Cliff gave a quick update on some of the grant projects. The Annex generator is now in place and running. The 4 repeater replacements on Grey Cliff are installed and running just fine.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Lana King (GIS) is receiving assistance from the State Library and from the State DOJ. They are funding by grant funds from 9-1-1 and will be assisting her in updating our address locations for the County GIS department.

The PSAP Consoles have been installed and are working. Contractor has several more unrelated tasks to finish but consoles are working.

The headset integration is moving forward slowly. At one point, dispatchers could only use the headsets for one item (radio) but had to use individual handsets for the two phones. Now, they can answer the 911 phone and the radio on the headset. The next phase is to integrate the admin phone line into the headset.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that there is not much going on in our county. COVID is up nationwide.

Andrew reported that they will have an exercise next month or so. They will be inviting other responders to the training event.

Andrew reminded everyone that the mill levy elections will be going out soon. He spoke about the importance of the funding for EMS.

Law Enforcement:

Alan reported that they are getting ready for Sweet Grass Fest, the Rodeo, 4th of July and Boat Float.

Fire Topics:

Angie announced that their Fire Dispatch will be staffed full time. They have a prevention/ education technician that will be attending many of the public events in the area. That person will have a booth set up at some of those events.

JV spoke about the coop agreement that they signed with the County and DNRC for fire suppression efforts this year.

Cliff gave a brief update on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI) projects. They still need a little more work on the WUI.

Kris announced that the Fire Department is looking at building a firehall around Melville.

Kris reported that he received another tender from DNRC to be used in the County.

Public Works:

Cory reported that the roadcrew has been updated on their fire awareness training. County looking at updating more bridges. Fleming Bridge being one of the first.

Kris reported that the City will be replacing water and sewer lines around the area of Hooper and 6th and 7th Avenues.

Mitigation Progress:

No new updates. Annual review of the mitigation projects will be coming up soon.

Cliff reported that the Feds sent the regional mitigation project plans back to the state with a request for additional required information.

Comments from Members:

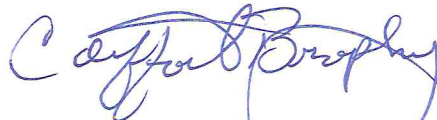
Commissioners are watching the status of the mine. The Mine officials recently announced that the future is not good based on the current status of metal prices.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:20 pm

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifford Brophy", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Clifford Brophy

Chair/Secretary/Treasurer