

# 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: **August 29, 2024 11:30 AM**

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

#### Attendees:

Bill Wallace, SG Commissioner  
J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner  
Greg DeBoer, City Mayor  
Hope Mosness, City Clerk  
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager  
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health  
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR  
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief  
Angie Matos, USFS

Matt McManamen, East Boulder  
Zane Leonard, East Boulder (Virtual)  
John Fisher, CHS Pipeline  
Stacey McManamen, PMC  
Heidi Baker, DON - PMC  
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Julie Ludwig, HRDC (Virtual)  
GUEST:  
Greg Coleman, Park Co. OEM

**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:** Completed

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

#### **National Weather Service:**

No report available

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

Cliff distributed the LEPC annual report prior to the meeting for membership review. The report was introduced. No changes or corrections offered. JV Moody moved to accept the report and submit it to the State DES. Seconded by Kris Novotny. Motion passed.

Cliff distributed the NIMS annual report prior to the meeting for membership review. The report was introduced. No changes or corrections offered. JV Moody moved to accept the report and submit it to the State DES. Seconded by Bill Wallace. Motion passed.

Cliff distributed the THIRA assessment prior to the meeting for membership review. The assessment was introduced. No changes or corrections offered. Kris Novotny moved to accept the report and submit it to the State DES. Seconded by Bill Wallace. Motion passed.

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

Debrief Water Treatment Facility failure. Kris gave a timeline report describing the series of events that unfolded on Monday morning. The majority of the feedback from the public over the last few weeks was related to the communication of notices to the public. Some residents did not receive the notices. Some believed that more information needed to be pushed out. Comments were, however, favorable on the response by the Public Works Department. PWD were assisted by the County PW and COPS Construction.

Hope spoke about the bottled water that was made available at City Hall. She felt that the water was a positive thing. City hall dealt with a lot of phone calls.

Cliff then presented the 3 CodeRed messages that went out and how they were sent. Data was presented on those messages showing the percentages of missed calls, busy calls, answered calls and the interrupted calls.

FOLLOWUP to the EVENT: Kris had contacted Triangle TelCo support. Triangle stated that they could white-list the 3 numbers that CodeRed uses to call out on. That would be implemented throughout the Triangle service area. Triangle would proceed with that. The LEPC group also agreed to push the info out to encourage the residents and business owners to create an account with CodeRed and ensure that their phones are registered. The group also expressed the desire to utilize the siren at the Courthouse.

Greg Coleman was invited to speak to our group about new technology that Park County is implementing. Park County obtained a grant to purchase and install an IP network TV system that will allow the announcement of local events. This is to replace the former sandwich-board system that had papers posted on it. The TV's would be placed in areas such as grocery stores and other public areas.

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

Cliff reported that the PSAP recorder is on order and will be installed soon. The old one could not be repaired.

**Fire Topics:**

Angie (USFS) reported that the fire danger is high, as of now, there are no restrictions in this area. There was a small fire on the back side of the Crazy Mountains.

Kris reported that there was a couple of small fires locally, but not much since the groups of fires near Hobble Diamond.

Kris reported that the Stage 2 fire restriction was lifted over a week ago. Recent moisture in the area improved conditions.

**Public Health Topics:**

Training events are coming up. There will be a trauma class on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at the PMC. Then at the end of September, there will be a system wide exercise. EMS will be notifying everyone of that event.

Jenn reported an incident involving a rabid bat in a residence around Big Timber. Jenn also announced that we should be aware there are Whooping cough (pertussis) cases around Sweet Grass.

**Public Works:**

Kris reported that the City is tearing up all kinds of stuff. There are sewer line replacements, water main upgrades and street repairs going on in the City.

**Mitigation Progress:**

Cliff reported that there have been no reportable actions this month. We are still waiting for the FEMA to ok the WRMHMP submission for final action.

**Comments from Members:**

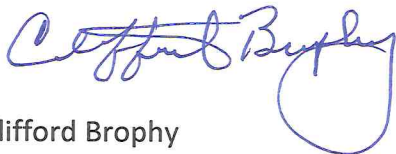
Several members announced that there is an invasion of packrats around this area. Numerous cases have been reported around town and in the county.

**Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 11:30 AM**

**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** 12:52 pm

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clifford Brophy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Clifford Brophy  
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer