

# 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: **January 23, 2025 11:30 AM**

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

#### Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner  
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent  
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager  
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health  
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR  
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Levi Duncan, USFS - Fire  
Zane Leonard, East Boulder  
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Nick Vertz, NWS (virtual)  
GUESTS:  
Guests: Rebecca Egan, USFS

**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 December 12, 2024** were approved as submitted.

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

Weather has stayed about the same over the New Year. Next 2-4 weeks we should see the temps below normal and precipitation above normal. Winds will continue.

Nick announced that if any of the members would like to receive weather briefs, just reach out to him. He also commented that he would be willing to attend tabletop exercises if we would remember to send the NWS an invite.

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

Cliff passed around a list of the current members and invited those in attendance to review it for any modifications.

Cliff opened nominations for election of officers. Kris moved to keep all of the officers the same. JV seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Cliff Brophy will be Chair, Secretary / Treasurer and Information Officer. Kris Novotny will be Vice Chair.

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

Annual review of the Multi Mitigation Plan – Cliff previously sent out a copy of the tasks listed in the plan. Those items were reviewed and update during the LEPC meeting.

Some task updates will require contact with members that were unable to attend this meeting.

Initial review of the Community Wildfire Plan (CWPP) – Cliff previously sent out a copy of the tasks listed in the plan. Those items were briefly reviewed as an introduction to the tasks that need to be worked on. Members will review the plan and prioritize the tasks that they can work on. Updates to the progress of the tasks worked on over the next year will be noted at the next review.

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

Granite Tech and WestTel were able to setup conference calling on the E911 lines. This will assist Dispatch when they receive calls from non-English speaking callers.

**Fire Topics:**

Levi reported that Zac Fisher has been assigned to our area as the new USFS Ranger. Levi also reported that their crews are now filled.

**Law Enforcement Topics:**

No updates

**Public Health Topics:**

Jenn reported that respiratory cases are ongoing.

**Public Works:**

No updates

**Mitigation Progress:**

The county has added more public facing address for vulnerability scans.

Cliff reported that our Western Region can now pass local resolutions to conditionally adopt the newest update of the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan and the addendum that goes with that plan. This action will be discussed with the City and County administrators.

**Comments from Members:**

None

**Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 11:30 AM**

**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** 12:47 PM

Submitted by

  
Clifford Brophy  
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer