

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **February 27, 2025 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner
Greg DeBoer, City Mayor
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health

Jeff Kogelmann, Triangle Comm
Stacy McManamen, PMC
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Todd Chambers, NWS (virtual)
GUESTS:
Rebecca Egan, USFS
Matt Heaney, 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: Done

Minutes for the Meeting on January 23, 2025 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Todd advised we should be getting back into the 50's this week. Still a chance of some low-level flooding as there is still some frost in the ground. A change will move in Sunday night with possible rain/snow. Temps going back into 40's and wind will diminish some.

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

Cliff spoke about the requirement that facilities and others with certain levels of hazardous substances are required to submit TIER II reports to LEPCs. LEPCs are then required to keep these on file and inform the public if requested. Two companies have filed their TIER II reports as required. If any of the members are familiar with other companies that should be filing the reports, please let Cliff know. One of the companies has submitted a response plan as required. As the LEPC, we are required to work with that company to exercise those plans together. We will be setting a date to do so later in the year.

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

Cliff spoke about the road closure on February 7, 2025. The responding participants then took turns speaking about their involvement in that event and reported on what went right and what could be done differently. The summary can be found in the After-Action Report – Improvement Plan authored by Cliff.

Cliff and Jenn reported on the webinar that they attended about Access and Functional Needs training. The webinar listed some good points and gave links to several great resources. Anyone requiring further information or training can reach out to Cliff or Jenn.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff gave an update on the 9-1-1 recorder. We are still struggling with the upgrade. Contractor has traveled here several times only to find out that the company has sent the wrong parts or the wrong security keys.

Fire Topics:

The POD fire meeting scheduled for next month (March) will be postponed for some time. The Fire cooperators meeting in April is still on schedule.

Forest Service has made a lot of progress on burn piles.

Law Enforcement Topics:

Alan reported that Trevor will be taking over Jason's duties as School Resource Officer sometime next year.

Alan reported that he has been working with State staff on several drug cases here in the County. Charges are pending.

Alan reported that one of his dispatchers will be attending Basic Academy soon.

Public Health Topics:

Lots of PH related training will be offered this spring. On April 10th there will be a virtual exercise hosted Southern Healthcare Coalition.

Jenn reported that there has been a lot of influenza cases reported around the State and locally.

Public Works:

JV reported that the contractors will be working near the Old Boulder Road bridge. They will be moving more rock out of the river bed.

The County Road Crew will be replacing the Bainer Bridge as the next project.

They will also work on the restricted bridge in McLeod as it is open to foot traffic only.

Mitigation Progress:

Cliff announced that we have completed the Western Region Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan (WRMHMP) and it was approved by FEMA on condition that it be accepted by the County and City via resolution. Cliff will make arraignments for the City and County to set these as an agenda item and act on the resolution. JV moved to accept the Regional Plan and our Addendum. Melanie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Members:

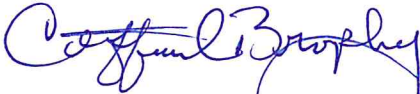
None

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

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:32

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer