

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

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

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent
Ian Peterson, CEO PMC - Virtual
Stacey McManamen, PMC
Heidi Baker, PMC
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Scott Konley, SG Health Dept
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR

Zac Krohn, USFS Fire Mgt.
Greg Oyler, USFS
Zac Fisher, USFS District Ranger
Zane Leonard, East Boulder – Virtual
Kris Nichols, AMR Coordinator
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Nick Vertz, NWS - Virtual
GUESTS:
Ryan Olson, Third Signal - 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

Welcome and self-introductions: Completed – Our new USFS Ranger Zac Fisher was introduced and welcomed.

Minutes for the Meeting on February 27, 2025 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Nick reported that there was a small-time frame of ice jams that came and gone. No big issues were reported. We should be seeing above normal temps for April. Details on weather spotter training can be found by calling NWS for that info.

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

A contact for BNSF Railroad commented that they had an opening on April 2 for Hazmat training. Not certain that we will be able to put that training together on that date. They do offer great training for Hazmat response. That info will be sent out at a later date.

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

Cliff asked if anyone had any specific training topics they would like to see. Members were asked to submit those if they thought of any.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff reported that the map in Central Square dispatch program has been updated. We are waiting for Central Square to fix a few things in the upgrade. Scott asked if the upgraded maps included the subdivision roads around Grey Cliff. Cliff would check with Lana and find out that information.

Cliff gave an update on the recorder and that slow process. The new recorder has been connected to the radios. A different computer will have to be attached to allow dispatchers to access the recordings.

Ryan Olson with Third Signal LLC gave a presentation on the 988 project in Montana. We are in the jurisdiction of the Bozeman Help Center. He described how 988 and dispatchers could work together on those suicide and crisis calls that escalate into an emergency. 988 and our dispatch will work together to develop a plan on volunteers that are out there. Ryan will provide examples of MOU's, policies and protocols.

Fire Topics:

Though Angie Matos was not present at this meeting, the group wished her well on her retirement and sent best wishes. A flyer was handed out that announced a retirement party for Angie in the Livingston area that Friday night. We appreciated the many years of service to this area and to our forest service community.

Fire cooperators meeting will be held April 24, 2025 at 12:30 right after the LEPC meeting in Big Timber.

Zac reported that there will be a few spring, green up fires. Nothing scheduled for our area specifically.

Zac reminded us to contact Rebecca to put on fire education briefs at our various public events if we wanted to get more education out there.

Law Enforcement Topics:

Alan gave an update for his office. One of his dispatchers will be at the academy for two weeks. Next week will be telecommunicator week. Alan will re-launch the "Angel" initiative for Sweet Grass County. One of his vehicles is losing an engine. His office and the state have been doing some investigations and several drug related arrests have taken place.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that she, Cliff and Stacey attended a virtual tabletop exercise on infectious diseases. It was very interesting and informative.

Scott reported that the number of septic tank permits were picking up now.

Stacey announced that the PMC will be having a special on lab tests next month.

Public Works:

Kevin reported that they went straight from plowing snow to maintaining roads. It has been a quick turnaround for them this spring.

Mitigation Progress:

Cliff announced that the county plans (EOP; WR MHMP, Addendum BB and the CWPP) have been placed on county website on the DES page.

Cliff reported that the County and the City have adopted the WRMHMP and related Addendum BB.

Comments from Members:

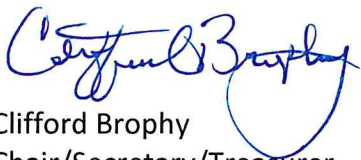
Zac Fisher thanked everyone for the warm welcome and looked forward to working with all of us.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:35 pm

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifford Brophy". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer