

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: June 26, 2025 11:30 AM

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Dan Tronrud, Community Health
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Zane Leonard, East Boulder (virtual)
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Jeff Kogelmann, Triangle TelCo
Nick Vertz, NWS (virtual)
GUESTS:
Regina Putman, Community Health

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 22, 2025 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Nick reported weather has been about normal. Precipitation was above normal in lower elevations. Moving into above normal temps and below normal moisture for July August.

Nick reminded us that if we have any large events coming up, we can contact the NWS and they will do spot weather monitoring for us.

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

Cliff reviewed the monthly document sent out by the State on behalf of the SERC. A few copies were handed out to the members.

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

Cliff presented the draft "*Distribution Plan*" to the members. JV moved to accept the plan and Kris seconded. Motion passed.

Cliff then presented the draft update to the county-wide alerting process and titled as "*Public Alert, Warning, & Notification SOP*". Dan moved to accept that document and Corey seconded. Motion passed.

Cliff then presented the list of changes and modifications proposed for the Emergency Operation Plan for the City and the County. This included the two documents just accepted. JV moved to approve the changes and Kris seconded. Motion passed.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff updated the members on the slow process of installing equipment and getting things up and running. A new link has been installed at Tin Can for the link to Monument Mountain. The tech was having a difficult time in getting the new link to talk to the repeater on Monument. The recorder has been installed. Now we are waiting for the computer IT techs to connect it to the work stations in dispatch so they can access it.

Fire Topics:

Forest service was called in for duty and was unable to attend this meeting.

Law Enforcement Topics:

Rash of thefts around town. Please lock your vehicle and buildings.

Public Health Topics:

No measles so far. There was a bat bite case. Unable to capture the bat.

Public Works:

Fleming Bridge work permits have been applied for. County waiting for those. We hope to have the bridge completed this late fall.

City will have streets torn up around town for the summer and fall. Will hinder ambulance for a short time around the clinic.

Mitigation Progress:

No updates to report by members.

Cliff spoke about two cyber cases across the nation. A publication announced that overall, public services have seen a reduction in attacks. However, one area of emergency services has seen a 60% increase in attacks.

The local grocery store has a sign displayed that indicates they are having a difficult time order produce because of the cyber attack affecting a large produce supplier down towards the south.

Comments from Members:

None

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

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 1213 hrs.

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer