

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **September 25, 2025 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Greg DeBoer, City Mayor
Jeremy Countryman, EMS Manager
Stacey McManamen, PMC
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Levi Duncan, USFS

Gunnar Hansen, P66
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Nick Vertz, NWS (virtual)
GUESTS:
Jessica Wilson, ARC (virtual)
Zac Fisher, USFS District Ranger

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 August 28, 2025 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Nick reported that recent weather events have been rather calm. New system moving into this area. May see cooler and moist temperatures towards the end of the week, but still moderate.

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

Cliff presented the draft of the LEPC annual report. Motion made by Commissioner JV to accept the draft and send it to the State SERC. Mayor Greg seconded. Motion passed.

A one-page training sheet sent out by the SERC, was reviewed for the LEPC training segment.

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

Cliff presented the draft of the NIMS annual survey. Motion made by Mayor Greg to accept the draft and send it to the State DES. Commissioner JV seconded. Motion passed.

Cliff reported that the warning siren mounted to the Courthouse was now repaired. Members chose to have dispatch test it once a week on Wednesday at noon.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Cliff reported that the call recorder in dispatch was now fully operational. It has been recording the entire time, dispatch was unable to access it until now.

Fire Topics:

Update on the Melville fire building. They have the floor and walls are framed in. They will be raising the trusses this week.

Forest Service has been quiet for the most part. One fire outside of Cook City in Park County. One mutual aid fire with Park County. Staffing is back to Monday through Friday.

There have been a lot of bear encounters reported in this area and all over.

Fire danger was moved from HIGH to MODERATE in this area.

Law Enforcement Topics:

None

Public Health Topics:

Stacey reported that the clinic participated in the trauma training recently. That went well. She announced that the clinic will be holding their fall special in October offering special prices on most lab work.

Public Works:

Kevin reported that the Elk Creek bridge project went well.

The Bainter Bridge project will be placed on hold for a time. The Flemming Bridge Project is progressing. The various permits needed for the project are coming in. Many of the groups associated with that project are getting together October 1st for a meeting.

Mitigation Progress:

No updates at this time

Comments from Members:

Jessica with ARC announced that they are putting fire alarms in homes this fall. She will coordinate with our Fire Chief Kris to offer alarms in our area.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:37 pm

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer