

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **October 23, 2025 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Levi Duncan, USFS
Zane Leonard, East Boulder (virtual)

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
William, NWS (virtual)
GUESTS:
Jude Waerig, MTHA – Southern Region

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 September 25, 2025 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Experiencing warmer temperatures. Temps will drop down into the 50' this weekend. Continued wet pattern.

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

SERC meeting will be held November 12, 2025 from 9:00am to 12:00pm

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

Cliff reported that the County renewed the 3-year agreement with FEMA IPAWS.

Announced a date for the East Boulder Mine Tailings Facility Exercise. It will be held November 12, 2025 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Palladium in Big Timber.

State DES announced in a separate meeting that they are implementing a newer web-based program to replace the old "Web EOC". This one promises to be better.

Cliff gave some updates received at the latest MEMA Conference. FEMA is going through some reorganization. Not sure what it will look like. Federal funds are slowly being distributed. Many grants are still on hold and many Federal offices are disrupted due to the shut-down.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

State sent out an announcement that there are grants available for 9-1-1 related projects. If anyone has an idea for projects, just let Cliff know.

Fire Topics:

Not much activity to report for the summer.

Melville Fire Hall is dried in and they are waiting for metal siding and roofing.

Electrical will be run in soon.

Law Enforcement Topics:

None

Public Health Topics:

Jude reported that the hold on Federal funds has slowed things down. Many projects are on hold until funding is released. Training and exercises are being planned out for the anticipated arrival of federal funds.

Public Works:

Bridge projects are still moving forward. Some are slower than anticipated.

Mitigation Progress:

County has a cybersecurity self-assessment due this November – December. There is a workshop scheduled this December to assist in the completion of that assessment.

There is a Western Region Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan (WRMHMP) workshop scheduled for November 5, 2025 10am-3pm to assist counties with this process.

The membership reviewed the tasks in the County WRMHMP as the annual requirement to review the Plan. This should have us prepared for the workshop. Updates and changes were noted in the worksheet prepared by Cliff.

Comments from Members:

None

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 11:30 AM

The meetings on Nov 27th and Dec 25th were canceled due to Holidays.

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:27 pm

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer