

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **December 11, 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
Jeremy Countryman, EMS Manager
Jenn Chappell, Public Health
Heidi Baker, PMC DON
Dan Tronrud, Community Health

Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Levi Duncan, USFS
Jeff Kogelmann, Triangle Comm
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Nick Vertz, NWS

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 October 23, 2025 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

Nick spoke about the current wind storm and the high winds around the state.

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

Cliff referenced the “One-Page Summary” sent out by the MT DES on behalf of the SERC. The page gave information about reimbursement eligibility and requirements to Local Governments.

Cliff reminded the members that next month will be election of officers.

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

Next month we are tentatively planning on having a tabletop exercise involving the Glaston Lakes north of Big Timber. The owners and managers will be invited.

Cliff gave a report on the latest of the CodeRED platform security breach. The platform was shut down when a cyber breach was discovered. The company, On Solve connected us to the newer platform Crisis24 the following day after our request to do so. The incident is still under investigation by law enforcement and technicians. We have the ability to send out notices and warnings but we do not have access to IPAWS OPEN.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

State is still working on the State-wide system concept and study for E9-1-1.

Fire Topics:

Levi reported that FS is still burning a lot of piles on the West side of the Crazy's.

Public Health Topics:

One case of influenza. First case of the Marburg virus was reported in Montana. Jenn reported that we are at a low risk of seeing that virus in Montana.

Public Works:

The Bainter Bridge and Fleming Bridge have been put on hold for the time being. The bridge on Howie Road is still being worked on. Later this spring, we will work on the Upper Deer Creek bridge. Commissioners will review a request for a wind farm.

Mitigation Progress:

Cliff spoke about the WRMHMP update process. Much of the information we gathered from our last meeting will go in the report.

Comments from Members:

Community Health is slow in some areas but they are still working on other programs.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:15 pm

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer