

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **March 26, 2026 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner
Heidi Baker, DON PMC (Virtual)
Robert "Bo" Wyant, PMC (Virtual)
Dan Tronrud, Community Health (Virtual)
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief/PW Director

Levi Duncan, USFS
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

GUESTS:

Matt Heaney, USFS
Jessica Wilson, ARC
Joshua Viegut, PMC (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:

Minutes for the Meeting on February 26, 2026 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

No report

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

Cliff reported that we received two TIER II reports as mandated by federal rules and laws. Those were submitted by the windfarm company and AT&T.

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

Cliff reported that the HVAC systems at the Grey Cliff repeater site were failing. Local repair tech was contacted and has most of the equipment up and running. Waiting on two more motors to arrive to finish the repairs. The critical repairs have been finished.

Cliff reported that the HVAC system for the communications building near the courthouse is being installed. This will help seal this structure to protect the expensive electronic equipment installed in that building.

Cliff provided handouts and visual slides to show those in attendance how we access the IPAWS platform and the notification systems we can utilize as a result of the access. We can only access it via approved alerting systems. We were recently reconnected with IPAWS through our new program CodeRED by CRISIS24. Users must complete approved training segments and test monthly.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Several uninterruptable power supplies (UPS) failed recently. Those were repaired and additional ones were added.

We also upgraded parts of the E9-1-1 call answering equipment. Some of the work stations were running the Windows 10 OS. That OS is no longer being supported and workstations must be updated to a supported system. This was another opportunity to clean up some of the non-used cords and wiring in dispatch and the equipment rooms.

Fire Topics:

USFS continues to hold off on burning piles due to mild weather conditions. Not much going on for the FS side due to conditions. It's been rather quiet for fires in this area.

Kris reported that it's been busy for the local FD. Approximately 20 of the total 60 calls have been fire related. That's high for the winter season.

Law Enforcement Topics:

No report

Public Health Topics:

Reminder to wash hands – Flu is going around!

Public Works:

Kris announced that the City is accepting bids for the street repairs around Hart and Hooper streets near 8th Ave.

Kevin reported that the County is proceeding with the Bainter Bridge replacement next week.

Kevin stated that the Upper Deer Creek Bridge project should be started this spring and summer.

Mitigation Progress:

No updates or reports on mitigation projects. Cliff will be sending our annual update report into the State next week.

Comments from Members:

Melanie reported that the Fleming Bridge project should be starting up again soon after the winter months.

The County will be doing maintenance on the airport this summer. There will be a gate installed at the airport to facilitate additional security.

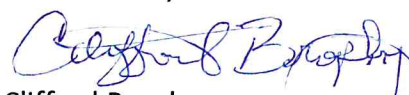
Jessica with ARC spoke about the service they offer. They will coordinate the installation and updates of fire alarms in our area .

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:10 PM

Submitted by


Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer