

BIG HORN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

121 3rd St W
First Floor Meeting Room
Hardin, MT 59034



Members

BIG HORN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES July 11, 2022 2:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance: Brian Mischel; AJ Espinoza; Bill Hodges; Charlie Hansen; Ryan France; Gunnar Hansen; Corey Mottice; Dionne Pretty on Top; Casey Driscoll; Jed Barton

3. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes - Motioned and approved.

4. Discussion

- Updates from committee members

Big Horn County DES - June Thunderstorm that brought straight line winds. An application for damage assessment is available soon. State Homeland Security Grant funds are being used to purchase better furniture for EOC.

Big Horn County Fire/Road - Staying on top of fires

Bill Hodges - COVID19 Omicron Sub variant is ramping up. Numbers are increasing. It does not seem to be causing severe illnesses. Hospital visits around the nation have increased. Symptoms presented do not point to as many fatalities as before. The June 11th windburst took out the power to the health department. Refrigeration was a big factor due to vaccines being refrigerated. Public Health is relocating to Big Horn Center.

Charlie Hansen - MT DES is working on flooding issues that have been hit in neighboring areas. A Presidential Declaration has been declared for flooding. Charlie will be retiring at the end of the week.

Ryan France - Refereed update to Gunnar Hansen

Gunnar Hansen - Nothing to Report

Casey Driscoll - Working with access and functional needs groups who need assistance with the flooding.

Corey Mottice - Getting out of the wet pattern storms. Looking at hotter weather. Mostly dry, hot and

sunny weather is coming. Working with hydrologists to survey for new flood zones.

Dionne Pretty On Top - Busy testing staff. A total of 12 staff in June tested positive for COVID-19. None are work-related exposures. Hazard Vulnerabilities will be sent out for LEPC members to look over and comment on.

Jed Barton - Working with access and functional needs individuals during floods.

5. Old Business

- Review ***Emergency Support Function 12 - Energy*** and adopt updates to the Emergency Operations Plan.

Support Agencies that could be added could be the local pipeline operators. An energy definition could be useful to put in the ESF. TW Enterprises could be a good support agency. Pipelines are included on other ESF 12s across the nation.

6. New Business

- Introduce ***Emergency Support Function 13 - Public Safety***.

ESF will be distributed in Minutes.

7. Public Comments

No Public Comments

8. Adjourn