

Butte/Silver Bow
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/
Citizen Corps Council (CCC)
Minutes for February 23, 2022

Attendees - *denotes LEPC member or proxy

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| Brinkley, Krysten | MT Western Health Coalition |
| Carey, Lisa* | BSB Office of Emergency Management |
| Cozby, Kelly | REC Silicon |
| Merrifield, Jim* | BSB Director of Office of Emergency Management |
| Fleege, Jeremy* | Montana Resources |
| Helm, Erin | American Red Cross |
| Hoar, Todd* | BSB Disability Council |
| Lester, Ed* | BSB Law Enforcement |
| McPherson, Dave* | 911 Manager (LEPC Chairman) |
| Maloughney, Karen* | BSB Public Health Department |
| Marthaller, Kurt* | BSB School District #1 |
| Morgan, Marissa* | EHS Director, MT Tech |
| Osborne, Zach* | BSB Fire Department |
| Pewitt, Rodney* | Amateur Radio |
| Phillips, Jen* | St. James Healthcare |
| Parish, Jason | BSB IT/ PIO |
| Rezau, Allison | American Red Cross |
| Ries, John* | Mayor of Walkerville, MT |
| Robinson, Bill* | BSB Safety and Risk Management |
| Rowe, Josh | BSB IT/ PIO |
| Schlichenmayer, John* | American Red Cross |
| Steilman, Eileen | REC Silicon |
| Steilman, Pete | Montana Resources |

Absent:

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| Alne, Rod* | 15-90 SAR |
| Chamberlin, Pam* | Bert Mooney Airport |
| Crowley, Jeremy* | Montana Bureau Mines Geology |
| Gallagher, JP | BSB Chief Executive |
| Johnson, Stephanie | BSB County Library |
| Kambich, Jim | BSB Chief of Staff |
| Kenison, Kathy* | BSB/IT |
| Kujava, Matt | REC Silicon |
| McGree, Mike* | A-1 Ambulance |
| Murphy, Jim | REC Silicon |
| Roberts, Ben* | Montana Precision Products |
| Rolich, John* | BSB Health Department |
| Ryan, Rick* | Bert Mooney Airport |
| Seys, Cinda* | BSB Safety and Risk Management |
| Stickney, Mike* | MT Bureau of Mines & Geology |
| Sparks, Bandi* | Northwestern Energy |
| Sullivan, John* | BSB Facilities Manager |
| Walleser, Audrey | MT DES |
| Wilfore, Mark* | Montana Highway Patrol |

I. CALL TO ORDER- CHAIRPERSON DAVE MCPHERSON

LEPC Chairman Dave McPherson called the February 23, 2022 meeting of the Butte/Silver Bow (B/SB) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Citizen Corps Council (CCC) to order at 12:10 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendance sign-in form was distributed for the in-person attendees, and virtual attendees were noted and reflected in the attendee list above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman called for approval of the January 26, 2022 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comments.

V. PRESENTATION/s – Homeland Security Grant Applications / LEPC Priority Ranking

- Cybersecurity Infrastructure Enhancement Project -Presentation by Josh Rowe, BSB Network Administrator
- Modified Wildland Fire Suppression Vehicle -Presentation by Zach Osborne, BSB Fire Chief

After the presentations a very lengthy conversation was had over the importance of each grant and the LEPC found it very difficult to choose one over the other. In the end, primarily based on the State's HSG anticipated focused core priorities John Schlichenmeyer made a motion to prioritize the cyber security grant over the fire department's grant. Jennifer Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING/PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Jim Merrifield, Zach Osborne, Jen Phillips, Karen Maloughney

BSB Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDM) is due this year. The State of Montana will be doing regional planning for PDM's. Our region is tentatively scheduled to begin April 2022. The MDES will be responsible for paying for BSB PDM update.

B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Zach Osborne, Jim Merrifield, Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Cinda Seys

- **Homeland Security Grant Applications** - are due March 4, 2022
- **EMPG Grant Applications**- are due late March 2022.

Presentations were heard for the Homeland Security Grants earlier in the meeting. Please see section V.

The EMPG application is still in progress.

C. TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE

Jennifer Phillips, Mike McGree, Jim Merrifield

Elected Official training seminar will take place Spring of this year for all elected and appointed officials of BSB.

Jim Merrifield and Lisa Carey attended a DES workshop in Helena February 8-10. Both felt the workshop was very informational and allowed them the opportunity to network with other county DES coordinators and State staff.

Kurt Marthaller stated School District #1 would like to have a full-scale exercise in the Fall, most likely at Margaret Leary School. No scenario has yet been set. Jennifer Phillips said the hospital would like to be a player in this exercise as well.

D. COMMUNICATION /LEPC GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE

Ed Lester, Zach Osborne, Jim Merrifield, Mike McGree, Dave McPherson

The committee is expecting the Motorola Spillman Flex team to assign project managers soon and begin implementing and installing the new CAD / RMS system.

E. UNIFIED HEALTH COMMAND

Karen Maloughney, Ed Lester, Zach Osborne, Jennifer Phillips

Covid Update and statistics- Karen Maloughney reported that this has been the worst month for new Covid-19 cases since 2020 because of the Omicron variant. A new online system has been developed so the Health Department won't be so overwhelmed now or in the future. Karen also stated that case numbers at this point are irrelevant due to the home testing. The focus is now on education.

St. James Healthcare updates- Jennifer Phillips reported that the hospital has lifted some of their restrictions due to lower Covid-19 case numbers. Patients are now allowed two visitors now and can also have a visitor in the ER. Masks are still required to be worn in all public areas. Staff are again having face-to-face meetings and masks are not required in these meetings.

F. SHELTERING SUBCOMMITTEE

Zach Osborne, Jennifer Phillips, Todd Hoar, John Rolich, Kurt Marthaller, John Schlichenmeyer, John Sullivan

No Report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT-

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM. The date for the next scheduled meeting is March 23, 2022.