

#3 Flood Mitigation Planning Meeting-/ (March 21, 2018)

Present: Florence Anderson, DES; Donald LaBaugh, LDS Church; Keith VanSetten, Sheriff; Chuck Gameon, Choteau Schools; Austin Moyer, Sanitarian; Melissa Moyer, Public Health; Charlie Hibl, NWE; Brenda Johnson, SkyLine Lodge; Eyglo Nelson, SkyLine Lodge; Kyle Inabnit, FS; Sherwin Smith, CFD; Melody Martinsen, Acantha; Jim Spinder, FSS; Cathy Sessions, PIO; Amanda Copenhaver, Benefis TMC; Arin Peters, NWS; Megan Syner, NWS; Jack Conatser, Mayor; Jim Hodgskiss, TCC; Phil Murphy, BTMC; Mike Maples, City of Choteau, Mark Korte, Weed/GIS; Paul Wick, Planning, Vicki Baker, Teton CD;TCRC/BID; C. DeBruycker; FSA.

Introductions were made.

The #3 flood mitigation planning is being held to continue planning efforts for the possibility of high water/flooding situation in Teton County.

Contact Information: Sheets were updated.

Meetings: The next meeting will be March 28, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Choteau Annex

Weather/Snowpack updates-reviewed

Gauges- reviewed

Public Information-Cathy Sessions/Melissa Moyer. Web page and informational materials are being updated, distributed, and posted.

City of Choteau Update: Storm Drains are open. The City will have 8,000 sandbags for resident use. Residents are eligible for 20 bags. Sand/fill will be available at the City Shop.

Teton County Road update: Roads are opened and crews are widening roadways where needed.

National Weather Service—Arin Peters and Meghan Syner presented weather conditions slide show and answered questions.

Charlie Hibl: Northwest Energy Supervisor from Black Eagle introduced himself and reported should flooding occur the company will keep electricity operational as long as possible. Gas will be discontinued. He appreciated the invite to this meeting and will make an effort to attend future ones.

Sandbags: If additional sandbags are needed by the County the Corps of Engineers will provide them if instructed to do so by the governor's office. Local vendors in Choteau will be carrying sandbags.

Additional Telephone Number: DES is working with 3Rivers and is having an additional line installed at the Annex. There will be a pre-recording with latest high-water information and where callers can leave their number. The line will be monitored and their calls returned. The number will be 466-2505. It will not be a listed number but will be included on posts and public information releases.

