

**MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 29, 2005 (Anchorage)**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

John Aho, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

2. Roll call

Commission Members John Aho, Rod Combellick, Linda Freed, Roger Hansen, Dennis Nottingham, Roger Schnell, and Michael Wilkinson were present.

Gary Carver and Laura Kelly were present via teleconference from Kodiak. Arrived at 1 p.m.

Administrative Assistant Vickie Butherus, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS), was also present.

Audience members and guests included: Tom Kuckertz, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council; Gary Brown, State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management; Dr. Helen Liu, UAA; Mike Mason, Municipality of Anchorage

3. Approval of Minutes and agenda

Agenda approved without changes.

Changes to Minutes:

Ron Watts, State of Alaska, Joint Pipeline Office
Commission should be capitalized throughout
Christie Miller, Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development
Jim Butchard, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
III. Briefing, #7 add, breadth of instrumentation and seismic monitoring
#8 take out, except Alaska

Commission member Hansen MOVED to accept the Minutes as corrected, seconded by Commission member Wilkinson. The motion passed by voice vote.

II. BRIEFINGS

1. Dr. Helen Liu

UAA Research Activities in Seismic Engineering. Dr. Liu summarized UAA seismic engineering projects, including analysis of strong motion data from the Atwood Building, Delaney Park Strip downhole array, and C-Street Bridge.

2. Mike Mason, Municipality of Anchorage

Post earthquake damage assessment training. Mr. Mason summarized the ATC 20 course that the MOA conducts for architects, engineers, and other interested individuals in the Anchorage area and around the state. Members agreed that this is something that the Commission should be promoting.

Continuation of briefings was discussed and all agreed they are a good idea. Members are encouraged to provide the Chair with suggestions for future briefings. Next meeting Pamela Bergmann will be asked to speak.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Action Items

Press release: As a result of the press release after the October meeting there was a news article on the front page of the Kodiak paper. The Commission should continue issuing press releases.

Ethics forms should be turned in if they haven't already. Every quarter an Ethics report needs to be turned in. Rod will find out who is responsible for preparing the report on the Chairperson, since the Commission does not have an Executive Director.

Contacts for Resolutions in support of HB83. Linda will contact the Alaska Municipal League, Seward, Lake & Peninsula Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough. City of Kodiak, done. Roger will contact FNSB, Valdez, City of Cordova, and Alyeska. Gary will contact Alyeska too. John will contact the Anchorage Geotechnical Advisory Commission. Dennis, Anchorage and Government office. Bob Swenson, Acting State Geologist, Senator Therriault. Rod, professional societies, including Alaska Geological Society, Associate of Engineering Geologists, American Institute of Professional Geologists. John, ASCE, EERI AK chapter. Encourage these people to use their own wording for the resolution.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Gary and Laura arrived from Kodiak at 1:00 pm.

2. Future Goals

Short term goals: Prepare a report with recommendations and reasons the Commission needs to continue. Identify hot button important seismic issues in the state. These are the issues the Commission will target in the future. Educate the public and legislators about seismic issues, rather than lobby. The report should include appropriate pictures.

Commission report should address:

1. Inventory and review of seismic risk analysis of critical facilities -
 - a. Schools

- b. Hospitals/medical facilities
 - c. Fire/police
2. Earthquake insurance – Address how premiums are distributed throughout the state in relation to seismic risks; how we can build incentives into insurance. For example, if property owners take certain measures during building they get a reduction on premiums.
 3. Education & policy
 4. Building codes – Provide education on the importance and value of implementing building codes, as well as ensure design reviews by properly qualified professionals. The Commission is not in the role of establishing or enforcing building codes. Develop educational materials. Post disaster recovery practices to mitigate future risks.
 5. Support hazard characterization efforts along with recovery.
- Draft of report targeted for Jan. 2
Dec. 19: photos and recommendations due, send to John to sort through.

IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

1. Advanced National Seismic System Steering Committee, 11/21-11/22, Denver (Roger & John attended)
2. State Emergency Response Commission, 1/19/2006, Juneau (John and Linda will be attending),
3. Western States Seismic Policy Council 4/17/2006, San Francisco (Rod and Roger will be attending)
4. Earthquake Engineering Research Institute Board of Directors, 12/6-12/7/2005, Oakland (John will be attending)
5. 8th U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering, 4/18-4/21/2006, San Francisco (SSA annual meeting and EERI annual meeting)
6. Chapman Conference on Active Tectonics and Seismic Potential of Alaska: 5/11-5/14/2006, Alyeska Resort, Girdwood
7. Seismological Society of America, San Francisco, April 2006

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Next meeting will be via teleconference on January 10, at 10 a.m. (there was discussion as to whether we could conduct a meeting through the LIO, or use GCI conference calling, or DGGs could conference everyone in.) Need to make meeting publicly assessable, possibly via off-net LIO, call in. Rod will check on this.
2. Next meeting in Anchorage we will take a tour of the Atwood Building.

3. Strategy for support of HB83. That has been discussed previously. No more to discuss there.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Budget Report was handed out.
The Commission budget is \$10,000 for fiscal year FY06 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006). Total amount spent to date \$2911.10. Balance \$7088.90.
2. Public Comments
Tom Kuckertz, attended both meetings; Recommends that the Commission invite and address citizen concerns (broad based) on seismic safety issues.
3. General Discussion
Laura is willing to contact the National Education Association about submitting a resolution in support of HB83.
4. Action Items List
 - a. Commission members will contact their specific contacts regarding resolutions.
 - b. Goals list from Linda, Dec. 9, Commission response and written paragraphs to John by Dec. 19. Jan. 2 report out to all Commission members in draft from John.
 - c. Minutes (Vickie and Linda)
 - d. Briefings, send suggestions to John. 10 minute maximum.
5. Adjournment
Commission member Combellick MOVED, SECONDED by Commission member Carver, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm