

MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD August 23, 2007 (via teleconference)



I. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order-Chairman Aho called the meeting to order at 2:00pm
2. Roll Call – Commission members John Aho, Rod Combellick, Linda Freed, Robert Hicks, Kathy Hosford, and Laura Kelly were present. April Woolery, Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGs) was also present. Dennis Nottingham resigned from the Commission. Commission member Hansen, Commission member Carver and Commission member Maxwell all had excused absences.
3. Agenda was approved with no additions.
4. No guests present
5. Commission member Hosford MOVED, seconded by Commission member Hicks, to approve the minutes of May 30 & 31, 2007. Commission member Freed and Chairman Aho requested changes. The minutes were approved with the changes.

II. BRIEFINGS

1. Chairman Aho spoke about structural instrumentation and instrumenting the Frontier building similarly to the way the Atwood building is instrumented.
2. In lieu of the seismicity report, Commission member Combellick stated that there were two magnitude 6.5 earthquakes in the Aleutians during August.
3. Commissioner member Combellick updated the Commission on the new FEMA office opening. Chairman Aho requested that Commission member Combellick e-mail him the name of the person who is currently heading the FEMA office.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. The action item list was reviewed.
2. Chairman Aho requested that the Commission keep adding to the acronym list to keep it growing as members encounter new acronyms.
3. Chairman Aho requested that board members visit the EERI website at eeri.org to get information on dealing with the news media.

IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

1. 14th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering 10/12-10/17, 2007, Beijing, China
2. WSSPC annual meeting, Reno, NV 9/30-10/3/2007 jointly with the International Code Council
3. SERC meeting in Fairbanks 9/20/2007
4. Earthquake Engineering Research Institute annual meeting 2/6 – 2/9, 2008 New Orleans
5. National Earthquake Conference/WSSPC in Seattle 4/22 -4/26/2008
6. 2014 National Earthquake Engineering Conference, Anchorage, Alaska

V. CRITICAL DEADLINES

1. ASHSC Chairman, budget discussions, Oct-Nov 2007

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2. FY09 governor's budget to Legislature 12/15/2007 (ASHSC work plan and budget to DNR by late August/early September)
3. FY08 report to the legislature 1/01/2008
4. 2014 National Earthquake Engineering

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission member Combellick updated the Commission on the FY08 budget approach. He stated DGGS is currently preparing budget items including a \$30,000 increment request in the budget proposal for the ASHSC that DGGS has been assured is going to be supported and put forward without the need to meet with Commissioner Irwin. Commission member Combellick suggested that the Commission be prepared with basic information about the Commission and the need for this increment in the event something happens and it drops off the budget before it goes to the governor. Commission member Combellick was optimistic that the increment request would go through.
2. Commission member Combellick also spoke to the Commission on the report to the legislature. Commission member Combellick relayed to the Commission that the January 1 deadline is a priority this year because the legislature is in a very compressed time frame. The legislature is required to finish in 90 days; they will adjourn April 14th.
3. Chairman Aho led a discussion on the agenda for the upcoming September meeting. Commission member Freed updated the Commission members on the meeting dates and places. Commission member Freed pointed out the importance of making sure the SERC gets a copy of the ASHSC's last annual report as well as Chairman Aho giving a 10 or 15 minute presentation on ASHSC. Commission member Freed volunteered to arrange a space on the SERC agenda
4. Chairman Aho reviewed the presentations that will be held during the next ASHSC board meeting. Chairman Aho requested that Commission member Freed and Commission member Kelly work with Commission member Carver to prepare a 15 minute presentation on the Kodiak School system seismic upgrade project and its outcome.
5. Commission member Combellick informed the Commission on the new ethics law. The new law significantly tightens the ethics rules, with a much lower threshold on the amount of investments that have to be reported. Commission member Combellick suggested that Chairman Aho review these new ethics laws and speak with Frank Bailey, the new head of Boards and Commissions.

VII. REPORTS

1. Chairman Aho had no Ethics actions to report
2. Committee Reports
 - Insurance-Dean Maxwell (no presentation)
 - Schools- Laura Kelly
 - Earthquake Scenario-Rod Combellick
 - Education & Outreach-Kathy Hosford
 - Hazards Identification-Gary Carver (No presentation)

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- Response, Recovery, & Loss Estimation-John Aho (No presentation)
- Post Earthquake Planning-Gary Carver (No presentation)
- HAZUS Task Force-Rod Combellick
- Budget and Legislative Issues-John Aho (No presentation)

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Chairman Aho informed the Commission of Oregon's seismic risk assessment project. Oregon came out with their needs assessment for buildings at seismic risk with an emphasis on schools. Chairman Aho provided the website to the Commission (<http://www.oregongeology.com/sub/default.htm>). Commission member Combellick suggested to the Commission that Mei Mei Wang, an Engineer at the Oregon Geological Survey who has spearheaded a great deal of seismic building code and engineering improvements in Oregon, be invited as a guest speaker for a future meeting.
2. Chairman Aho led a discussion on quorums now that two people have resigned. The Commission's rules of procedure say a majority of the membership currently appointed by the governor shall constitute a quorum. Commission member Combellick stated that the quorum was covered in the statute. Commission member Hicks reported that the revised statute states that 6 members constitute a quorum. Chairman Hicks noted that the Commission's Rules of Procedure are not consistent with the statute.
3. Commission member Freed volunteered to make available the final report of the seismic hazard evaluation of community bulk fuel facilities for the City of Kodiak. The project was jointly funded through the LEPCA. Chairman Aho expressed interest in viewing the report. Commission member Freed stated she would bring the hard copy report to the next meeting for Commission members to view. The report is not available electronically. Commission member Freed also volunteered to have copies made of the report if Commission members found it to be a useful reference.
4. Commission member Combellick stated that the Boards and Commissions website vacancy list showed Commission member Combellick's position as vacant along with Dennis Nottingham's. It also did not show that Scott Simmons's position is vacant. Commission member Combellick suggested that Chairman Aho contact Boards and Commissions to update the Board appointments and ask whether, if a member's term expires and they have indicated an interest in continuing as a Commission member, they are still an active member until the time the Governor's office reappoints appoints them. Commission member Hicks read from the current statutes that membership is for a term of three years. It does not say for a term of three years and until a successor is appointed. Commission member Combellick has already indicated to the Governor's office his interest both by telephone and by e-mail. It could take the governors office some time to get around to making Commission appointments.
5. Commission member Kelly updated the Commission members on Commission member Hansen's continued efforts to install seismic instrumentation on Sitkinak Island. The Coast Guard will be providing transportation and there is some cooperation with splitting of costs and assisting with moving equipment, so the

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arrangement is working out very well. Commission member Combellick added that in conjunction with DGGs's gas pipeline corridor hazards project in July and August, DGGs coordinated with Commission member Hansen's group to install two new broad band seismic instruments along the corridor.

IX. AMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Budget: The Commission's budget balance at the end of FY 07 (June 30th) was a minus \$607.55. This balance does not reflect costs of travel for members whose organization covered their costs. The Commission's estimated expenditures so far for FY08 are \$3,361.00 for the September meeting plus the cost of the teleconference for this meeting.
2. The meeting announcement has been updated on the website.
3. Public Comments-none
4. Next meeting will be September 18-20, 2007 in Fairbanks.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commission member Combellick MOVED, seconded by Commission member Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm August 23.