

Monday, 11 May 2015, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

I. Opening Business

10:30 a.m.

- Call to Order (Robert Scher, Chairperson); Roll Call: Commission members John Aho, Gary Carver, Bud Cassidy, Laura Kelly, and Jonathan Owen were present. Rich Koehler was excused for the morning, but was present for the afternoon session. Mike West and Ann Gravier were excused. Ellie Spangler of the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) was also present.
- Introductions/Guests: None.
- Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Owen moved to accept the draft agenda; Aho seconded. Agenda was accepted with minor changes to the schedule and the addition of a discussion regarding year-end expenditures.
- Ethics Act: Nothing to report.
- Commission Membership: Insurance industry representative membership still vacant. Commissioner terms up for renewal on 30 June 2015: Carver, Owen, Cassidy, and Aho.

II. Old Business

- Review 21st April 2015 Meeting Minutes and Action Items: Commissioner Aho moved, Carver seconded to approve minutes with some editorial changes. All in favor of accepting comments and changes. Chair will review and update the action items list for the next meeting.
- ASHSC Policy Recommendations:
 - PR 2015-2 (update PR 2010-1): PR 2010-1 has been. Commissioner Kelly suggested referencing individual school districts and PTA's in PR 2010-1. Commissioner Aho moved, Cassidy seconded to accept the draft of 2010-1. All in favor of accepting the draft with changes 2010-1.
 - Update PRs 2011-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5:
 - PR 2011-1: Commissioner Carver suggested the directive of PR 2011-1 should be modified to include opportunities to fund scientific, academic, and industry, not just state government. All in support of continuing work on PR 2011-1. Hazard committee will update PR 2011-1.
 - PR 2011-2: All agree to retain PR 2011-2 and continue working on it.
 - PR 2011-3: Update PR 2011-3 to specify what type of buildings the policy recommendation should apply to. All agree to continue work on PR 2011-3.
 - PR 2011-4: Editorial changes and updates suggested for PR 2011-4. All agree to continue work on PR 2011-4. Discussed potential need for a second policy recommendation regarding post-earthquake investigations and assessments.
 - PR 2011-5: All agree PR 2011-5 is important and should be retained. Earthquake Scenario Committee will update policy recommendation and reference the 3 major PNW studies that have been published subsequent to PR 2011-5.

- Position Statement (Trillium Learning Global Earthquake Forecasting Project): Commissioner Scher extended an invitation to Ron Fortunato to brief commission on Trillium Learning, but Mr. Fortunato did not respond. Commissioner Aho moved to send letter authored by West to recipients ASAP, Owen seconded. Editorial changes were made to letter. Discussion followed. All in favor of sending letter to recipients as soon as possible. Changes to date accepted.

Lunch

12:20 p.m.

III. Standing Committees

- Schools Committee (Kelly): RVS of Schools Pilot Program final report ready to send out. Mat-Su school district will be first recipient of report. Applying for extension on 25k FEMA grant that EERI obtained. Kenai School District wants to participate in next RVS program and is currently seeking permission from borough and superintendent to proceed. Commission will follow up with a formal letter regarding the proposed RVS of schools program.
- Earthquake Scenario Committee (Carver): Current draft of Kodiak Earthquake Planning Scenario has incorporated previous comments and edits. Discussed the possibility of new FEMA representative fixing errors in problematic Hazus report. Commissioner Carver will update the Kodiak Earthquake Planning Scenario and Scher and Koehler will provide a final review of document. Possible new policy recommendation proposed to develop an earthquake planning scenario for the Anchorage municipality.
- Hazards Identification Committee (Koehler): Presented policy recommendations to DGGs, but no action has been taken yet. Tsunami inundation maps released for Hoonah, Elfin Cove, and Gustavus. Tsunami inundation maps in review for Dutch Harbor, King Cove, and Cold Bay.
 - DGGs Briefing (*moved ahead due to Koehler's anticipated absence on 12 May*): DGGs budget in poor condition, geophysics program has been canceled, status of budget and employees in limbo. Tsunami inundation mapping financially safe.
- Response and Recovery Committee (Gravier): Gravier excused, report moved to Tuesday.
- Insurance Committee: Vacant, no report.
- Education, Outreach & Partnering (Scher): Discussed under Chair's Report.
- Chair's Report (Scher): Commissioner Aho volunteered to create an ASHSC brochure. Discussed policy recommendation for rudimentary understanding of seismic hazards for engineers. Sent letter to Governor Walker thanking him for signing into law the Great Alaska Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day.

Recess Meeting

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 12 May 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

I. Opening Business

8:30 a.m.

- Call to Order (Robert Scher, Chairperson); Roll call: Commission members John Aho, Gary Carver, Bud Cassidy, Ann Gravier, Laura Kelly, and Jonathan Owen were present. Rich Koehler and Mike West were excused. Ellie Spangler of the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) was also present.
- Modifications to Agenda: Request for a discussion on how to spend extra FY15 money. Request to revisit Schools Committee and deadlines. Steve Masterman of DGGS to call at 1:30 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m.

II. Old Business (Continued)

- Nothing to add.

III. Standing Committees (Continued)

- Schools: Recap of RVS of schools updates. Commissioner Gravier submitted proposals to FEMA for 3 additional projects. Gravier will be following up with FEMA on the 25k grant extension.

IV. Briefings

- AEC (West): West excused. No update.
- DGGS (Koehler): Koehler excused. Update given on Monday.
- DHS&EM (Gravier): Mike O'Hare will be stepping in as new director of DHS&EM. He is also filling in on WSSPC board. Dave Norman from Washington DNR new chair for WSSPC. River Watch going smoothly. FEMA will continue to fund NEHRP and RVS projects. Commissioner Gravier provided a list of FEMA funded Alaska projects at the request of the commission.
- MOA GAC Activity (Scher): Still pushing Anchorage to follow through with land use planning guidelines for further development in downtown area. GAC will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this year.
- Other State Seismic Commissions (Aho): Commissioner Aho has identified 11 seismic organizations listed as commissions or councils. He has established contact with the Arkansas Seismic Commission. Will continue to establish contacts with other commissions and councils.
- Coast Guard (Kelly): Coast Guard currently working on seismic mitigation of shoreside infrastructure. Buildings being retrofitted in Kodiak. Coast Guard is prioritizing buildings.
- Kodiak Island Borough (Cassidy): City is building Pier 3 in location that is ill-advised. DOT removed toe of gravel talus slope between road and mountain and has moved gabions. Kodiak Launch Complex is considering rebuilding and looking for buyers.

V. New Business

- WSSPC PR 15-2: PR 15-2 was voted on and adopted. Alaska asked to contribute a paragraph to Appendix A: WSSPC Member State Implementation of Policy Recommendation 15-2. Commissioner Gravier will draft up Alaska's contribution to PR 15-2, focusing on partnerships.
- 29th Alaska Legislature, 1st Session (Courtney Sanborn, DNR Legislative Liaison): Courtney Sanborn is Ester Temple's replacement. She suggested possible options for communicating the role of ASHSC and its accomplishments to legislative members. Will look into setting up overview presentations to the House and Senate Resources and Education sub-committees this summer. She will create a list of legislators that are friendly to ASHSC. Ms. Sanborn may lead senators and representatives on tour of the DNR building this summer and can possibly set up ASHSC introductions at that time.
- Conferences & Meetings of Interest:
 - 11th Canadian Conf. on Earthquake Engineering; 21-24 July 2015; Victoria, BC.
 - 2016 Association of American State Geologists Annual Meeting; June 2016; Fairbanks.

LUNCH

11:30 a.m.

V. New Business (continued)

- Public Comments: None.
- Potential Commission Resolutions & Policy Recommendations: Pursue Anchorage Municipality earthquake planning scenario.
- Potential Future Briefings: Goose Creek Prison removed from list. Set up meeting or teleconference with CREW to discuss earthquake planning scenarios and how the reports are used. Commissioner Aho will contact engineering professor from Illinois to come give lecture.

VI. Closing Business

- DNR Administrative Support (Steve Masterman, Director DGGS): Discussed need to modify note taking at meeting. From now on commissioners are responsible for taking notes during teleconference meetings. Note taking duties during face-to-face, 2-day commission meetings will be shared by personnel from DGGS and DHS&EM.
- Budget, FY15 ending June 30th (Woolery): Remainder of money will be spent on pre-purchasing travel for face-to-face meetings and on voice recorders for commissioners.
- Critical Deadlines: None.
- Review Action Items (Scher):
 - Policy Recommendations: 2011-1 through 5: agree to re-adopt, modify and update where needed, and get comments to appropriate commissioners.
 - Get RVS of Schools pilot program report to Mat-Su borough with letter from ASHSC. Follow up with Matsu by informing them of grant options and fundraising opportunities.

- Commission to send official letter to Kenai borough asking them to participate in RVS program.
- Commissioner Carver to follow up with CREW to figure out how scenario reports are being used.
- Commissioner Aho to develop ASHSC brochure to hand out.
- Commissioner Aho to arrange a guest speaker from Illinois.
- Gravier to draft up paragraph for WSSPC PR 15-2, Appendix A.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday June 9th, 9 to 10 a.m.

Adjournment

2:30 p.m.