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1. Opening Business

- a. Call to Order: Sterling Strait (*Chair*); Roll call - (*Staff*); Guests
Present –D. Gibbs, G. Gladsjo, L. Kelly, P. Nelson, D. Nueffer, N. Ruppert, B. Salisbury, S. Strait
Not Present – M. Devine, K. Trimmer
Guest – Steve Masterman
No members of the public on the line
- b. Ethics Act (*Chair*) <http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html>
Nothing to report.
- c. Approval of the Agenda
Salisbury – motion to add/approve Steve Masterman to the agenda, no comments
N. Ruppert motions to approve, G. Gladsjo seconds, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed.
- d. Review/Approval of February 25 Meeting Minutes
ACTION -B. Salisbury – to append #5 Closing Matters – expenses/cost of in-person meeting anchorage/Fairbanks Leave it in the meeting meetings or strikethrough it.
S. Strait – didn't address meeting expenses due to COVID-19 issues
Motion to approve February 25, 2020 meeting minutes with changes
B. Salisbury motions to approve, L. Kelly seconds, all in favor, none opposed.
- e. Budget Update; FY 20 budget \$10,000total expenses to date unchanged from February meeting. Expense total 6828.76, unobligated\$ 3171.24. Deadline date of 06/30/2020 to spend remaining balance. Discussion on how to spend funds: seismic posters, seismic manuals, & travel.
- f. Public Comment; no public comment.
- g. Guest Speaker: Steve Masterman – Director of the Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys
Brief explanation of the Legislative process with the viewpoint of DNR (Department of Natural Resources).
 - o Introduction of a bill
 - o Legislative initiates the process
 - o Governor support/legislative representative advances legislation
 - o Seismic Commission – identify the issue to address
 - o Forward to DNR if request is appropriate for DNR
 - o Explain what the legislation is intended to do, the proposed changes and the benefits to the public/society.
 - o Modification of existing statues
 - o Fiscal Analysis – financial impact on the state and/or the public

- Completed bill introduced to the State House or the State Senate
- Public/political process to introduce new or revised legislation
- DNR does have a Legislative Aid to contact
- Start early summer submit legislation bills
- Questions/Comments

Discussion of Legislation process and approval process

L. Kelly comments that there is an interest in some of their policies.

2. New Business

a. Welcome New Commissioner

Paul Nelson (AK DHS & EM)–Brief Introduction by new commission member

b. Prince William Sound – Barry Arm Tsunami Risk

B. Salisbury – PowerPoint presentation of Barry Arm Area & glacier
DGGs update – need of more information & data acquisition of new imagery of Barry
Arm landslide area. Lidar scans of the area.

Questions & discussion on presentation

N. Ruppert – update on Alaska Earthquake Center: two real time seismic stations on
Eastern & Western sides of the Fjords by Valdez area.

Discussion on radar monitoring

Latua Bay slide discussion

Action – B. Salisbury will update commission on DGGs efforts and support letters from
Commission regarding these efforts

3. Committee Reports/Old Business

a. 2019 Commission Annual Report – Strait

S. Strait - circulated 2019 annual reports to committee members, outlines progress, items
on report. Solicits additions, comments and suggestions. **Action** - Submit revisions to
report by the two-week deadline date from June 4,2020

b. Follow-up Anchorage Earthquake Lessons Learned

i. PR 2020-01 – Resilience of Critical Infrastructure – Neuffer

D. Nueffer – Risk assessment update; Focus on Site response of critical areas.

Geo-spatial review of critical infrastructures. Suggestions, comments & discussion
on infrastructure areas

Action – D. Nueffer will follow up with a draft.

ii. PR 2020-02 – Building Code Adoption & Enforcement – Strait

Action – S. Strait update document and circulate to commission for final
comments.

c. Earthquake Early Warning for Alaska – Salisbury

B. Salisbury – publication/ flyer for public about Earthquake Early Warnings.

Publication is on the Seismic Commission Website.

d. ASCE 7 – Tsunami Modeling Letter – Strait

i. PR 2020-03 – ASCE Tsunami Design Criteria

Due to Covid -19, no recent meetings with code committee, for ASCE 7

no reportable meeting updates

Action – S. Strait drafted policy recommendation to exempt the State of Alaska be

from adopting tsunami building requirements for Alaska.

Action: - Follow up with policy recommendations – not suited for Alaska communities & not cost effective

- e. Post-Earthquake Damage Assessment Taskforce – Strait
S. Strait – Prior meetings with Representatives from ASCE, AIA and the Structure Engineers Association to discuss forming an association (AK SAFE – Alaska Structural Assessment Facility Evaluation) to coordinate volunteers. No recent discussions & updates. **Action** – S. Strait will resume discussions
- f. Enhanced Alaska Seismic Monitoring – Ruppert
N. Ruppert – updates on legislative budget – 2.5 million funding requests for additional 25 stations was not funded and removed from the budget.
NSF 5-year grant funds approved for the maintenance of 45 seismic station in the Northern and Western regions of Alaska.
- g. School & Public Building Seismic Safety - Strait
P. Nelson - status update with the ASD/ARC screen. Due to the replacement of Belanger talks have not resumed. Discussion. Suggestion to temporarily discontinue discussions
- h. Grants for Earthquake Recover/Mitigation – Strait
No current funding monies or grants funds available.
Any suggestions for funding – open discussion
Action – B. Salisbury will search for future funding opportunities

4. Briefings

- a. Alaska Earthquake Center - Ruppert reports seismicity has been quiet for the last few months. Updates on seismic stations and new projects despite COVID-19 restrictions
- b. DGGS – Salisbury – Review of new lidar data collected. No current travels due to COVID-19 restrictions
- c. AK DHS & EM – P. Nelson update – COVID -19 pandemic response is the main focus. River watch program completed with no flooding of Yukon & Kuskokwim Rivers & tributaries. No major wildfires.
- d. Other – no briefing

5. Closing Matters – S. Strait – Any suggestions or topics of discussion - none

Next Meeting: August 2020

Motion to adjourn

Ruppert motions,

Salisbury seconds



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