

Chair: Barrett Salisbury, barrett.salisbury@alaska.gov

Admin: Joshua Hyde, DGGs.

Opening Business

- Call to Order (Chair)
- Roll Call (Admin)
 - Present – B.Fisher, N.Murray, N.Ruppert, B.Salisbury, S.Strait
 - Not Present - S.Bass, T.Bergey
 - Excused – D.Neuffer, L.Kelly
 - Majority of current membership constitutes a quorum for commencement of business.
- Guests – James Benzschawel, Curtis Johnson.
- Ethics Act - <http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html>
 - Nothing to report
- Motion to approve agenda. B.Fisher Approves. N.Ruppert Seconds.
- Approval of previous meetings minutes – S.Strait approves. N.Ruppert seconds.
- Previous Meeting Minutes – S.Strait Approves. N.Ruppert seconds.
- Budget – FY22 budget remains. Currently sits at \$9,990.00 DGGs will absorb remaining ASHSC budget if left unspent at the end of the fiscal year (June 2022).
- Public Comment – time offered, no public comments made.

New Business

- B.Salisbury: 2022 National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program/ISEA Individual State Earthquake Assistance grant to be investigated for assisting in critical infrastructure assessment within the State of Alaska, with focus on the building code adoption and enforcement. Total award to AK would provide \$66,000.00 if secured.
 - JB: Requests grant proposal application to be finished by May 20th for a completed package to be submitted to FEMA. Seismic Safety project for Bartlett Regional Hospital. Outlines several potential projects for NEHRP grant referenced from EERI report (Hassan's report).
 - BS: Keeping the reports in mind, focusing on NEHRP is priority. Does Bartlett have funds set aside to match?
 - JB: Bartlett will be responsible for 25% of their project match.
 - BF: Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management can meet the non-federal share for any statewide projects the commission is looking at. Funding is set aside for mitigation activities within the States disaster relief fund.
 - BS: DGGs Earthquake Response Plan to eventually be revised and submitted to support future grant requests.
 - BF: Emergency personnel roster and emergency hire roster not detailed in disaster plan.
 - SS: Also to add local resources and local volunteers to a disaster response plan.
 - BF: Stresses importance of having a disaster response plan for future events and for future grant proposals.

- BS, BF, JB, SS discuss the requirements of the commission in relation to securing funds, developing emergency plans, to include work with the Fire Marshal regulatory process.
- SS: Proposes a third party study comparison between Alaska and other states in order to move forward with creating emergency disaster plans and gathering resources and volunteers/emergency hires.
- JB: Offers to reach out to other resources to find contractors to add to a roster in response to assisting the study.
- B.Salisbury proposes to pursue Building Code Adoption and Enforcement. No objections.
- JB: Suggests contacting the State Fire Marshal Richard Boothby to continue the grant process.
- NETAP
 - JB: New learning management program maintains the NETAP training programs.
 - BS: Let's try to get the word out that we're consolidating the list of those certified with NETAP to be on emergency roster.
- BUDGET INFORMATION
 - BS: To pursue spending the budget, suggests spending it on the non-federal match for grants. Also to spend it for travel to have a face to face meeting for the commission.
 - BS: Next meeting to be in a month, with a fall meeting in person in Fairbanks.
- REAPPROVING DOCUMENTS
 - BS: Commission paperwork to be updated.

OLD BUSINESS

- UAF Facility Assessments
 - BS: Butrovitch building difficulty finding BRIC funding. UAF is looking into the Elvey building for a structural assessment.
 - SS: Will reach out to Dr. Hamil regarding the seismic demonstration project.
- BS: Anchorage stakeholder workshops in pursuit of building code adoption and enforcement still active.
- BS: American Society of Civil Engineers tsunami modeling and code adoption. Codes have yet to be adopted, and issues are expected to arise during adoption. Earthquake model authors to be contacted during the ASCE meetings to gain more understanding of these earthquakes. Expected to be a multi-year process.
- BS: Post Earthquake Damage Assessment Task Force to gather a list of NETAP trainees who are interested in assisting with earthquakes, efforts to build a roster. Earthquake response document to include the task force.

BRIEFINGS

- AEC
 - NR: Earthquake Center to begin field season to maintain seismic field stations. Business as usual. No significant seismic activity apart from a swarm of smaller earthquakes by Mount Edgecombe. Could indicate volcanic activity.

- BF: Is the Earthquake Center involved in the public outreach programs in Sitka?
- NR: The Earthquake Center was not involved with those programs. Coordinated somewhat on the detection of those earthquakes, but no involvement.
- BS: DGGGS AVO has some representation in these programs.
- SS: Does the Alaska Earthquake Center have a concern due to funding to maintain their earthquake monitoring stations and equipment?
- NR: The funding is secured for now but the Earthquake Center is looking for more long term funding to maintain their equipment.
- DGGGS
 - BS: DGGGS Field season is beginning. Routine maintenance on climate-monitoring equipment beginning. Tsunami Warning Center is still pursuing a warning system in Barry Arm.
 - BS: Tsunami outreach efforts between UAF, DGGGS, and DHS&EM are in full swing in Sitka. Updated reports in Cordova and Seldovia to have tsunami inundation reports updated to have new DEM's.
DHS&EMBF: In person meeting with FEMA region 10 mitigation division director to remove some challenges in their programs and to dissolve some communication issues between agencies.
- NM: D.O.T. finished scoring projects, 4 million dollars in research D.O.T. is funding, 1.5 million dollars of that is going to seismic research projects split between UAF, South Dakota State University and North Carolina State University.
- BS: Commission is still looking to fill 1, possibly 2 vacant commission seats.

Meeting Adjourned.