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## 1. Opening Business

**1:07PM**

- a. Call to Order (*Vice-Chair*)
  - i. Roll call (*Vice-Chair*) Present- Bryan Fisher, Colin Maynard, Natalia Ruppert
  - ii. Guests  
Anthony Picasso (DHS&EM)  
Barbara Norton (Alaska Beacon News)  
Yereth Rosen (Alaska Beacon News)
- b. Ethics Act (*Chair*) -Nothing to report  
<http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html>
- c. Approval of the Agenda – Approved without objection.
- d. Review/Approval of May 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Will approve next meeting.
- e. Budget Update -Last of the FY25 budget used on Anchorage trip for the workshop on the new seismic hazard map for Alaska.
- f. Public Comment - Time was given, there were no comments.

## 2. New Business

- i. No new business

## 3. Old Business

- a. Building Code Adoption & Enforcement & NEHRP ISEA grant
  - i. Subcommittee update (*Fisher/Maynard*) - Has not met, nothing new to report.
  - ii. What are the remaining tasks before issuing RFP? (*Fisher/Picasso*)

*B. Fisher* – We are currently putting paperwork together for the NEHERP grant to develop the RFP and hire a contractor to do the baseline analysis on building code adoption.

*Anthony Picasso* - FEMA came back and I am rewriting some tasks in the paperwork. It is broken up into 3 phases, the First phase is for the current year with subtasks for literature review, data collection, and stake holder consultation. Once that is complete we will move onto phase 2 in FY25.

*B. Fisher* - Baseline assessment is phase one and following that we will do any actions suggested in the report by the contractor in future work plans under the grant.

*N. Ruppert* – What do you think the timeline for the grant would be?

*B. Fisher* - Once the RFP with scope of work and evaluation criteria are ready, DNR will post for 60 days, then there is a 10-day period to review applicants, it should not take the winning bidder long to gather the information. Six months is generous.

- b. DISCUSSION: Potential FEMA funds to support EEW ed/infrastructure (*Ruppert*) - Wrote a brief proposal and request for funds for the first year of the outreach effort. The Alaska Earthquake Center would like to piggyback on as many activities as possible.

*Anthony Picasso* - NEHRP grant will fund most of the outreach proposal.

*B. Fisher* - Was the Alaska EEW implementation report shared with the congressional delegation?

*N. Ruppert* - The technical implantation plan for EEW is still under internal review with the Dept of the Interior. Timeline is uncertain.

i. Funding opportunities

1. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) (*Fisher*) - if DHS&EM receives any funding for outreach it will be shared.
2. HMGP Post-Fire- (*Fisher*) Unlikely there will be any funding for earthquake awareness it is designated for wildfire.

- c. Anchorage Municipality Geotechnical Advisory Committee (GAC) (*Maynard*) - Attended April meeting and discussed mutual concerns on the new seismic map. Dennis Berry who was a structural engineer on the commission was appointed liaison to ASHSC. Dennis Berry will probably start attending ASHSC meetings in the near future.

#### **4. Briefings**

- a. Alaska Earthquake Center (*Ruppert*)- *Currently in the beginning stages of field season and it is going well. No significant seismic activity.*
- b. AK Div. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (*Fisher/Picasso*)- *The preparedness Grants were reduced by 9 % nationwide. However, the FY25 grants look good with a possible increase. It was looking like congress was going to eliminate NTHMP grant funding. Correspondence was sent explaining how vital the education and outreach part of the grant funding is.*

#### **5. Closing Matters**

- a. Next scheduled meeting – July 18, 2024, **CANCELLED** Next meeting will be in August.
- b. Current roster status- There are a few commission members expiring at the end of the month please send intentions to extend appointment.
- c. Commission Chair volunteer – A discussion for next year
- d. Final comments ad hoc – Open seats with ASHCS, Insurance representative, and local government representative.

B Fisher will reach out to Nils Andreassen with the Alaska Municipal League for the vacant Local Government seat and Wing-Heier at the Div of Insurance to see if she knows anyone that would be a good fit for the Insurance Representative seat.

**-ADJOURN- 1:40pm**