

**MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD MARCH 29, 2006 (via teleconference)**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
John Aho, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. Roll call
Commission Members John Aho, Gary Carver, Rod Combellick, Linda Freed, Roger Hansen, Laura Kelly, Roger Schnell, and Dennis Nottingham were present.
Others present: Vickie Butherus, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS);,Melanie Lesh and Jean Davis, DNR Support Services Division
3. Agenda approved by voice vote.
4. Approval of February 17 Minutes
Commission member Freed MOVED, seconded by Commission member Carver, to approve the Minutes as corrected. The motion passed by voice vote.

II. BRIEFINGS

1. Update on House Bill 83 by Melanie Lesh, Legislative Liaison, DNR. The Bill has been in Senate finance for 2 months. It is time for Commission members and others who know members of the Senate Finance committee to encourage them to schedule the bill for hearing. The ASHSC should develop a one page summary.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. WSSPC proposed Policy Recommendation 03-1: Commission members discussed the following changes to recommend:
 - Introduction, second paragraph, fourth bullet: Replace “existing structures” with “structures at risk.”
 - Background section, first paragraph, third sentence: Insert “risk” before “mitigation.
 - Assessment section, last paragraph: Break into two sentences and reword to clarify “definition.”Roger as the ASHSC representative to WSSPC will carry the suggested changes to the WSSPC meeting.
- 2 List of Future Goals (All). These are ongoing items being addressed in the draft report:
 - Instant response
 - Short term: Complete report to Governor and Legislature
 - Long term: Address issues identified in report
4. Contact Potential “Briefings” Speakers. Commission member Carver will try to find someone regarding school seismic safety issues. Commission member Combellick will contact DOT, and Commission member Aho will contact someone at the Alaska Railroad. Scott Simmons will be our guest speaker at the next in-person meeting, providing a briefing on development of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.
5. Resolutions received to date:
 - a. City of Kodiak
 - b. RCAC – Prince William Sound
 - c. Geotechnical Advisory Commission, Municipality of Anchorage
 - d. City of Valdez

- e. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
 - f. Kodiak Island Borough
 - g. Fairbanks Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - h. Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference
 - i. Cook Inlet RCAC
6. ASHSC Legislative Report Progress – Chairman Aho will send a draft to everyone on April 3. Responses back to Chairman Aho are due by April 10.
 7. ASHSC Charter Session – Will be discussed after HB 83 passes.

IV. COMMISSION MEMBER GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commission member Hansen gave an Alaska seismic activity report. Commission member Kelly suggested making information on self-education for earthquake preparedness and response available to the public through the ASHSC website. Commission members Kelly and Freed will gather some of the training information and provide the links and brief descriptions for the web site.

V. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- Western States Seismic Policy Council, April 17, San Francisco; Commission members Combellick, Hansen, and Aho will attend.
- 8th US National Conference on Earthquake Engineering, April 18-21, San Francisco; Commission members Combellick, Hansen, and Aho will attend.
- National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program planning meeting, May 1-2
- GSA Cordilleran Section Meeting, May 8-10, Anchorage
- AGU Chapman Conference on Seismic Potential of Alaska, May 11-14, Girdwood. Commission member Combellick is on the organizing committee and Commission member Carver will give several presentations.
- Tsunami Society conference, May 23-25, Honolulu, Hawaii
- SERC/LEPC, Local Emergency Planning Committee Association, May 18, Anchorage
- Fairbanks LEPC, June 7

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Support Resolutions received to date. Discussed earlier.
2. Status Report on HB 83. Members need to contact Senator Lyda Green to encourage scheduling of the bill for hearing in the Senate Finance committee.
3. Chairman Aho will distribute a new Action Items list later today.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Budget

Budget report was emailed to all members. \$3500.20 remains of the authorized \$10,000 for FY06 as of 3/22/06. There is a duplicate airline charge for Commission member Carver, \$286. This needs to be corrected. Commission member Carver moved, and was seconded by Commission member Kelly to accept the Budget report as corrected. The motion passed by voice vote.

2. Public Comments
None.
3. Next meeting will be via teleconference, and since there is enough money in the budget left for one more face to face meeting, that will be saved for after HB 83 passes.
4. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, via teleconference, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Commission member Combellick MOVED, seconded by Commission member Freed, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.