

**MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD March 23, 2007 (via teleconference)**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Aho called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. Roll call  
Commission members John Aho, Gary Carver, Rod Combellick, Linda Freed, Roger Hansen, Robert Hicks, Kathy Hosford, Laura Kelly, Dean Maxwell, Dennis Nottingham, and Scott Simmons were present.  
Vickie Butherus, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) was also present.  
Guest Sarah McNair-Grove from the Division of Insurance  
Agenda was approved with the addition of the FY08 budget.
3. Commission member Carver **MOVED**, seconded by Commission member Simmons, to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting with the correction of the spelling of Sarah's last name, and the addition of books/reports for members to look at suggested by Chairman Aho. All in favor.

**II. BRIEFINGS**

- Commission member Hansen presented the monthly Seismicity report. There were 1381 events in February, 2007. It was noted that the catalog of Denali Fault Earthquakes events had been completed.
- Commission member Hansen updated the Commission on the Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS), AK Region. We are still waiting for USGS to award funding for this coming year's work.
- Seismic Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee teleconference summary – Commission member Simmons reported that revision of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan is moving forward and all is currently on schedule. There has been a noticeable increase in participation.
- National Tsunami Hazards Mitigation Program meeting, both Commission member Simmons and Hansen reported on the meeting.
- ANSS Implementation meeting – Commission member Hansen – The Western Region met to discuss things in common to western states. Much of the Commissioner discussion centered on how we move forward. Need of a 5 year review. Commission member Simmons discussed the mitigation aspects of the meeting.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- The Action Item list was reviewed.

**IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

- National Conference on Disaster Planning for the Careless Society-New Orleans, February 8-9, 2007
- Seismological Society of America, April 11-13, 2007, Kona Hawaii
- National Earthquake Program Managers meeting, TN, April 23-27, 2007
- American Geophysical Union, May 22, 2007
- State Emergency Response Commission meeting in Anchorage May 23-24, 2007
- Seismological Society of America, April 11-13, 2007, Kona Hawaii
- International Union of Geodesy & Geophysics meeting in July, 2007, Italy
- Western States Seismic Policy Council annual meeting, Reno, NV, September 30 – October 3, 2007, joint with International Code Council
- 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering October 12-17, 2007, Beijing, China
- National Earthquake Conference in Seattle, April 22-26, 2008

## **V. CRITICAL DEADLINES**

- 2007 Report to Legislature, completed. Rod took copies to the commissioner's office in Juneau, and copies were mailed out to all legislators.
- 2014 National Earthquake Engineering Conference.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Tsunami Readiness Survey – Commission members Carver and Freed reported on the survey. The survey is being conducted by universities in Michigan and Louisiana. Kodiak is one of the locations being surveyed, primarily the urban area. They want to get an idea of people's knowledge in regards to tsunamis. The survey will be shared once it is completed.
- Commission member Nottingham moved to hold a face to face meeting in Fairbanks on September 19-20, 2007, in conjunction with the SERC and the LEPC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission member Simmons. All in favor. To help with the budget, several Commission members will pick up their own expenses.
- Future briefings suggested. Anchorage Port Expansion; MOA Geotechnical Advisory Commission; FEMA; HAZUS; Tsunami modeling (Elaina Suleimani). Implementation of ShakeMap in Alaska; Alaska Division of Insurance; Scenario Team
- FY08 Budget- Commission member Combellick reported that there were two budget proposals submitted through DNR. Neither the General Fund increment request (to increase the Commission's operating budget) nor the capital project (for an earthquake scenario) made it through to the legislature in the Governor's amended budget submitted March 1; they did not get past the administration. Private-sector Commission members can now approach their legislators. Contacts suggested: Senators Gary Stevens and Lyda Green. Members Aho, Carver, Nottingham, Freed, and Maxwell will contact legislators.

## **VII. REPORTS**

1. Chairman

- ATC-64 Project Review Panel- May 10, 2007
- NTHMP Assessment Panel- May 15-17, 2007
- ANSS Structural Instrumentation-Anchorage
- MOA Ground Failure Map- in progress but we need an update
- Earthquakes, Fifth Edition, by Bruce Bolt, W.H. Freeman & Company

## 2. Committee Reports

- Insurance-Dean Maxwell
- Schools-John Aho, meeting set for March 29, 2 p.m.
- Earthquake Scenario-Rod Combellick
- Education & Outreach-Kathy Hosford, meeting set for April 16, 10 a.m.
- Hazards Identification-Gary Carver, meeting set for April 9, 10 a.m.
- Response, Recovery, & Loss Estimation-Scott Simmons, meeting set for April 17, 10:30 a.m.
- HAZUS Task Force - Commission member Simmons said that unless people can afford to purchase GIS it would not be a benefit to have HAZUS training. What they could do is have a HAZUS overview on what HAZUS can do for the community.

## **VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER GENERAL DISCUSSION**

1. Website is updated.
2. Chairman Aho will disseminate the budget information, so that members know what we are asking for.
3. Due to all of the acronyms used during meetings, Chairman Aho will prepare a list of acronyms and what they mean and email to all.
4. Commission member Kelly is assisting in getting USCG assistance for shipments to Chirikoff Island for seismic instrumentation program. Commission member Kelly is still waiting on specifics and timeline from UAF before she approaches the Air Station.

## **IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Budget: Budget report was emailed to all members prior to the meeting. As of 3/20/2007 the remaining balance is \$3,597.40. Still waiting on GCI conference call invoices to come in.
2. Public Comments: None.
3. Next meeting will be April 23, 2007, 9 a.m. via teleconference. Note: this meeting was later changed to April 25 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Next face to face meeting will be May 30 & 31 in Anchorage.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Commission member Nottingham **MOVED**, seconded by Commission member Hosford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.