

*APRIL 11, 2018 SEISMIC EVENT RESPONSE MEETING MINUTES*

**11 April 2018 (Wednesday), 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** DGGS

Geologic Materials Center - 3651 Penland Parkway, Anchorage

Teleconference (1-800-315-6338, Code: 50077#)

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**I. ROLL CALL**

- Call to Order; Roll call – John Aho, Edward Athey, Charity Carmody, David Gibbs, Robert Scher, Sterling Strait, Kim Stuart, and Mike West were present. Laura Kelly and De Anne Stevens were excused. April Woolery from DGGS was also present. Guests: Helen Fenner of the Alaska Earthquake Center (AEC).
- Ethics Act (Chair): Nothing reported.
- Approval of agenda: Carmody approved, Aho seconded to approve the meeting agenda as well as the amended agenda.
- 25 October 2017 Meeting Minutes: Aho approved, Gibbs seconded, all in favor to approve with changes.
- 25 January 2018 Meeting Minutes: Strait motioned, Carmody seconded, all in favor: minutes approved as written.
- Public Comments: None
- Chair Comments: West was able engage Alaska legislators to discuss ASHSC response to recent seismic events while he was in Juneau this spring.

**II. UPDATES ON OLD BUSINESS**

- RVS One-Pager (West): Feedback and suggestions to clarify information.
- Status of earthquake faults paper and Kodiak Scenario study (Stevens): Stevens was excused. Commission discussion of paper and plan to follow up with Stevens to accelerate publication.
- Proposed Post-Disaster Assessment Policy Recommendation (Strait, Aho): Input and encouragement to proceed with this.
- Strategic Plan appendix (West): West pointed out that this item will be valuable as a record of Commission activities.
- ASHSC Annual Report: Comments were received after this was disseminated in February. West does not plan to send the report to legislators at this time because other ASHSC information is more relevant to recent seismic events. West will circulate the updated version to the Commission for final approval.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- Update on Juneau/Sitka RVS project (West, on behalf of Kelly): In March, BBFM visited the schools in Juneau and Sitka. The draft report will follow.
- Draft RVS planning timeline and RVS scoring (Stuart): She tasked her internal staff at DHS&EM to evaluate the collected RVS information and assess what their next steps should be. Commission members provided feedback on the spreadsheet she provided.

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- Debrief of Commission's actions following M7.9 offshore Kodiak earthquake (West): West asked, as a commission, what were our successes and what did we miss in our response? Commission members should forward replies to the chair.

**IV. BRIEFINGS**

- DGGS, DHS&EM, AEC, MOA Geotechnical Advisory Commission, others:
  - AEC (West): The M7.9 Kodiak event showed the vulnerabilities to the AEC during power outages. There is funding for improvements in the Earthquake Center's power supply. The AEC has completed moving servers to a more reliable building. UAF is currently scoping options to provide backup generator power and networking. West continues to support federal legislation to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Prevention Program (NEHRP), which is working its way through congress now. The AEC is using and advocating for the US Array instrumentation that is currently deployed in Alaska. West hopes to retain much of the instrumentation for the benefit of the state.
  - DHS&EM (Stuart): Next month she will travel to the 2018 National Earthquake Program Manager's Meeting in Seattle. Her division has acquired training funds for earthquake safety classes in late summer or early fall. She will keep the Commission apprised on those classes.
  - MOA GAC (Scher, Aho): Aho suggested a joint ASHSC/GAC meeting this year.
  - EERI Alaska Chapter (Aho): Alaska's was the first chapter established. Members have interest in increased activity and reorganization. Interested Commission members should contact him. An organizational meeting will be in Anchorage on April 18.
- Conferences and Meetings of Interest:
  - EERI Alaska Chapter Meeting, April 18, 2018 Anchorage
  - 2018 National Earthquake Program Manager's Meeting, May 1-3, 2018 Seattle, WA
  - Seismological Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting, May 14-17, 2018 Miami, FL

**V. CLOSING BUSINESS**

- Commission vacancies: West reported that Michael Holman's position is vacant and the Alaska Boards and Commissions division is working on filling it. There are also some positions with upcoming expiration dates. If members don't plan to continue, please let him know and provide suggestions for potential replacements.
- Use of the [akseismic@list.state.ak.us](mailto:akseismic@list.state.ak.us) mailing list (West): He no longer uses it as a means of communicating with Commission members due to the difficulty in getting it updated.
- Staff report (Woolery): Commission funds are close to \$6,500.
- Next Meeting (West): TBA

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**11:00 a.m.**

Strait moved, Carmody seconded to adjourn. All in favor: meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.