

OSSPAC MINUTES

January 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Salem at the Capitol.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Gerry Williams, Chair	(Public member)
Carl Farrington, Vice Chair	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
Deborah Boone	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
James Doane	(Stakeholder: Utilities)
Greg Ek-Collins	ODOT (State Agency)
David Holton	American Red Cross (Stakeholder)
Michael Mumaw	(Public Member)
Richard Rogers	Building Codes (State Agency)
Autumn Rudisel	(Stakeholder: Banking)
Susan Steward	(Stakeholder: Building Owners)
Althea Turner	Oregon Emergency Management (State Agency)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency)
Jay Wilson	(Public member)
Kent Yu	(Stakeholder: structural engineer)

OSSPAC Members Absent:

Fred Girod	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Gary Milliman	(Stakeholder: local government)
Chris Shirley	(State agency: land conservation and development)

Others in Attendance:

James Bela	Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Marcy Boyer	Chinook GeoServices, Cannon Beach
Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Paulina Layton	Oregon Emergency Management
Jay Raskin	Ecola Architects, Cannon Beach
Cleve Rooper	Cannon Beach RFPD
Ann Steeves	OR HPP Region 2, Samaritan Health

1. Administrative Matters

1a. Welcome and Introductions

Gerry Williams, Chair, opened the meeting and led introductions.

1b. **Review and Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2009**
Carl Farrington asked Althea Turner about the Tsunami Teacher DVDs. Althea has not received them yet and may have to make copies herself. Having a quorum present, the minutes were approved as written unanimously.

1c. **Events Notification**
Yumei Wang said that there is a CREW meeting in Portland the next two days. Also, the Seismological Society of America is having a conference in April in Portland. Yumei gave out a flyer regarding a Town Hall Meeting April 21, 2010 during the conference, sponsored by the Society. Yumei moved that OSSPAC co-sponsor the Town Hall Meeting, with no financial obligation on our part. Jim Doane seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jay Wilson asked if anyone was doing anything commemorating the 310th anniversary of the last Cascadia Subduction Earthquake. Althea said that James Roddey at DOGAMI was working on a press release. Jay will follow up with James.

d. **Time and Location of March 9, 2010 Meeting**
Representative Boone will reserve a room at the Capitol.

2. OSSPAC Program Planning Committee – Susan Steward

Jay Wilson introduced Ann Steeves. She is the Regional Coordinator of Oregon HPP Region 2. She oversees hospital emergency planning. Ann gave a PowerPoint presentation with handout about the impacts on the healthcare sector if a Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake and/or Tsunami would occur. Ann's region includes two hospitals on the coast. However, there are a total of 13 hospitals on the entire coast, but only 325 beds in all. At times those beds are full. Transportation of sick/injured will be a huge obstacle. Ann said they are looking into agreements with other states like Utah, because all of Oregon's hospitals will be inundated with patients.

Other issues will be ill people not in hospitals. Getting power and supplies to them will be a challenge. Also, staffing will be a problem, with medical staff needed as well as behavioral health needs. Ann covered the many challenges, as well as the planning efforts underway.

Yumei Wang then introduced the Cannon Beach Tsunami Evacuation Building Team. They have volunteered their time to plan for a tsunami vertical evacuation building in their community. This would also function as their city hall.

Jay Raskin, former mayor of Cannon Beach, said that the building would provide refuge for 1,000-1,600 people for 24 hours. Marcy Boyer said that the foundation would have to be deep enough to be secure, so drill test holes would be done to see what kind of earth is found at what level. Kent Yu said that this building is designed to be usable after the event, with a multiple line defense system. Yumei said that there would be seawalls both in front and back to divert the tsunami waves. She handed out a small version of a poster made to show the entire project.

Discussion was held among Commission members. Yumei moved that OSSPAC support the concept of refuges of last resort for coastal communities with extensive tsunami risks. Mike Mumaw seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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3. OSSPAC Grants Committee – Carl Farrington

Carl said that the Grants Committee has finished with the scoring of the seismic grant applications and have forwarded their confidential recommendations on to the OEM Director. OEM Seismic Grant Coordinator Paulina Layton said there were 12 recommendations for schools, ranging from \$76,000 to the \$1.5 million cap, and 11 projects for emergency services ranging from \$20,000 to the \$1.5 million cap. A decision is expected this week on the recommendations.

4. OSSPAC Communication/Education Committee – Mark Tyler

Mark said that the Seismic Grant Program is a pioneer for Oregon. As the first round had a short timeline, he thinks the second round in June will bring a lot more applications. Gerry said he would like the Education Committee to keep the Program on the minds of the legislature.

Mark asked about the status of the letter he wrote for Gerry's approval and signature in December. This letter to the Governor expresses OSSPAC's gratitude to everyone involved in the Seismic Grants Program. It mentions the 63 applications from schools, and 16 from emergency facilities, for a total of 79. Also, it announces that WSSPC has selected the Oregon Legislature and Senate President Peter Courtney for the 2010 Award in Excellence, Legislation Category, for their work in passing Senate Bill 5505 regarding the seismic grants.

Gerry said that he had signed and sent out the letter December 17, 2009. Since it wasn't sent to the whole legislature, OSSPAC or DOGAMI, Gerry will send to Bev the signed letter electronically, and Bev will forward it on to those mentioned above.

Rep. Deborah Boone announced that the Coastal Caucus meets weekly in February. There are nine people on the Caucus, with Sen. Johnson as chair. Rep. Boone suggested that someone attend from OSSPAC. As this is not a public meeting, permission to be on the agenda would have to be requested.

Yumei asked if the Cascadia Shallow Earthquakes publication done by CREW can be distributed. Gerry said that would follow the purpose of the Education Committee.

5. OSSPAC Legislative Committee – Gary Milliman

Gary was not able to attend the meeting, but Gerry discussed the 2010-2011 Legislative Program that was written by Gary and distributed via email to the Commission prior to the meeting. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.