

OSSPAC MINUTES - DRAFT
November 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. in the OEM ECC in Salem.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Gerry Williams, Chair	R Brown Consulting Group LLC (Public member)
Carl Farrington, Vice Chair	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
James Doane	(Stakeholder: Utilities)
Fred Girod	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Tom Manning	(Public Member)
Gary Milliman	(Stakeholder: local government)
Autumn Rudisel	Lewis & Clark Bank (Stakeholder: banking) – by phone
Susan Steward	(Stakeholder: Building Owners)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency: geology & mineral industries)
Kent Yu	(Stakeholder: structural engineer)

OSSPAC Members Absent (with attendance for 2008):

Rose Gentry (2 out of 6)	Department of Transportation (State Agency)
Bert Kile (2 out of 6)	(Stakeholder: American Red Cross)
Diane Merten (4 out of 6)	(Public Member)
Richard Rogers (3 out of 6)	Building Codes (State Agency)
Chris Shirley (1 out of 2)	(State agency: land conservation and development)
Althea Turner (1 out of 2)	Oregon Emergency Management (State Agency)

Others in Attendance:

Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Paulina Layton	Oregon Emergency Management
Laura Lockwood-McCall	State Treasurer's Office
Al Newnam	Oregon Community College and Workforce Development
Sasha Pollack	Senate President Courtney's Office

1. **Administrative Matters**

1a. **Welcome and Introductions**

Gerry Williams, Chair, opened the meeting. Introductions followed.

1b. **Review and Approval of Minutes for September**

A quorum was not present at this time.

1c. **Unfinished Business**

Bert Kile is resigning at the end of December and Tom Manning is resigning at the end of July. Susan Steward is taking over this month as Strategic Planning Committee Chair instead of Tom. Tom also said that by July, OSSPAC will need to have a replacement for a liaison to WSSPC, which he does now.

Gerry signed the Clatsop Community College letter of support for Yumei's proposal.

1d. **Events Notification**

Yumei Wang announced that she is working with Kent Yu on a tsunami evacuation forum tentatively scheduled for March 18, with a field trip on March 19. This is a multi-state endeavor, with a Japanese speaker who has built seismic safe buildings

Yumei is also still working with Jay Raskin, mayor of Cannon Beach, on a vertical evacuation building. Gerry suggested the Legislative Committee take on land use problems/waivers.

Sasha Pollack from Senator Courtney's office announced that Senator Courtney will be stepping down from his position on OSSPAC to allow a member from the House to join. On Dec. 1, 2008, Rep. Debbie Boone will be replacing Senator Courtney. Gerry Williams will send a letter of appreciation to Senator Courtney for his work supporting OSSPAC.

1e. **Time and Location for January 13, 2009 Meeting**

Tom Manning has Room 50 in the Capitol reserved for OEMA. He isn't using it after all, so Bev will see if it is available. Otherwise, the meeting will be at OEM.

2. **OSSPAC Strategic Planning Committee**

Laura Lockwood-McCall from the Treasurer's Office spoke on "Seismic Bonds and Economic Downturn". Laura said that getting bonds from the general fund is tough because they are grants, not loans. There is

limited capacity to give out bonds, but if we are ready to go with a definite money amount and projects ready to start, it would give us a better chance at getting some money.

Yumei said that there are schools such as the Portland Public Schools that are ready to go. Laura suggested the minimum bond request be \$10 million. Just being in the bond bill is the important thing.

Members of the seismic grants committee then spoke about the requirements they are proposing, including having a basic engineering study done. Jim Doane said they are trying to avoid “triggering buildings” – those that will have lots of extra work such as asbestos removal, ADA requirements, etc. once the building is beginning renovation. The committee has set a \$1 million cap for schools with enrollment up to 1,000 students, and \$5 million cap for larger schools such as colleges. The cap is for money to go further. Emergency service buildings will have a matching fund requirement. Kent Yu said it is important to define “life safety” as there are different levels whether you set a 250 or a 500 year event. Instead of “life safety,” the description can be to reduce the collapse potential. Al Newnam suggested using job development as a focus point.

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3. OSSPAC Legislative Committee – Autumn Rudisel

Tabled due to time and lack of quorum at this point.

4. OSSPAC Grants Committee – Jim Doane

Jim said that the committee is striving to make the process as streamlined as possible. Schools won't have to have a match unlike the emergency service buildings. Using the Senate Bill 2 collapse potential, schools will first need to do a \$5,000 engineering study. Then after being chosen for the program, the schools will get a larger engineering study for a more accurate idea of renovation costs.

Yumei Wang volunteered to make a flow chart with steps needed to get a grant. The goal is to have the first grant by fall of 2009. Discussion was held regarding the amount of money that should be requested. The consensus was to ask for \$25 million dollars for schools and \$25 million for emergency facilities, for a total of \$50 million.

5. OSSPAC Education Committee – Diane Merten

On behalf of Diane Merten, Yumei announced that the Cascadia Peril Exercise the last week of April will have the hours of 9-3 instead of 8-5 to allow the participation of the legislature.

Yumei said the seismic bond funding was cut from OEM's budget requests. Gerry Williams said he would talk to General Caldwell and Paul Evans from the Governor's Office for support from the Military Department and Governor. Tom Manning also volunteered to make calls. Discussion was held on how to get out the word of the seismic danger to Oregon as part of a broad strategy. The St. Louis School information was mentioned. OEM's public affairs spokesperson Jennifer Bailey was suggested as a contact.

Yumei said she has been working with someone at The Oregonian. Yumei said that CREW is working on a brochure titled "Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country." Craig Weaver from USGS in Seattle is heading up this project. Yumei would like to invite him to speak at a future meeting.

Adjourn

Due to no new business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.