



OSSPAC MINUTES May 11, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Jeff Soulages, Chair	Public Member
Tiffany Brown, Vice-Chair	Local Government Stakeholder
Trent Nagle	Structural Engineer Stakeholder
David Gomberg	Representative Legislative Assembly
Bonnie Magura	Schools Stakeholder
Joe Karney	Utilities Stakeholder
Ed MacMullan	Banking Stakeholder
Walt McMonies	Multi-Family Housing Stakeholder
Susan Romanski	Public Member
Christina LeClerc	State agency: ODOT
Matt Crall	State agency: DLCD
Althea Rizzo	State agency: OEM
Aeron Teverbaugh	State Agency: DCBS
Bob Houston	State Agency: DOGAMI

OSSPAC Members Absent:

Katie Young	Public Member
Adam Pushkas	Building Owners Stakeholder
Vacant	Representative Legislative Assembly

Others in Attendance:

Mike Harryman	Governor's Office
Julie Tanasdy	Governor's Office
Jonathan Allan	DOGAMI
Meg Reed	DLCD
Jay Raskin	Former Member
Jim Austin	Gomberg's Office
Greg Thielson	Port of Portland
Bill Burgill	Guest

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a/b. Welcome and Introductions

Soulages opened the meeting and led introductions.

c. Review and Approval of Minutes from March meeting

March minutes had been distributed but not received by all members so

approval was deferred to the next (July) meeting.

d. Events Notification

Rizzo forwarded information regarding seismic webinars to members and encouraged the group to share with their networks.

Soulages advised that USGS was hosting an upcoming mapping workshop, and he would send details.

e. New Business

No new business.

f. Location for Next Meeting

Continue with same virtual location/link for July 13, 2021 meeting. The meeting link needs to be moved from Harryman's calendar for access.

2. REPORTS

a. State Agency

ODOT: LaClerc reported approval for funding for mitigating landslide events that were in January – 13M received. Wildfire tree removal work still moving along.

DLCD: Reminder that they are wrapping up final grant funded project for DOGAMI. A lot of focus on wildfire recovery. Climate adaptation work.

DCBS: Teverbaugh said they are proceeding at pace with legislative session. June 30 2021 meeting expected to have code adoption period for 45 days for code provision ideas. Building code changes

OEM: Rizzo advised that Shakealert is up and running and looking to do a test alert. Working recovery with wildfires. COVID is ongoing. 2 open positions in OEM. Budget for the source of the match so won't be tracking time. Does OSSPAC still want 2500 to do a report or other projects in mind so it can be worked into OEM budget. Continuing to track hours through end of July 2021.

DOGAMI: Houston advised he has a signed budget for the next biennium. In the middle of submitting 10-day letters to the legislature, pursuing federal grants. Recently released a map for mid-Columbia HR east to The Dalles.

b. State Resilience Officer

The Governor will receive a final draft of the regional resilience assessment program (RRAP) report by the end of July, to include

information regarding the transportation system and assessments at airports. Argon National Lab worked up model of data. Regions could be broken up into Islands more than originally thought. Harryman and Deanna Henry gave presentation to House Vets & Emergency planning committee. The intention of this report is to get roads across the mountains, into the valley, and over to the coast which could take a long time. This assessment will help us not only in Oregon but region 10. AAR of wildfire is done and presented.

SB288 – Governor’s Resilience Bill – sitting in ways and means with other bills. Expecting a busy end of session.

Unreinforced seismic safety program through Business Oregon – this could be one more tool for the state of Oregon for seismic upgrading.

PSU will complete their CEI Hub project June 30, 2021. They will make some suggestions on mitigation. Mike will ask for a presentation to this group from PSU.

2 new commissioners given to GKB for approval. Working on a 3rd name.

DOGAMI may have an addendum to their bill with FTE for their department.

America Rescue Plan Act – funds come to the state. Provided suggestions for Gov’s Office to use for the funding of 2 week ready, airbase support, alert wildfire, triple the ASPIRE grant, energy resilience, coastal tsunami, and water resiliency. Trying to cover the suggestions from the Oregon Resilience Plan.

Nagle asked when the federal assessment came out and Harryman said late July or early August. He will give a presentation on the Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP) later in the year.

Guest Bill Burgill said he was curious about use of money from lottery funds, and Harryman responded that it could be similar to what Business Oregon has for other projects. If program approved, Business OR has control. It will be statewide, 50% of funds pointed to Portland Metro area, other 50% for entire state.

3. Single-Family Homes Report

Soulages advised that the final draft of the Single-Family Homes report was sent out about 2 weeks earlier. Teverbaugh shared that Building Codes had some concerns with the regard to the recommendation purely legality. Reading at division feels it gives the authority to the county. Soulages stopped Teverbaugh and asked for other commissioners to

have comments or issues to the table before proceeding with hers on behalf of her agency.

Back to Aeron, Soulages broke down the email she'd sent in advance into 10 different comments. (Starts at minute 46 minutes and ends at 1:20 on the recording). A meeting guest remarked that in looking for a home for a couple of years, seismic information not easy to come by and he learned that there was a general lack of knowledge in community.

Soulages asked if the Commission was ready to vote on the report. Teverbaugh acknowledged that a lot of work had gone into the report and she didn't want to discount it altogether, but she needed to bring up the concerns of the agencies she represents, because there are concerns out there. Brown said she was uncomfortable taking a vote without the approval of key agencies that Teverbaugh referenced. Brown suggested shelving the vote until issues were resolved to the satisfaction of the DCBS, and other Commissioners supported the idea. Nagle offered to put it on the floor to a vote, but Magura questioned whether it would succeed or better to have DCBS provide more information and clarity on the items they have issues with. She asked for info from Nagle, and he advised that nothing that is recommended and it is meant to be a voluntary standard, so he doesn't see a barrier for approval. Oregon already uses IBC; this is simply a document that is a resource that could be applied to a large number of homes and for people to use and be familiar with. Nothing in current building code, you can make improvements most jurisdictions will just ask for info on what you are doing. With the concept of the certificate: when people have a permit to improve house, all that is being suggesting is that jurisdiction understands the work and what is being done and can inspect at the level of what has been completed. Nothing that precludes that taking place, it's not mandatory. Don't see any barriers for why that can't be approved. Happy to sit down with BCD to explain all of this. Soulages added that if it is adopted by WA, CA, and in fact BCD would get it anyway. BCD would have to "unadopt" it if they didn't want to make those standards and otherwise they would come in automatically.

Brown said she didn't disagree with anything you have said, but questioned how approving the doc today without hashing a few things out would result in impacts to integrity if there are immediately agency concerns. Romanski suggested giving it 2 weeks to allow DCBS to respond to back up their concerns/statement, and if they don't, the Commission proceeds to approve the report.

Nagle asked Teverbaugh if BCD would be willing to talk to OSSPAC within the next 2 weeks, and she wasn't sure but said she would try to get a meeting to discuss solutions regarding the items raised. The vote was postponed and the group scheduled a special meeting for June 8, 9-10:30.

4. Legislative Review

There was a brief review of bill status. Soulages spoke about the OSSPAC response to the legislative session, remarking that they'd tried something new by tracking bills more proactively than in the past, which they accomplished by assigning them to commissioners. There were also a couple of interim special meetings just to talk primarily on what was going on in session. He asked for feedback on how it went.

Romanski said she thought it was helpful to have the special meetings. MacMillan said in the future he'd like to see OSSPAC even more involved, and suspects Harryman can help for having his finger on the pulse of what is needed from OSSPAC.

Harryman shared that 4000 bills were introduced for this session. He said he tried to review the bills that were of interest to him and in doing so points out which are of interest to OSSPAC. He reminded that he hosts a call every Monday during session to report what is going on and he will continue to follow up on whatever bills OSSPAC is interested in.

Soulages added that COVID worked to the benefit of the commission in that we could more easily attend any and all sessions. He hopes the legislature looks at this so that they see the benefit of it.

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5. OSSPAC Priorities

Soulages reported on ideas developed at the strategic planning session the prior year, and suggested it could be a good time to look at what is next. The feedback from commissioners was the wildfires, the pandemic and priorities from the state have possibly shifted, so are there any thoughts on how they affect the planning? The outcomes of 2020 reports for the yearend of 2019, resiliency of single-family homes (in process of finishing), and tsunami hazards (completed). Soulages remarked that most of the project completion had occurred prior to COVID. He reminded that remaining topics initially indicated by the group as areas of interest yet remained unaddressed were: Review of SR Grant program, Shake Alert, Post-Earthquake Building Inspection, Statewide EQ curriculum, state building codes, and functional recovery (e.g. grocery stores, gas stations, multi-family housing),

6. Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

Soulages reminded that it was his last meeting, and he'd reached his term limit for the commission. In the tradition to elect new officers; he opened the floor with nominations for Chair. Romanski nominated Brown, which Soulages seconded. With no other nominations for Chair, the vote passed. For Vice-Chair, Soulages nominated Nagel as Vice-Chair, which

McMonies seconded. With no other nominations for Vice Chair, the vote passed.

7. Recognition(s)

Soulages gave thanks to McMonies for his participation on the commission. Other commission members went on to praise McMonies and his time that he spent on OSSPAC.

8. Public Comment

Bill Burgill shared he thought it was good to replace bridge to be earthquake ready but of equal importance are the getting the roads connected to the bridge open.

Adjournment