

Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Meeting
July 28, 2006
Minutes

On July 28, 2006 a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was held in Room 5112 at the State Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chairman Barry Welliver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

-Rick Allis	Utah Geological Survey
-Walter J. Arabasz	U of U Seismograph Stations
-Kerry Baum	Association of Contingency Planners
-Doug Bausch	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
-Matt Cassel	American Public Works Association
-Sheila Curtis	Utah Insurance Department
-Roger Evans	Utah League of Cities & Towns
-Boyd Wheeler*	Utah Department of Transportation
-Peter W. McDonough	American Society of Civil Engineers
-Representative Morley	Utah House of Representatives
-Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region, American Inst. of Architects
-Jake Watson	Structural Engineers Association of Utah
-Barry H. Welliver	Chair, Structural Engineers Association of Utah
* representing Todd Jensen	

Members Not Present:

Brian Carver	Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
Senator Peter C. Knudson	Utah State Senate
Matthias Mueller	Utah Division of Facilities Const. & Management
Mark Petersen	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)
Verdi White	Utah Division of Emergency Services/DPS

DES Staff Present:

-Bob Carey	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DHLS
-Amisha Lester	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DHLS

Guests Present/Committee Members:

-Renee Murphy Utah Department of Homeland Security
-Julie Ott ABS Consulting
-Jim Higbee Utah Department of Transportation

➤ **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**

Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) Chairman Barry Welliver welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Barry Welliver asked for any corrections and comments to the minutes. Rick Allis informed USSC that he was not present for the April meeting and asked for those changes in the minutes.

Motion: *Kerry Baum made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, from the last meeting held on April 7, 2006. Barry Smith seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

➤ **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS**

Barry Welliver opened up nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the USSC. Rick Allis nominated Pete McDonough as Chair and Pete McDonough nominated Kerry Baum, considering the possibility of December being the end of Pete's term on the Commission.

Motion: *Rick Allis made a motion to nominate Pete McDonough as Chair. Walter Arabasz seconded the motion.*

Motion: *Pete McDonough made a motion to nominate Kerry Baum as Chair. Matt Cassel seconded the motion.*

Motion: *Barry Welliver made a motion to close nominations for Chair. Boyd Wheeler seconded the motion.*

Paper ballots were passed around for the Commission to vote on. After compiling the ballots, Pete McDonough was elected Chair. The Commission then took nominations for the Vice-Chair positions. Walter Arabasz nominated Kerry Baum for the Vice-Chair position and Rick Allis nominated Roger Evans to the other Vice-Chair position.

Motion: *Rick Allis made a motion to close the nominations and to consider continuing having two Vice Chairs. The motion was placed before the Commission and it was unanimously approved.*

Motion: *Representative Morley made a motion to elect both Kerry Baum and Roger Evans as Vice Chairs. The motion was placed before the Commission and it was unanimously approved.*

Barry Welliver introduced Jake Watson as his replacement to represent the Structural Engineers Association of Utah on the Commission.

➤ **JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT SEISMIC UPGRADE PROGRAM**

Julie Ott, ABS Consulting, gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Seismic Upgrade Program. The Commission discussed the program with Julie and asked for a possible tour of the facility for a future Commission meeting. For further information regarding the seismic upgrade, logon to www.absconsulting.com.

➤ **BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING**

Renee Murphy, Utah Division of Homeland Security, gave a presentation on Business Continuity Planning in Utah. Renee asked to possibly have a representative from the Commission to sit on the Homeland Security Coordinating Council. All meetings are held on the second Friday of each month in the State Office Building Auditorium from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. For further information about Renee’s presentation, logon to www.BeReadyUtah.org.

➤ **FEMA ACTIVITIES & HAZUS in UTAH**

Doug Bausch, FEMA Region VIII, gave a presentation and update on FEMA activities and HAZUS in Utah. His presentation gave the history of HAZUS and its beginnings to its present structure and workings. For more information on HAZUS and FEMA, logon to www.fema.gov/hazus.

➤ **NEWS & UPDATES**

Bob Carey reported on the 2006 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grants. Utah received grants for four out of the five that were submitted. Activities in Utah include: Unified Fire Authority Station earthquake hardening, Ogden City Fire Station seismic retrofit and reconstruction, Jordan Valley water treatment plant filter gallery and chemical control buildings seismic retrofit, and Wasatch Front PDM Planning update.

Bob also reported on the current Commission budget. \$3500 for the 2005-2006 report has not yet been billed. Also, the UGS teacher workshop was accidentally billed through another program. (Amisha; give the present budget amount)

Bob reported that the 2006 Earthquake Program Managers Meeting held here in Utah, was very well received. The meeting had several sessions on Clearinghouses and a session on Tsunamis that were very interesting.

Walter Arabasz gave a brief update on the “Putting Down Roots” brochure. An ad hoc committee that includes, Barry Welliver, Gary Christenson, Walter Arabasz, and Bob Carey are currently working on the brochure.

Barry Welliver reported on the 2000-2005 Progress Report. Working with the intern, the report is taking final form and working into the stage of pre-publication.

Barry also spoke on the URM initiative and informed the Commission that he will come prepared next meeting with Doug Bausch’s assistance to discuss a possible inventory in the state.

Barry spoke about the USOE School Safety Committee. Jane Zhang had extended an offer to have a representative sit on this committee.

Motion: *Barry Smith made a motion to appoint Roger Evans to represent the USSC on the USOE School Safety Committee. Rick Allis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

The Commission discussed the possibility of a joint meeting with Nevada in Zion National Park for the October 2006 meeting. Due to time constraints and lack of conference rooms, the Commission has decided to possibly have the joint meeting 6-12 months out. Rick Allis mentioned the possibility of having the joint meeting during the Geological Society of America Rocky Mountain Section meeting, which will involve a meeting of state geologists, held in St. George in the spring 2007. The Commission will continue to work on the joint meeting.

The Commission thanked Barry for his tremendous four-year run as the USSC Chair.

Motion: *Walter Arabasz made a motion that the Commission extend great thanks to Barry Welliver for his four years of extraordinary and dedicated service as Commission Chair. Also, that Barry be recognized for the personal sacrifice of time he has made as a private-sector business owner in order to promote greater earthquake safety in Utah. Roger Evans seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

Motion: *Rick Allis made a motion to nominate Barry Welliver as the Chair of the Architecture and Engineering Standing Committee. Barry Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

➤ **NEXT MEETING**

DATE: Friday, October 6, 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
15305 South 3200 West
Bluffdale

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.