The Technical Advisory Committee to TexNet met on Friday, September 30 via video and teleconference. Members of the committee present, as follows:

Robie Vaughn, chair; Dan Hill; Chris Hillman; Dana Jurick; Kris Nygaard; Craig Pearson; Brian Stump; and Scott Tinker. Hal Macartney was unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEM 1

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaughn at 2:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Status of network deployment was explained by Alexandros Savvaidis, Program Manager of TexNet. Dr. Savvaidis reported on Permanent Stations and Portable Stations in the State.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Dr. Savvaidis displayed a state map with existing seismic stations, as well as new TexNet stations. Hub access to stations including how data is access and how equipment is monitored was also discussed. A question and answer discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Dr. Savvaidis discussed recent seismic activity in Texas. Three events and the data collected from these events were presented. A question and answer discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Peter Hennings, Principal Investigator of the Center for Integrated Seismicity Research (CISR) at BEG, gave an update on research progress. Dr. Hennings showed the current TexNet website and gave an overview of current projects. Data collection is in the very early stages. A question and answer discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Dr. Hennings gave an update on current staff, upcoming changes in staff, and upcoming recruitments. A question and answer discussion followed.
AGENDA ITEM 7

Dr. Hennings gave the presentation on Fort Worth Basin collaborative study. This study will be a template for a Permian Basin study beginning in 2017. A question and answer discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Michael Young, Associate Director at BEG and Principal Investigator, discussed a multi-state initiative. The value of collaborating with other states could attract federal support and further leverage state investment. Dr. Young also spoke about communication protocol during a seismic event. A question and answer discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Dr. Hennings gave update on the Governor’s report. Scott Tinker sent a draft outline of the report to all TAC members for review and comments. The outline includes a budgeted timeline, report contents, and responsibilities. Collecting these comments and revising the report are currently in process. A question and answer discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Scott Tinker discussed funding for next biennium and ask for committee members’ input. A discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 11

The next two meetings of TAC were confirmed. These meetings are as follows:

Monday, October 31 10a – 12p  JH Reagan Building Room 100, Texas State Capitol
Monday, November 28 2p – 4p  JH Reagan Building Room 100, Texas State Capitol

AGENDA ITEM 12

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Vaughn at 3:53 p.m.