

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
April 11, 2008

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairman Ken Risk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Ken Risk, Doug Vap, Barry Colacurci, and Dorothy Anderson were in attendance. Also present were Director Stuart MacTaggart, Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper, Deputy Director Andre Aman, Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division Manager Bill Lyon and Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2008 meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Vap. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Report of State Funds**

A written report of state funds available was presented by Andre Aman.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
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<b>PROJECT GRANT FUND</b>	
	\$142,796.5
Funds available January 31, 2008	2
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<u>Commission Actions (2/08/08 meeting)</u>	
Gordon - remove/trim trees in LPV approach	-\$6,300.00
Closed Project - South Sioux City SA-3	<u>\$3,246.85</u>
Subtotal	-\$3,053.15
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<u>Other Actions</u>	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
	\$139,743.3
Funds available March 31, 2008	7
 <i>Funds available April 2007: \$331,532.71</i>	

**STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND**

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Funds available January 31, 2008	\$0.00
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**Commission Actions (2/08/08 meeting)**

None

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Funds available March 31, 2008	\$0.00
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*Funds available April 2007: \$0***SEAL COAT GRANT FUND**

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Funds available January 31, 2008	\$62,811.01
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**Commission Actions (12/07/07 meeting)**

Closed Project - Wallace SA-6P	55079.76	
Subtotal		\$55,079.76

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**Other Actions**

None

Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available March 31, 2008	\$117,890.77
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*Funds available April 2007: \$162,811.01***HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

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Funds available January 31, 2008	\$410,811.23
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**Commission Actions (2/08/08 meeting)**

None

Subtotal	\$0.00
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**Other Actions**

	\$76,300.00	
David City Loan #1864 - return unused allocation	0	
David City Loan #2864 - return unused allocation	\$8,000.00	
Subtotal		\$84,300.00

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**Receipts**

	\$34,313.00	
February 2008	0	
	\$36,807.00	
March 2008	0	
Subtotal		\$71,120.00

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Funds available March 31, 2008	\$566,231.23
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*Funds available April 2007: - \$266,047.90*  
*Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360*

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

Funds available January 31, 2008		\$75,200.98
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Commission Actions (2/08/08 meeting)		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Receipts		
February 2008	\$3,737.95	
March 2008	\$3,737.95	
Subtotal		\$7,475.90
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Funds available March 31, 2008		\$82,676.88

*Funds available April 2007: \$116,035.86*  
*Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500*

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available October 31, 2007		\$4,000.00
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Funds Disbursed		
Minden Airport Authority	-\$100.00	
Subtotal		-\$100.00
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Funds available March 31, 2008		\$3,900.00

**Hangar Loan Request**

Wahoo Hangar

Scope: 6-place T-Hangar with 48 ft. Doors

Total Estimated Cost: \$336,950

Wahoo was previously approved for this request at the August 2007 Commission Meeting. The hangar project will be constructed in conjunction with a federal project to construct taxiways. Due to the uncertainty of the Federal AIP Funding, Wahoo was not able to have a construction contract executed in place within six months of months of Commission approval. Therefore, the Wahoo Airport Authority is requesting an extension of the approved Hangar Loan Funds.

As of the April 2008 Commission Meeting, the Hangar Revolving Loan Fund will have

approximately \$563,000 of available funds. The funds were previously allocated and currently available; therefore, the Division recommends an extension of the funds that would require the Sponsor to have an executed construction contract on or before August 1, 2008.

Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to approve the extension request for Wahoo until August 1, 2008. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Federal Projects**

Stu briefly explained that Anna Lannin would be presenting a short tutorial regarding federal AIP funding with special emphasis on the Burwell project and the necessity of funding that project in order to compete well nationally for discretionary funds. After Ms. Lannin's presentation and the ensuing discussion; she then presented the following projects. The airport sponsors are requesting Commission approval for the CIP data sheets to be forwarded to the FAA, as required by state statutes. The FAA considers the requests for future federal funding as funds become available. No state funds are requested at this time.

#### **Burwell R02**

Scope: Runway Rehab, Widen, Extension

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,497,221

The pavement on Runway 15/33 (over 20 years old) is reaching the end of its useful life with numerous transverse cracks and is in need of a complete reconstruction. As part of the reconstruction the turnarounds will be removed and the runway will be widened to 60 feet and extended by 688 LF to comply with FAA B-I standards. Due to the widening the runway lights will also be replaced. New turnarounds will be constructed on each end of the runway after extension has been completed to improve safety on the airport.

Motion by Commissioner Vap to approve the use of federal funds for the Burwell project. Second by Commissioner Colacurci. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **Ainsworth M03**

Scope: PIR Survey

Total Estimated Cost: \$65,000

A PIR Approach Survey (FAR 77 Precision Instrument Approach including approach and primary surface) for Runway 17/35 will decrease approach minimums.

#### **Ainsworth R02**

Scope: Runway, Taxiway, Apron Rehab

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,236,125

Resurfacing and milling of Runway 12/30 and the north parallel taxiway and the repair and sealcoat of the apron and the south parallel taxiway is essential to prevent pavement deterioration and FOD from pavement failure.

#### **Blair X01**

Scope: Taxilane Extension  
Total Estimated Cost: \$347,500

The taxiway/apron extension will be part of the ultimate apron and will provide access to future hangars along the future apron.

Blair M01

Scope: Clear & Grub Property  
Total Estimated Cost: \$515,625

Trees and structures will need to be cleared for future runway extension and improve approach minimums.

Grand Island A02

Scope: Rehab Ramp  
Total Estimated Cost: \$298,450

This project includes the design and construction of a pavement overlay on the general aviation ramp area adjacent to the large FBO hangar on the northwest side of the airfield.

Nebraska City X02

Scope: Grade Taxiway, North of Connecting Taxiway  
Total Estimated Cost: \$561,750

Nebraska City X02

Scope: Grade Taxiway, South of Connecting Taxiway  
Total Estimated Cost: \$210,750

Due to increasing business jet and turbo prop aircraft into the airport the proposed taxiway will provide upgrades to airport operations and runway safety. The improvements will also enhance instrument approach capabilities.

NDA M02

Scope: LPV Surveys  
Total Estimated Cost: \$116,000

LPV surveys have been requested by the FAA for the publication of new LPV approaches to airports in Nebraska.

NDA PCI 2009 Inspections

Scope: PCI Inspections at 25 airports  
Total Estimated Cost: \$30,000

The Department of Aeronautics proposes to inspect the pavement conditions at 25 airports in 2009. These airports were last inspected in 2006 and it is generally recommended that Pavement Condition Index (PCI) inspections be conducted every three years. The results of the pavement inspections

will be incorporated into the Department's Capital Improvement Plan and will provide recommendations for federal funding of future rehabilitation projects.

Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to approve the use of federal funds for the above projects. Second by Commissioner Vap. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Closed Projects**

Motion by Commissioner Vap to close the following projects and return the excess funds to the project grant fund. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Closed Projects  
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<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
<b>Bassett 06</b> (Replace PAPI)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Broken Bow 04</b> (SRE/Hangar bldg; reimburse ALP)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Columbus 06</b> (Basement & tree removal)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Columbus SA-10</b> (Apron expansion)	\$ 110,813.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,030.07
<b>Cozad 03</b> (Extend runway to 4700 feet)	\$ 15,160.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,471.37
<b>Cozad SA-9</b> (Extend runway 300 more feet)	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,800.57
<b>Imperial 05</b> (Light taxiways, apron & turnaround)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>McCook 10</b>			

(SRE)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Minden 06</b> (Pave around hangars)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Nebraska City SA-5</b> (PAPI)	\$	67,500.00	\$	0.00	\$	29,944.40
<b>Oshkosh 03/04</b> (Fuel system upgrade; MITL) 0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	
<b>Pender 05</b> (SRE building)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Red Cloud SA-3</b> (Install beacon)	\$	10,800.00	\$	0.00	\$	183.78
<b>Wahoo 05</b> (SRE)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Totals	\$	279,273.00	\$	0.00	\$	83,430.19

Net Decrease - \$83,430.19

### **Department Report**

Mr. MacTaggart welcomed the newest Commissioner, Dorothy Anderson. Ms. Anderson, was appointed by Governor Heineman for a five year term to replace Doyle Hulme. Ms. Anderson is a nurse who also serves as the Chair of the Holdrege Airport Authority.

Mr. MacTaggart then commented on the lack of progress in passing the FAA Reauthorization bill this year. While there may be money allocated to the AIP program, Congress has only authorized spending approximately 75% of the total amount, or only the amount of “entitlements” through June 30th. Mr. Risk asked why there was no more progress; was it because of the “user fee” issue? Mr. MacTaggart replied that this was, indeed, a major disconnect, especially since Jay Rockefeller, a key player, favored the concept. Mr. Colacurci asked about the level of flying activity. Mr. Lyon responded that the flying hours had declined to approximately 40% of the level of just a few months earlier.

Mr. MacTaggart reminded the Commissioners that they were invited to attend the aviation art awards ceremony on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.



The next meeting was tentatively set for Friday, June 13, 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Lincoln offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Stuart MacTaggart  
Secretary