

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
August 14, 2009

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairman Barry Colacurci called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Doug Vap, Ken Risk, Gerald Adams, and Dorothy Anderson were in attendance. Also present were Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper, Deputy Director Andre Aman, and Director Ronnie Mitchell, Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin and Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division Manager Bill Lyon.

Public Comment

None

Robin Edwards swore in Commissioner Gerald Adams

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to approve the minutes of the June 12 meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Risk. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Report of State Funds

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
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PROJECT GRANT FUND	
Funds available May 31, 2009	\$161,970.12
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<u>Commission Actions (6/12/09 meeting)</u>	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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<u>Other Actions</u>	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available July 31, 2009	\$161,970.12

Funds available August 2008: \$244,764.60

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available May 31, 2009 \$0.00

Commission Actions (6/12/09 meeting)

None

Funds available July 31, 2009 \$0.00

Funds available August 2008: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND

Funds available May 31, 2009 \$142,890.77

Commission Actions (6/12/09 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available July 31, 2009 \$142,890.77

Funds available August 2008: \$167,890.77

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available May 31, 2009 \$573,677.74

Commission Actions (6/12/09 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

June 2009 \$37,422.00

July 2009 \$35,061.00

Subtotal \$72,483.00

Funds available July 31, 2009 \$646,160.74

Funds available August 2008: \$717,332.74
Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available May 31, 2009		\$142,521.19
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Commission Actions (6/12/09 meeting)		
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None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
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None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Receipts		
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June 2009	\$3,316.28	
July 2009	\$3,316.28	
Subtotal		\$6,632.56
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Funds available July 31, 2009		\$149,153.75

Funds available August 2008: \$96,168.68
Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available May 31, 2009		\$3,330.00
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Funds Disbursed		
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None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Funds available July 31, 2009		\$3,330.00

Federal Project

Anna Lannin presented the following project. 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.

McCook

Scope: Wildlife Hazard Assessment (Part 139 requirement)

Total Estimated Cost: \$50,000

The wildlife activity at McCook Regional Airport needs to be assessed to determine the need for a wildlife fence.

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

Hangar Loan Program- Consider Program Changes

Russ Gasper presented the following:

Based on Department review of the program, the current program needs updates/revisions. Attached is a transition copy with proposed changes. The changes to be considered for addition in the program are shown in italic underline print and deletions are shown as strike through print. The specific items to be considered are discussed below.

- Page 2 and 3, Item III.C Repayment Period. The change would indicate one loan amount from 0 - \$300,000 with a payment period of 10 years.
- Page 3, Item III.E Transfer of Ownership Penalty. Changes the transfer of ownership penalty to within 20 years of the loan allocation date.
- Page 4, Item V.A. Commission Approval. The change indicates that hangar loan requests will only be heard at the August Commission meeting and deletes unnecessary language referencing past years.
- Page 4, Item V.A. Commission Approval. Changes the time required for the airport to have a signed construction contract from six to eleven months. This change is consistent with the program, which only hears requests once per year.

Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to approve the changes as presented. Second by Commissioner Vap. Roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Hangar Loan Requests

Russ Gasper indicated that the following requests have been withdrawn.

Columbus H-10/SA-11

Scope: 10-Place, Nested T-Hangar, 48' doors

Total Estimated Cost: \$215,600

A 60' x 255' nested "T" hangar located south of existing nested "T" hangars as shown on the ALP. There is a demand from current and area aircraft owners that need hangar space for aircraft as shown on the list.

North Omaha H-06/SA-7

Scope: New Shop Hangar for 3 Helicopters, 70' x 60' with 50' door

Total Estimated Cost: \$108,500

The new shop hangar will provide space for 3 helicopters for Life Net Air Medical Services serving hospitals in the Omaha area. This company also has a hangar on the Norfolk, Nebraska airport.

State Grant Request

Russ Gasper indicated that the following request has been withdrawn.

Scope: T-Hangar Taxiways

Total Estimated Cost: \$67,140

Closed Projects

Commissioner Colacurci questioned the large decrease in funds needed by Creighton. Anna Lannin explained that allocations are based on estimates, not bids, and the bids came in lower than expected. Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to close the following projects and return the excess funds to the project grant fund. Second by Commissioner Risk. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Projects August 14, 2009

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Ainsworth 06 (SRE)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Blair 05/06 (Construct Runway- Phases III & IV)	\$100,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Creighton 04 (Ext, widen, rehab, light runway & apron; taxiway rehab)	\$ 42,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,567.17
Gordon 04 (6-Place T-Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
NDA 09 (PCI's for 2008)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
North Omaha SA-7 (Tree Removal)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,170.64
Scottsbluff 28 (Pave parking lot; install light poles)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Totals	\$162,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,737.81
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Net Decrease - \$16,737.81

Department Report

Mr. Mitchell informed the Commission of the proposed agenda for the upcoming FAA Central Region Telecon. Commissioner Risk expressed interest in one of the agenda items: Grant Municipal Airport's concerns with a proposed new private airstrip approximately two and a half miles from Grant's airport. The FAA has indicated the private airstrip proponent need only ask and he will receive an airport identifier from the FAA – official federal recognition of the airport's existence. This process could well result in an airspace conflict with the Grant Municipal Airport.

Mr. Mitchell also informed the Commission that staffing of the Flight Operations and Aviation Services division is short by one pilot. The hiring process has produced 73 applicants and the department is narrowing that to six who will be interviewed shortly. Mr. Mitchell expects the division to return to full manning by the middle of September.

Finally, Mr. Mitchell indicated that this was his first Commission meeting as director and he was looking forward to working with the Commissioners as we continue to improve Nebraska's airport system.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grand Island Airport Manager's Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Secretary