

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
December 7, 2012

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. Commissioner Anderson (Acting Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Michael Cook, Dorothy Anderson, and Terri Wachter were in attendance. Commissioners Doug Vap and Ken Risk were absent. Also present were Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper, Deputy Director Andre Aman, and Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin. Director Ronnie Mitchell was absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2012, meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Vote to Approve Method of Advertising for Commission Meetings**

Andre Aman reported that meetings are advertised in the Lincoln Journal Star 10 days prior to the meeting. For meetings out of town, an additional advertisement is printed in the local county newspaper. Meetings are also noted on the department's website. Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the method of advertising. Second by Commissioner Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**State Funds Available**

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

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
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**PROJECT GRANT FUND**

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Funds available September 30, 2012	\$161,652.66
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Commission Actions (10/12/12 meeting)

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Allocations:

Alma 05 - pave and light runway	-\$20,000.00
Falls City R01 - apron and taxiway	-\$25,912.00
Neb. City X02 - runway, taxiway, lights	-\$5,000.00
Pawnee City 01 - apron & taxiway	-\$6,666.00
Pavement Preservation Program	-\$100,000.00

Subtotal - \$157,578.00

Other Actions

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

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Funds available November 30, 2012 \$4,074.66

*Funds available December 2011: \$10,000.00*

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

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Funds available September 30, 2012 \$0.00

Commission Actions (10/12/12 meeting)

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None

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Funds available November 30, 2012 \$0.00

*Funds available December 2011: \$0*

**SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)**

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Funds available September 30, 2012 \$29,843.18

Commission Actions (10/12/12 meeting)

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Allocation from Project Grant Fund \$100,000.00

Subtotal \$100,000.00

Other Actions

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

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Funds available November 30, 2012 \$129,843.18

*Funds available December 2011: \$29,843.18*

**HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

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Funds available September 30, 2012 \$370,608.25

Commission Actions (10/12/12 meeting)

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

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October 2012 \$31,346.00

November 2012 \$27,423.00

Subtotal \$58,769.00

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Funds available November 30, 2012 \$429,377.25

*Funds available December 2011: \$1,080,233.81*

*Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360*

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

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Funds available September 30, 2012 \$126,509.36

Commission Actions (10/12/12 meeting)

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

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None

Subtotal

Receipts

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October 2012 \$2,193.33

November 2012 \$2,193.33

Subtotal \$4,386.66

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Funds available November 30, 2012 \$130,896.02

*Funds available December 2011: \$128,015.25*

Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available September 30, 2012	\$2,336.25
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Funds Disbursed	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available November 30, 2012	\$2,336.25

**Commission Approval for New State Pilots**

Eddie Martens (State Patrol) ó Frank Peck (State Patrol) was present and discussed the qualifications of Eddie Martens. Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve Eddie Martens as a Class 1 State Patrol pilot. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Robert Markise (Nebraska Department of Aeronautics) ó Andre Aman introduced Robert Markise. Mr. Markise discussed his career and qualifications. Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve Rob Markise as a Class 3 pilot for the Department of Aeronautics. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Federal Projects**

Anna Lannin 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.

**Alma X01**

Scope: Construct Parallel Taxiway (3,200ø x 25ø)  
Total Estimated Cost: \$915,000

A parallel taxiway will be constructed to improve access to Runway 17/35. This will improve safety by mitigating back-taxiing operations on the runway.

**Alma B01**

Scope: Construct 6-Place T-Hangar  
Total Estimated Cost: \$650,000

The airport is in need of an additional 6-place hangar for aircraft storage.

## Plattsmouth

Scope: Preparation of New T-hangar Pads and Associated Taxilanes

Total Estimated Cost: \$840,750

The airport currently has 3 T-hangars that are obstructions. There are currently two hangar pads that are already prepared with associated taxilanes for the t-hangar relocation. A third t-hangar pad needs to be prepared. Due to the demand and need for hangar space, a fourth pad area will be prepared as well including all associated taxilanes.

Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve the CIP data sheets and forward them to the FAA. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## State Programs

Russ Gasper presented the following State Programs with recommended changes.

**Revolving Hangar Program:** The Department recommends changing the following:

- Change Item III. B on page 2 of 6. The maximum per airport change from \$300,000 to \$600,000 and the new not to exceed amount from \$300,000 to \$600,000.
- Change Item III. C on page 2 of 6. The amount due change from 0-\$300,000 to 0 to \$600,000.

The changes are based on the current cost (approximately \$850,000) of a six place T-hangar with 45-ft doors. The recommended funding level changes (i.e., the 70% state funds and 30% sponsor funds) would cover the total cost of a six place T-hangar.

**State Aid Program:** No Changes.

**Seal Coat Fund:** No Changes.

**Fuel Storage Loan Program:** No Changes.

**Crack/Joint Sealing & Marking Programs:** Rates may be changed in February 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the recommended changes to the Revolving Hangar Program and to approve the other programs and funds without changes. Second by Commissioner Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## Closed Projects

### **Closed Projects December 7, 2012**

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
<b>Alliance 15</b> (ARFF)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Stuart-Atkinson 04/05</b> (Rehab runway; LPV approach; relocate road)	\$ 46,080.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,320.10
Totals	\$ 46,080.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,320.10

Net Decrease - \$3,320.10

Commissioner Cook moved to close the projects and return the unused money to the Project Grant Fund. Second by Commissioner Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Election of Chairperson for 2013**

Commissioner Anderson nominated Commissioner Cook as chairperson. Commissioner Wachter seconded the nomination. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Department Report**

Recently the sponsor share of Federal grants for Airport Improvement Projects (AIP) went from 5% to 10% of project costs and a short time later the amount of the Federal grant withheld until project closeout went from \$10,000 to 10% of the grant causing sponsors to obtain bridge loans and extra expense. As you have noticed AIP grants are becoming more expensive for our system of airports and "sequestration" which will take place on January 2, 2013 (unless Congress and the President act soon), will undoubtedly cause costs to change even more. The 112<sup>th</sup> Congressional session ends December 14<sup>th</sup> and the wrangling continues, seemingly without any resolution. We continue to plan for the future even though it is uncertain as to funding.

January 9, 2013, will be the start of Nebraska's 103<sup>rd</sup> legislative session. Sometime during the session I will have to testify before the Appropriations Committee concerning the \$2.2 million Deficit Appropriation we are requesting to purchase the King Air from the University Foundation.

Should the appropriation be given to our department from the General Fund, our plan is to sell our 1982 Piper Cheyenne II and use a portion of the Cheyenne sale proceeds for engine reserves.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Tentative Commission Meeting Dates for 2013**

May 3  
August 9  
October 11  
December 6

The next meeting was tentatively set for Friday, February 8, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Lincoln office.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell  
Director