

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
June 11, 2004

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at Miller Field, Valentine, Nebraska. Chairman Steve Wooden called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. CDT. Commissioners Barry Colacurci, Doug Vap and Ken Risk were in attendance; Commissioner Doyle Hulme was absent. Also present were Director Kent Penney, Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper, General Counsel Andre Aman, Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division Manager Bill Lyon and Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Vap to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2004 meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Risk. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jim Methe mentioned the issues of Block Grants and promotion of aviation to the Commission.

State Requests

A written report of state funds available was presented by Andre Aman. No requests for state aid were made at this meeting.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available March 31, 2004		\$212,313.36
<u>Commission Actions (4/16/04 meeting)</u>		
Closed Project - Auburn 01	\$350.94	
Closed Project - David City 02	\$203.71	
Closed Project - Oshkosh 01	\$10,273.66	
Subtotal		\$10,828.31
<u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Funds available May 31, 2004		\$223,141.67
<i>Funds available June 2003: \$150,791.03</i>		

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available March 31, 2004		\$17,836.52
<u>Commission Actions (4/16/04 meeting)</u>		
None		

Funds available May 31, 2004	\$17,836.52
<i>Funds available June 2003: \$17,836.52</i>	

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND

Funds available March 31, 2004	\$125,435.46
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Commission Actions (4/16/04 meeting)

None

Other Actions

None

Funds available May 31, 2004	\$125,435.46
<i>Funds available June 2003: \$38,555.10</i>	

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available March 31, 2004	\$202,464.54
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Commission Actions (4/16/04 meeting)

Cozad H-05 - increase loan from August '03	\$16,657.00	
Subtotal		-\$16,657.00

Receipts

April 2004	\$30,459.30	
May 2004	\$31,299.30	
Subtotal		\$61,758.60

Funds available May 31, 2004	\$247,566.14
<i>Funds available June 2003: \$25,503.54</i>	
<i>Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360</i>	

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available March 31, 2004	\$127,775.62
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Commission Actions (4/16/04 meeting)

None

Receipts

April 2004	\$3,699.95	
May 2004	\$2,969.95	
Subtotal		\$6,669.90

Funds available May 31, 2004	\$134,445.52
<i>Funds available June 2003: \$118,421.71</i>	
<i>Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500</i>	

NDA Programs

The Department proposes changes to the Hangar Loan Program and Fuel Loan Program as it relates to payments. The changes will reduce the paper work and improve the efficiency for accounting staff. The specific changes are as noted below:

Revolving Hangar Program: Add the following to Section III. Funding and Payments, Item D, page 3. "Payments must be made by Automatic Clearing House (ACH) debit. Wire transfers are not acceptable."

Fuel Storage Loan Program: Add the following to Section III. Funding and Payments, Item D, page 2. "Payments must be made by Automatic Clearing House (ACH) debit. Wire transfers are not acceptable."

Fuel Storage Loan Program: Delete the following from Section III. Funding and Payments, Item D, page 2. "Electronic monthly payments will be required when a system is established."

Motion by Commissioner Barry Colacurci to approve the changes as listed above. Second by Commissioner Ken Risk. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Federal Projects

Anna Lannin presented the following projects. The airport sponsors are requesting approval for the use of federal funds. No state funds are requested at this time.

Albion SRE

Scope: Purchase Snow Removal Equipment

Total Estimated Cost: \$130,000

The existing snow removal equipment purchased with local funds is inadequate and requires constant maintenance. The Airport Authority plans to remove the existing equipment from service and purchase new equipment.

Aurora C01

Scope: Seal coat parallel and connecting taxiways, apron, and Runway 16/34

Total Estimated Cost: \$272,939

A seal coat on the runway, taxiways, and apron will be required to prolong the life of the asphalt.

Blair 05

Scope: Property acquisition of 14 acres

Total Estimated Cost: \$140,000

Property acquisition is needed to allow for road relocation and and runway protection zones. The additional land acquisition will be added to the current airport project. This project includes the relocation of a county road. The additional land is needed to coordinate the new access to Highway 133 with NDR.

Blair X01

Scope: T-Hangars and taxilanes
Total Estimated Cost: \$170,000

As part of the airport upgrade, additional T-hangars and taxilanes will be required. It is anticipated that two new T-hangars with taxilanes will be constructed. The existing hangars are in poor condition, there are currently 8 people on the waiting list, and the airport sponsor plans to construct hangars soon. The proposed construction is in accordance with the current Airport Layout Plan.

The current status and proposed schedule of the project at the Blair Municipal Airport was discussed.

Curtis G01

Scope: Light Runway (MIRL)
Total Estimated Cost: \$104,500

The existing runway lights are low intensity and beyond their usable life. The Medium Intensity Runway Lights would be installed on the existing asphalt runway.

Fremont A01

Scope: Repair Apron Areas
Total Estimated Cost: \$264,500

The apron was overlaid in 1982 and seal coated in 1998. Asphalt repair will be required to prolong the life of the asphalt. A previous request to seal coat the runway is being amended based on the preliminary design report.

Hastings P01

Scope: Update Airport Layout Plan
Total Estimated Cost: \$60,000

The last update was completed in the early 90's. Several airport design updates need to be incorporated, and updated aeronautical forecasts, proposed development items, CIP information, cost opinions for CIP, annual operations, etc., also need to be included in the update. All drawings will require updating to new standards and local requirements and placed in Auto CADD or similar formats.

Hastings M01

Scope: Security Access Control Fencing
Total Estimated Cost: \$415,941

Hastings is a C-II airport with many operations by business jet type aircraft. The existing fence has deteriorated and needs repair in some locations. Also, the airport experiences FOD problems from the surrounding properties. The new perimeter fence will help reduce the FOD problems while helping to keep out wildlife.

Holdrege A01

Scope: Apron Expansion (5,200 S.Y.)

Total Estimated Cost: \$200,656

Expansion of the apron will increase the aircraft parking area and increase aircraft safety movement areas.

Lexington SRE

Scope: Purchase Snow Removal Equipment

Total Estimated Cost: \$130,000

The Airport Authority currently has two pieces of snow removal equipment. Both were purchased with local funds. The Authority plans to remove both from service and purchase new equipment.

North Platte M01

Scope: Replace Airport Guidance Signs and Install New Subdrains on Runway 17/35

Total Estimated Cost: \$400,868

The airport has experienced problems with the circuitry and the signs are approaching their useable life. Sign faces are faded and are becoming a safety concern. Freezing and thawing of moisture under Runway 17/35 pavement has caused pavement cracking and deterioration. Subdrains will help remove water from under the pavement, extend the life of the pavement and lower maintenance costs.

O'Neill Seal Coat

Scope: Seal Coat Existing Asphalt Pavement

Total Estimated Cost: \$175,000

The Airport Authority wishes to apply a seal coat to extend the life of the existing asphalt pavement.

Tekamah G01

Scope: Replace Taxiway Lights

Total Estimated Cost: \$22,000

The existing lights are low intensity and in poor condition. These will be replaced with medium intensity taxiway lights. The Sponsor plans to complete this work in conjunction with the parallel taxiway lighting.

NDA 5010 FY05

Scope: 5010 Airport Inspections

Total Estimated Cost: \$36,000

The Department of Aeronautics proposes to inspect 80 public-use airports using existing staff and equipment (force account).

NDA PCI FY05

Scope: PCI Inspections at 26 airports

Total Estimated Cost: \$28,000

The Department of Aeronautics proposes to inspect the pavement conditions at 26 airports in 2006. These airports were last inspected in 2003 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.

Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Barry Colacurci to approve the use of federal funds for the projects listed above. Second by Commissioner Ken Risk. 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 Colacurci. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Closed Projects
June 11, 2004**

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Beatrice 07 (Seal runways; overlay conn txwy & apron)	\$ 10,770.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Broken Bow SA-4 (ALP)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 31.81	\$ 0.00
Central City SA-5 (Light runway: MIRL)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fairbury 04 (Runway & txway lights)	\$ 5,834.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,998.36

Fremont SA-11 (Land; ODALS)	\$ 64,942.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 64,448.86
NDA - ALP (14 ALP's)	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,078.27
Seward 02 (Relocate road)	\$ 7,164.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,881.48
Totals	\$ 165,010.00	\$ 31.81	\$ 74,406.97

Net Decrease Total - \$74,375.16

New Helicopter Acquisition for Nebraska State Patrol

Lieutenant Frank Peck, Nebraska State Patrol, presented a request to the Commission to authorize the purchase of a new helicopter to be used for State Patrol operations to replace their existing 1979 Bell Helicopter which has been used by the State Patrol for 25 years. Officer Jeremy Strack represented the Nebraska State Patrol at the meeting and answered questions of the Commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to authorize the Nebraska State Patrol to purchase a new helicopter to be used for State Patrol operations. Second by Commissioner Vap. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Department Report

Mr. Penney presented information about airports in the Nebraska Aviation System Plan's Local and Limited Categories. This information was requested at the April 16, 2004 meeting in order to allow the Commission to compare airports in and out of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and determine if any changes should be recommended by the Commission.

Mr. Penney and Ms. Aman presented and discussed information with the Commission about Airport Authorities. The information included attributes of existing airport authority statutes and information about an Airports District concept.

Mr. Gasper and Ms. Lannin discussed the bids we are now seeing for projects and how these bids are coming in very high. This will likely impact the number of federal projects which are able to be done during this fiscal year and may even cause some projects to be delayed until next year. To counter this, the staff and consulting engineers are working to allow flexibility for contractors in scheduling the projects so that it may result in lower bid prices.

The October 2004 meetings were rescheduled to September 29, 2004 (western Nebraska) and October 1, 2004 (Lincoln). The October 2005 meeting was also set for October 7, 2005 (Lincoln) to correspond to the Nebraska Association of Airport Officials meeting.

Valentine Area Presentation

Representatives from the Valentine area greeted the Aeronautics Commission and Department staff. They discussed the status of various airport projects including the success of the Jet A fuel

currently available and the fact that there are 30 based aircraft with a waiting list for more. They indicated that 10 doctors per week come in for clinics and their local hospital generates 75% of its income from out-patient clinics. UPS uses the airport from Sioux Falls.

The next meeting was set for Friday, August 20, 2004, 10:30 a.m. CDT at Albion Municipal Airport, Albion, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart MacTaggart
Secretary