

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
May 6, 2016

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

Public Comment

NONE

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Wachter to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2016 meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Funds Available

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

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available January 31, 2016	\$21,384.77
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Commission Actions (2/5/16 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available April 30, 2016	\$21,384.77

Funds available at May 2015 meeting: \$114,760.17

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available January 31, 2016 \$0.00

Commission Actions (2/5/16 meeting)

None

Funds available April 30, 2016 \$0.00

Funds available at May 2015 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available January 31, 2016 \$155,792.18

Commission Actions (2/5/16 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available April 30, 2016 \$155,792.18

Funds available at May 2015 meeting: \$130,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available January 31, 2016 \$712,681.36

Commission Actions (2/5/16 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Receipts

February 2016

\$23,579.00

March 2016

\$23,579.00

April 2016

\$23,579.00

Subtotal

\$70,737.00

Funds available April 30, 2016

\$783,418.36

Funds available at May 2015 meeting: \$510,872.91

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available January 31, 2016

\$218,183.33

Commission Actions (2/5/16 meeting)

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Other Actions

Subtotal

\$0.00

Receipts

February 2016

\$2,593.33

March 2016

\$2,593.33

April 2016

\$2,593.33

Subtotal

\$7,779.99

Funds available April 30, 2016

\$225,963.32

Funds available at May 2015 meeting: \$176,628.47

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available January 31, 2016

\$1,723.75

Funds Disbursed

Minden	-100	
Grant County	-100	
Subtotal		-\$200.00
Funds available April 30, 2016		<hr/> \$1,523.75

Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the report of State Funds as published. 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.

Alliance E-02

Scope: Snow Removal Equipment: High Speed Snow Blower
Total Estimated Cost: 750,000

The existing 2003SRE snow blower has been out of service for 12 months due to a lack of repair parts. Currently repair parts are taking 6-12 months for delivery. The airport needs to replace the existing blower with a current production year model due to the age and parts availability of the existing blower.

Norfolk C-02

Scope: Runway 01/19 Surface Treatment
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,700,000

A pavement overlay was completed in 2010. Surface treatments are recommended every 5-8 years to preserve and rehabilitate the pavement. Any cracks will be repaired prior to the surface treatment. Because the surface will be remarked, this is an opportune time to displace the threshold as shown on the ALP. Runway lights will be replaced when relocated to match the new threshold location and to re-adjust spacing. The 4 light PAPI system will be relocated as part of this project. Guidance signs associated with the runway lighting system will also be replaced.

Millard G-02

Scope: Replace Taxiway Lights
Total Estimated Cost: \$400,000

The project will replace taxiway lights on parallel taxiway and all entrance/exit taxiways along Runway 12/30 that are beyond useful life. New medium intensity taxiway lights (MITL) will be constructed with base mounted lights and conduit encased cables. Benefit will be safety and reduced maintenance.

Pawnee City B-01

Scope: Construct 6-Place T-Hangar
Total Estimated Cost: \$740,000

A 6-place T-Hangar with 45' bi-fold doors and concrete ramps is proposed to meet current and future demand for aircraft storage.

Scottsbluff E-05

Scope: Snow Removal Equipment- Loader
Total Estimated Cost: \$200,000

The airport needs to purchase a front end loader, with a snow bucket, for snow removal operations around hangars, terminal buildings, and apron areas that are not accessible by the existing SRE snow plows or snow blower.

Scottsbluff M-09

Scope: Wildlife Hazard Assessment (Part 139 requirement)
Total Estimated Cost: \$75,000

The current Airport Wildlife Hazard Assessment is over 10 years old and the Airport Authority needs to have a new assessment completed to meet FAA Part 139 requirements.

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

Closed Projects

**Closed Projects
May 6, 2016**

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
NDA 19 (PCI's - 2013)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Alma 06 (PAPI)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Blair 14 (Land-Relocation)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Columbus 09 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Columbus 11 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Columbus 12 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Cozad 08 (SRE Building)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Hartington 08 (Expand apron)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Minden 07 (Rehab apron & taxiway)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Scottsbluff 37 (Sealcoat runways & taxiways)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the closed projects. Second by Commissioner Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Department Report

After 15 years on our Aeronautics Commission, Doug Vap has moved out of state and replaced by Dick Trail who is also a McCook resident. We thank Doug for his many years on the Commission and his service to the state of Nebraska. We look forward to Dick Trail's leadership on the Commission.

The "4 States Conference" is scheduled for August 29-30 in Kansas City, MO and as we fund one commissioner to attend the conference, the Commission was asked to select the candidate. Dick Trail was selected to attend at department expense.

The Department has been looking at our backup pilot situation from Duncan Aviation. They have sold their turbine powered propeller aircraft and do not have any pilots current in our type aircraft. I have been in discussion with Mike Gerdes, CEO of Silver Hawk Aviation, concerning use of their Beechcraft C90 pilots and have come to an agreement of \$500/day plus expenses when we may need a pilot due to trip requirements. During our meeting on May 6, the Commission voted to approve Silver Hawk Aviation pilots as state pilots. (see below)

Increasing revenue for the Department continues to be a priority. I certainly appreciate the letters and emails Commission members Dorothy Anderson, Terri Wachter and Diana Smith have sent to state Senators on this issue and hope we can get more aviation minded people to do the same. Perhaps the simplest way to improve revenue for our cash funded agency would be to have the state's portion of the sales tax generated when aircraft are sold to be diverted from the general fund to our agency. We estimate this would bring in somewhere between \$750,000-1 million in additional revenue each year.

From: Mike Gerdes [mailto:mgerdes@silverhawkaviation.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 2:28 PM

To: Mitchell, Ronnie

Cc: John Geary; Mike Gerdes

Subject: RE: Silverhawk Pilots

Hi Ronnie,

Thanks for stopping by today. Just so I remember what we'd discussed, we'd be able to provide an occasional King Air co-pilot for \$500/day plus expenses whenever we have someone available.

As I mentioned, our roster is constantly changing (mostly growing), but here is our current list of pilots who are current and qualified in the King Air 90:

James Allen

Joe Butt

John Geary

Mike Gerdes

Brandon Hill
Jon Ihrig
Mark Langrud
Schuyler Risk
Josh Sears
Marla Stephen
Joshua Van Egmond
Tristan Van Nocker
Nick Beisner
Lyle Bender
Roy Burgess
Jeff Goggin
Dan Hinnah
CS Johnson
Todd Tobiason
Jeremy Zenor

Thanks,
Mike

Request Approval of State Pilots

The Department of Aeronautics requests approval of Silverhawk Aviation Pilots as State Pilots.

Motion by Commissioner Wachter to approve Silverhawk Aviation Pilots current in the King Air C90 as State Pilots. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, August 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm CDT in the Lincoln office.

Motion by Commissioner Wachter to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director