

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
May 3, 2013

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2012 as published. Second by Commissioner Wachter. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of February 22, 2013 meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Smith. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Presentation

Mike Olson, Executive Director, Central Nebraska Regional Airport, Grand Island, Nebraska, made a presentation.

State Funds Available

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

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available November 30, 2012 \$4,074.66

Commission Actions (12/7/12 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

Closed Project - Stuart Atkinson 04/05 \$3,320.10

Subtotal \$3,320.10

Funds available April 30, 2013 \$7,394.76

Funds available May 2012: \$26,519.43

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available November 30, 2012 \$0.00

Commission Actions (12/7/12 meeting)

None

Funds available April 30, 2013 \$0.00

Funds available May 2012: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available November 30, 2012 \$129,843.18

Commission Actions (12/7/12 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available April 30, 2013 \$129,843.18

Funds available May 2012: \$29,843.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available November 30, 2012 \$429,377.25

Commission Actions (12/7/12 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Receipts

December 2012

\$29,198.00

January 2013

\$29,295.00

February 2013

\$30,332.00

March 2013

\$27,902.00

April 2013

\$28,697.00

Subtotal

\$145,424.00

Funds available April 30, 2013

\$574,801.25

Funds available May 2012: \$1,237,843.25

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available November 30, 2012

\$130,896.02

Commission Actions (12/7/12 meeting)

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

Receipts

December 2012

\$2,193.33

January 2013

\$2,193.33

February 2013

\$2,193.33

March 2013

\$2,193.33

April 2013

\$2,193.33

Subtotal

\$10,966.65

Funds available April 30, 2013

\$141,862.67

Funds available May 2012: \$136,542.31

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available November 30, 2012		\$2,336.25
<u>Funds Disbursed</u>		
Hebron Airport Authority	- \$37.50	
Subtotal		- \$37.50
Funds available April 30, 2013		<u>\$2,298.75</u>

Hangar Loan Allocations

Anna Lannin presented the following. Several Airports received hangar loans (Ord = \$300,000, Seward = \$234,352 and Valentine = \$225,160) in August 2012, which are to be used in conjunction with AIP funding. Recent federal legislation has delayed the release of federal funds. NDA learned that the AIP funds are not expected to be available before the hangar loans expire (11 months after allocation); therefore, NDA is requesting the hangar loan allocations be extended to the end of September 2013. Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the request. Second by Commissioner Smith. 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 C04

Scope: Seal Cracks, Pavement Rejuvenation Sealer, and New Pavement Markings on Existing Taxiways and Aprons
Total Estimated Cost: \$400,000

The bituminous taxiway and apron areas were seal coated in 2006. The existing bituminous surface is beginning to oxidize and is in need of a bituminous rejuvenation sealer in order to preserve the pavement surface.

Hyannis P01

Scope: Airport Layout Plan
Total Estimated Cost: \$200,000

The Grant County Airport does not have an airport layout plan approved by the FAA. The FAA encourages all NPIAS airports to have a current ALP. The existing airport does not meet FAA standards. The proposed study is needed to develop a plan to meet the aviation needs of the community by creating a plan for an airport that meets FAA standards. The study will include a site review, ALP drawings, and a narrative report.

Millard R02

Scope: Mill and Overlay Runway 12/30

Total Estimated Cost: \$858,950

Mill and overlay Runway 12/30 to correct surface deviations. The concrete surface will be profile milled and an approximate 2ö asphalt overlay will be added. Joints and patches will be repaired prior to the asphalt overlay.

Pawnee City G01

Scope: Runway Lighting, Including Beacon and Wind Cone

Total Estimated Cost: \$320,000

Installation of runway lights after paving runway 14/32 will provide 24-hour operational capability and thus increase the utility of the runway. Runway lighting cable will be installed in conduit. A beacon is included to assist pilots in locating the airport at night. The lighted wind cone is in poor condition and will be replaced.

Pender B03

Scope: Replace Hangar Doors

Total Estimated Cost: \$500,000

The existing sliding doors do not work properly and are difficult to open. New bi-fold electric doors will extend the life of the existing t-hangars and make access easier.

Scottsbluff B04

Scope: Snow Removal Equipment Building Addition

Total Estimated Cost: \$400,000

The airport is scheduled to purchase a snow removal plow truck in 2014 and currently the airport does not have a storage location for the new vehicle that meets current FAA AC safety clearance requirements. The airport needs to add an additional bay to the existing SRE building to house the new plow truck.

Motion by Commissioner Wachter to approve the CIP data sheets and forward them to the FAA. Second by Commissioner Vap. 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>
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Alliance 14

(ARFF Building)	\$ 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 04 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Auburn 05 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Aurora 08 (Sealcoat asphalt)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Aurora 09 (SRE)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bassett 08/09 (Shop Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Blair 11 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Burwell 04 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Central City 03/04 (Parallel Taxiway; Taxilane rehab)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Falls City 10 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Gordon 06 (Fuel System)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holdrege 08 (Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Lexington 11/12 (Fuel System)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Loup City 03/04 (Pavement rehab)	\$ 37,872.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,730.48

Millard 07 (Rehab runway)	\$ 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>
North Platte 24/25 (Parallet taxiway to Runway 17/35)	\$ 66,520.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,527.55
NDA 16 (Update ASM)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
NDA 17 (PCIø 6 2011)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
NDA 18 (LPV Surveys - Burwell, Superior)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
O'Neill 08 (Rehab apron & taxiway)	\$ 32,651.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ord 07 (REIL; beacon; MITL; wind cone; seg. circle)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Pender 08 (Sealing; marking)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Plattsmouth 10 (SRE)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 137,043.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,258.03

Net Decrease - \$16,258.03

Commissioner Vap moved to close the projects and return the unused money to the Project Grant Fund. Second by Commissioner Anderson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Department Report

February 22, 2013

The specter of Federal sequestration and automatic spending cuts by March 1 are looming over FAA AIP grants this year and may cause a precipitous drop in grants for this construction season. The FAA Central Region Airports Division Manager has told me there is great uncertainty as to what will take place as Congress is still trying to solve its major problem of how to cut spending without chopping budgets with an axe! Representing the Office of Management and Budget, Daniel Werfel said the best estimates now are that non-defense programs will be cut roughly 5 percent and defense 8 percent. But given that there are only seven months left to the fiscal year, Werfel said the true impact would be closer to 9 percent and 13 percent respectively. Sequestration will begin with the FY2013 budget and continue for the next eight years, cutting \$500 billion from non defense spending including the FAA.

I am attempting to upgrade the state aircraft fleet with the purchase of the University Foundation's 2001 King Air which we picked up new from the factory in Wichita, KS on November of 2001, and have operated for them since. In August of 2012, I entered into an agreement with the Foundation to lease/purchase the aircraft which ends June 30 2013. It is up to the Appropriations Committee to approve the purchase with money coming from the General Fund of \$2,164,760. Upon acquisition of the King Air, we would sell the 1981 Piper Cheyenne IIXL and retain those funds for avionics upgrade and engine reserves for the King Air. The Appropriations Committee is requesting a study to determine aircraft requirements for the state and will then make a decision on whether or not to acquire the King Air.

One of our pilots and editor of PIREPS, Zach Miller, had his last day with the Department on February 8th. Zach has taken a position with Trego/Dugan Aviation in Omaha and will be piloting a Lear 45 aircraft.

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I would like to formally welcome our newest Commissioner to the Department, Diana Smith from Beatrice.

In the Warner Chambers of the State Capitol at 10:15am on May 15th the Governor will announce the month of May as General Aviation Appreciation Month. I am anticipating there will be many standing with our Department during the announcement including an individual from the Alliance for Aviation Across America.

The Appropriations Committee included funds in their budget for our Department to purchase the University Foundation's King Air aircraft. Their budget was presented to the Senate on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Also included was funding for the avionics upgrade for the aircraft. I anticipate debate on the budget will take place during the week of May 6-10. The impact of "sequestration" was briefly felt by airline travelers last week as Air Traffic Controllers were told they would be furloughed to offset cuts to the FAA budget of \$253 million. On May 1 President

Barack Obama signed into law legislation giving the Federal Aviation Administration authority to shift funds to eliminate air-traffic controller furloughs. The furloughs were suspended April 27 following congressional passage of the measure to let the FAA work around across-the-board spending cuts that kicked in last month. It also gives the FAA enough flexibility to avert the planned June 15 closing of 149 small-airport control towers operated by agency contractors.

On behalf of our 81 public use airports in Nebraska and the Department of Aeronautics, I wish to thank each of you for your continued contributions to aviation in Nebraska.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Friday, August 9, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Lincoln office.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director