

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
October 15, 2010

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting in the Leo Johnson Conference Room located in the terminal at the North Platte Regional Airport, North Platte, Nebraska. Chairperson Dorothy Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CDT. Commissioners Doug Vap, Ken Risk, Gerald Adams, and Barry Colacurci were in attendance. Also present were Director Ronnie Mitchell, Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division Manager Bill Lyon, Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin, and Deputy Director Andre Aman. Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Colacurci to approve the minutes of the August 6 and September 1, 2010 meetings as published. Second by Commissioner Adams. 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.

O'Neill B02

Scope: Storage Hangar (60' x 16' Door)
Total Estimated Cost: \$332,800

The O'Neill Airport proposes building a storage hangar to meet current hangar demand for aircraft storage.

Red Cloud R01

Scope: Route & Seal Joints on Runway 15/33
Total Estimated Cost: \$92,000

The existing concrete pavement joint sealant has reached its life expectancy. The removal and replacement of the joint sealant will provide extended protection to the existing pavement.

Red Cloud X01

Scope: Route & Seal Taxiway Joints
Total Estimated Cost: \$16,000

The existing concrete pavement joint sealant has reached its life expectancy. The removal and replacement of the joint sealant will provide extended protection to the existing pavement.

Red Cloud A01

Scope: Route & Seal Apron Joints

Total Estimated Cost: \$22,000

The existing concrete pavement joint sealant has reached its life expectancy. The removal and replacement of the joint sealant will provide extended protection to the existing pavement.

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

Report of State Funds

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available July 31, 2010		\$49,726.55
<u>Commission Actions 8/6/10 meeting)</u>		
Closed Project - Ainsworth 07/08	\$4,292.82	
Closed Project - Albion 07	\$119.06	
Closed Project - Creighton 04 (revised)	\$30.00	
Closed Project - Crete 07	\$755.88	
Closed Project - Scottsbluff 29	\$1,752.41	
Closed Project - York 10	\$5,128.79	
Gothenburg - emergency runway repair	-\$2,184.00	
Subtotal		\$9,894.96
<u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Funds available September 30, 2010		\$59,621.51

Funds available October 2009: \$443,707.93

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available July 31, 2010 \$0.00

Commission Actions (8/6/10 meeting)

None

Funds available September 30, 2010	\$0.00
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*Funds available October 2009: \$0***SEAL COAT GRANT FUND**

Funds available July 31, 2010	\$132,953.31
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Commission Actions (8/6/10 meeting)

None

Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions

None

Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available September 30, 2010	\$132,953.31
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*Funds available October 2010: \$142,890.77***HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Funds available July 31, 2010	\$1,367,027.81
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Commission Actions (8/6/10 meeting)

Cambridge - 80 'x 80' shop	\$111,650.00	-
Gothenburg - 6 stall nested T	\$270,800.00	-
North Omaha - 50 'x 47' shop	\$84,700.00	-
Subtotal		-\$467,150.00

Other Actions

Ogallala loan #2819 reduction	\$4,705.67
Subtotal	\$0.00

Receipts

July 2010	\$30,375.00	
August 2010	\$39,727.00	
September 2010	\$30,550.33	
Subtotal		\$100,652.33

Funds available September 30, 2010	\$1,005,235.81
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Funds available October 2009: \$1,044,728.81
Total amount in Hangar Loan fund:
\$3,768,360

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available July 31, 2010 \$179,931.14

Commission Actions (8/6/10 meeting)

None
Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None
Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

July 2010	\$2,310.83	
August 2010	\$2,310.83	
September 2010	\$2,310.83	
Subtotal		\$6,932.49

Funds available September 30, 2010 \$186,863.63

Funds available October 2009: \$155,786.31
Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available July 31, 2010 \$3,030.00

Funds Disbursed

None
Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available September 30, 2010 \$3,030.00

State Grant Requests

Cambridge A01

Scope: Reconstruct Apron & Taxiways, Acquire Land & Easements

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,460,000

Representative: Diane Hofer, NDA

Additional land in fee and easement is needed to meet FAA requirements. Upon acquisition of the land, the airport will be positioned for an FAA grant to reconstruct the asphalt runway, which is in poor condition.

The apron and taxiway are also in poor condition and will be reconstructed in 2011, as land acquisition is not an FAA requirement for this type of project. The existing asphalt pavement will be 23 years old in 2011. Asphalt pavement typically lasts only 20 years and thus this pavement is beyond its useful life. It is in poor condition with many large cracks. The asphalt will be completely removed and replaced with concrete. The grass areas around the t-hangars will be filled in with concrete to correct drainage problems, and to make it easier to mow and plow snow.

Chadron G01

Scope: Replace Runway 2/20 HIRL; Install Taxiway Lights

Total Estimated Cost: \$545,000

Representative: Diane Hofer

The existing lighting system has exceed its life expectancy and has become unreliable. The high intensity runway lights are required with the precision approach. The partial parallel taxiway does not current have any lighting. The project includes installing medium intensity taxiway lights.

Curtis R02

Scope: Rehabilitate Runway

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,368,470

Representative: Jeff Tidyman

The existing asphalt runway has lateral thermal cracks up to 4" wide. The best solution for the airport is to remove and replace the runway. The present high cost of asphalt makes a concrete replacement the most cost effective long-term solution. This project had been programmed to be funded in FY2010. Ms. Lannin indicated that Nebraska lost over a million dollars in discretionary money in 2010 because the design for this project was not completed. Due to the slow progress of the project to this point, the FAA has split this project into two parts – design and construction. The design only portion is to be funded in 2011.

Kimball X02

Scope: Parallel Taxiway to Runway 10

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,754,483

Representative: Jeff Wolfe

A new parallel taxiway is being constructed to Runway 10 as part of FAA AIP Project 3-31-0047-06. This project will provide full parallel taxiway access to Runway 10 and eliminate the need for back taxi operations by aircraft and thus improve safety on Runway 10.

McCook M02

Scope: Construct Wildlife Fence

Total Estimated Cost: \$970,344

Representative: Greg Wolford

Install wildlife fence around airport to prevent access by large animals (deer). Fence will be 8' chain link or wire mesh with 3 strands of barbed wire on top for a total height of 9'0". This project

is mandated by the FAA to maintain the airport's Part 139 status.

O'Neill R02

Scope: Rehabilitate Apron & Taxiway, Pave Crosswind Runway
Total Estimated Cost: \$2,406,914
Representative: Diane Hofer

Assistance in funding to lower our taxpayer's contribution/burden.

Seward B01

Scope: Snow Removal Equipment Building
Total Estimated Cost: \$224,000

Project request withdrawn by Airport Authority

Sidney R03

Scope: Runway 13/31 Rehabilitation
Total Estimated Cost: \$4,357,790
Representative: Jeff Wolf

The existing Runway 13/31 surface is exceeding the roughness tolerances allowed and creating an unsafe surface for aircraft operations. The airport proposes to install a concrete "white topping" over the existing runway surface in order to maintain a safe runway surface for aircraft operations.

Discussions & Allocations

Ms. Lannin presented the FAA priority numbers on the projects under consideration. It was noted that Seward's request was withdrawn and that Curtis' project, being reduced to design-only, no longer met the \$500,000 threshold of eligibility for the State match. Commission Chair Anderson stated that, after leaving \$10,000 in the Project Grant Fund for emergencies, the remaining funds available should be allocated by each of the remaining projects receiving 28% of the funds requested "to make it fair for everyone".

2010/11 STATE AID ALLOCATIONS
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PROJECT	SCOPE	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	PROJECT COSTS
Cambridge	Apron & Taxiway Rehabilitation	\$8,176	\$64,824	\$1,387,000	\$1,460,000
Chadron	Replace Runway Lights	\$3,051	\$24,199	\$517,750	\$545,000
Kimball	Parallel Taxiway	\$9,825	\$77,899	\$1,666,758	\$1,754,482
McCook	Wildlife Fence	\$5,434	\$43,083	\$921,827	\$970,344
O'Neill	Pave Runway	\$6,011	\$114,335	\$2,286,568	\$2,406,914
Sidney	Rehabilitate Runway	\$17,108	\$200,781	\$4,139,901	\$4,357,790

GRAND TOTALS	\$49,605	\$525,121	\$10,919,804	\$11,494,530
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Closed Projects

Anna Lamm indicated that the following projects are complete and requested Commission approval to close. It was noted \$327.32 is being returned to the state grant fund.

Closed Projects October 15, 2010

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Alliance 12/13 (Sealcoat runways)	\$ 14,113.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 327.32
Blair 04 (Amendment) (Land costs)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ogallala SA-6 (Shop Hangar)	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 48,313.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 327.32

Net Decrease - \$327.32

Motion by Commissioner Gerald Adams to close the following projects and return the excess funds to the project grant fund. Second by Commissioner Ken Risk. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Department Report

Due to a record 19.26% below projected budget revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, this Department is implementing several cost saving measures. We will no longer be publishing the Nebraska Aeronautical Chart with a bi-annual savings of \$35,000. In addition, our bi-monthly aviation publication, PIREPS, will be going digital at some point during the next year. Our plan is to continue the printed publication with a notice of going digital in the issue. We will be asking our 3600 subscribers to provide an email address and as the list grows to a substantial number of subscribers, the issue will be sent over the internet with perhaps only 100 printed copies. Savings from this will be approximately \$15,000 yearly. The Nebraska Airport

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Directory will continue to be published and will be all color. We have discovered the color version will be a miniscule amount over the present cost of \$12,000 bi-annually.

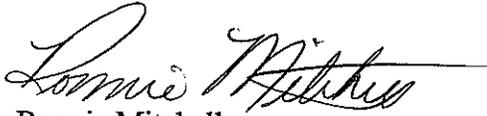
Our 1982 Cheyenne IIXL will be undergoing an avionics upgrade beginning in mid-November. Projected down time will be approximately five weeks.

We are researching a plan to change the way aviation fuel is taxed in order to protect our income resources from inflation and wage increases. The aviation fuel tax has basically remained the same since it began in 1946 while both inflation and wages have continued to increase as income has remained relatively flat. It appears the most advantageous way to change would be to tax fuel as a percentage of sale versus cents per gallon. We will not be doing this during the forthcoming legislative session but perhaps during the 2011 Legislative session, depending on higher level approval to do so.

The next Commission meeting will tentatively be Friday, December 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lincoln office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronnie Mitchell", written in dark ink.

Ronnie Mitchell
Secretary