

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
April 23, 2021

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting virtually. The legal ad was published in the April 13, 2021, edition of the Lincoln Journal Star and is posted on the website <https://dot.nebraska.gov/aeronautics>. The Commission Book, Public Meetings Act and Governor's Executive Order 21-02, were also posted on the website. Chairperson Michael Cook called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Scott Tarry, Diana Smith, Tom Trumble, and Dick Trail were in attendance. Also present were Engineering Division Manager Anna Lannin, Director Ann B. Richart, and Deputy Director/Legal Counsel Andre Aman was absent.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Trumble to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2021, meeting. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Aeronautics Director's Report**

Richart began her report talking about the agency goal of improving the airport inspection program. As a result the number of waivers to standards has been greatly reduced. The North Omaha Airport was notified that their airport license has not been issued. North Omaha has requested a hearing on this decision. Richart will update the Commission on this issue as it moves forward.

Next Richart introduced Jason Chang and John Koch. Chang and Koch are seniors at UNO-Aviation Institute who completed an internship with Aeronautics this term. The students spoke briefly about their experience at Aeronautics and the plans for their careers.

Richart discussed the sweeping changes impacting our programs this year. She explained that, though these changes can be daunting, Aeronautics is well-positioned to respond because we're working on our State Aviation System Plan. She described this project as a fresh look at our system and how Aeronautics can be the most effective, rather than just an update of an existing plan. She introduced Jon Large who presented a status report of the project including the work of a focus group to develop a Vision Statement for the plan: "Our Vision: A dynamic aviation system which enhances quality of life through infrastructure and services that meet the diverse and evolving needs of all Nebraskans". Richart asked the Commission to adopt this statement as the Vision Statement for the Division. Trumble moved to adopt this statement as the Mission Statement for Aeronautics. Trail seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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**Introduction of John Selmer, NDOT Director**

John Selmer, new NDOT Director, introduced himself. Selmer is an “Air Force Brat” who grew up on airports around the world. He earned his degree at UNL and has been working at Iowa DOT for many years. He also read an announcement from the Governor proclaiming May, 2021 to be General Aviation Appreciation Month.

**Report of State Funds Available**

Ann Richart presented a written report of state funds available.

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**PROJECT GRANT FUND**

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Funds available January 31, 2021	\$1,058.94
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Commission Actions (02/05/21 meeting)	
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None	
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Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions	
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None	
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Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available March 31, 2021	\$1,058.94
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*Funds available at June 2020 meeting: \$4,257.24*

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

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Funds available January 31, 2021	\$0.00
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Commission Actions (02/05/2021 meeting)	
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None

Funds available March 31, 2021

\$0.00

*Funds available at June 2020 meeting: \$0***SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)**

Funds available January 31, 2021

\$405,792.18

Commission Actions (02/05/21 meeting)

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Funds available March 31, 2021

\$405,792.18

*Funds available at June 2020 meeting: \$405,792.18***HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Funds available January 31, 2021

\$735,813.23

Commission Actions 02/05/21 meeting)

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Receipts

February 2021

\$21,213.00

March 2021

\$21,213.00

Subtotal

\$42,426.00

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Funds available March 31, 2021 \$778,239.23

*Funds available at June 2020 meeting: \$745,656.90*

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

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

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Funds available January 31, 2021 \$300,863.63

Commission Actions (02/05/21 meeting)

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None

Subtotal

Other Actions

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

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February 2021 \$958.33

March 2021 \$958.33

Subtotal \$1,916.66

Funds available March 31, 2021 \$302,780.29

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*Funds available at June 2020 meeting: \$292,238.66*

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

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

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Funds available January 31, 2021 \$936.75

Commission Actions (02/05/21 meeting)

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None

Funds Disbursed

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Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available March 31, 2021 \$936.75

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Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the report of State Funds. Second by Commissioner Tarry. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Federal Aid Project Requests**

Manager Anna Lannin presented the following projects for Commission approval to forward to the FAA with requests for funding, as required by state statutes. The FAA considers the request for future federal funding as funds become available. No state funds are requested at this time.

#### Hartington B-04

Scope: Construct Terminal Building

Total Estimated Cost: \$700,000

The existing terminal building is small and lacks amenities that pilots need. An updated larger terminal building would provide pilots with the space and amenities that they need.

#### Hartington G-02

Scope: Install Taxiway Lighting System (MITL)

Total Estimated Cost: \$410,000

There is currently no taxiway lighting at the airport. Adding taxiway lighting will improve safety to pilots.

#### Hebron G-02

Scope: Replace Runway & Taxiway Light REILs

Total Estimated Cost: \$380,000

The current system was installed in 2007. This included new regulator, runway/taxiway lighting, REILs, PAPI's, and windcone. During 2019, the airport experienced very high water tables due to record flooding. This resulted in water entering into the conduit, wire, and transformers that operate the lights. The damage is causing the system to operate intermittently with frequent outages.

Recently, the system was evaluated by our Consultant and Electrical Engineer. They confirmed the REILs, runway and taxiway lighting including conduit, wire, and regulator need to be replaced.

In general the project will consist of replacing the existing system with new LED REILs and LED runway and taxiway lighting. This project will also include new conduit, wire and regulator.

#### Imperial

Scope: Replace Runway Lights

Total Estimated Cost: \$500,000

Existing runway lighting is stake mounted, non-LED and at the end of its useful life. New LED lights will provide years of maintenance free use. A new electrical vault will power all additions to electrical system while providing assurance in sustainability.

Imperial

Scope: Replace Beacon  
Total Estimated Cost: \$90,000

The existing beacon is mounted on a fixed tower and has surpassed its useful life. Replacing with tip-down pole will ease maintenance efforts.

Imperial

Scope: Construct Partial Parallel Taxiway with Lighting  
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,420,000

The Imperial Municipal Airport currently does not have a parallel taxiway. This project would construct a partial parallel taxiway from the runway 13 end to the intersection with runway 3/21. The taxiway would increase safety and efficiency at the airport.

Theford P-01

Scope: Update Airport Layout Plan  
Total Estimated Cost: \$300,000

The current Airport Layout Plan was originally approved in 1993 and has gone through multiple revisions and partial updates. Since its development there has been updates to design standards, FAA philosophies, airport demand, and other related activities on the airport. The update will bring the ALP to current design standards, determine the ultimate facilities needed to meet the current and expected aviation demands, review the wind data and proposed crosswind runway, along with other updates. The updated ALP will follow the requirements of AC 150/5300-13A, Change 1, and the AGIS Aeronautical Survey will follow the requirements of AC 150-5300-18B, Change 1.

Motion by Commissioner Trumble to approve the CIP data sheets and forward them to the FAA. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. 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>
<b>Hastings 15</b> (Replace hangar door)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>McCook 15</b> (Pavement rehab)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

<b>Scottsbluff 42</b> (Sealcoat & mar RW 12/30 and taxiways)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>So. Sioux City SA-04</b> (Obstruction removal)	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,700.00
<b>Theford 06</b> (Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,700.00

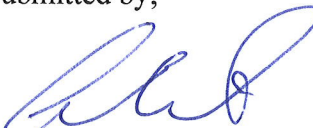
Net Decrease - \$29,700.00

Motion by Commissioner Tarry to approve the Closed Project list. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, August 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm CST in McCook, Nebraska. Motion by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Submitted by,



Ann B. Richart, AAE  
Director

