

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
December 10, 2021

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting virtually at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. The legal ad was published in the November 30 edition of the Lincoln Journal Star and is posted on the website <https://dot.nebraska.gov/aeronautics>. The Commission Book and Public Meetings Act were also posted on the website. Chairperson Michael Cook called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. CDT. Commissioner Tom Trumble was present at the department. Commissioners Scott Tarry, Michael Cook, Diana Smith and Dick Trail attended virtually. Also present were Director Ann B. Richart, Deputy Director/Legal Counsel Andre Aman, and Airport Services Manager, Jon Large. Engineering Division Manager Anna Lannin was absent.

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2021, meeting. Second by Commissioner Trumble. Roll call vote. Commissioners Cook, Smith, Trumble and Tarry voted aye. Commissioner Trail not present. Motion carried.

Aeronautics Director's Report

- Nebraska Aviation Symposium will be held January 26/27, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza in Kearney. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. NDOT will cover your expenses for this event.
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has been signed. This law will provide:
 - \$3 billion annually for 5 years for Primary Airports
 - Same match as AIP
 - Improved flexibility over AIP
 - Distributed to airports on formula similar to COVID Relief Funds
 - \$500 million annually for 5 years for Non-primary and GA Airports
 - Same match as AIP
 - Improved flexibility over AIP
 - Distributed to airports on formula similar to COVID Relief Funds
 - \$20 million annually for 5 years for Contract Towers
 - Central Nebraska Regional Airport only one in Nebraska
 - 100% funds
 - \$1 billion annually for 5 years for new "airport terminal program"
 - Competitive grant program
 - 55% to Large Hubs
 - None in Nebraska
 - 15% to Medium Hubs

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 - 20% local match
 - 20% to Small Hubs
 - None in Nebraska
 - 10% to Non-hubs and Non-Primary
 - 71 in Nebraska
 - 5% local match
 - \$1 billion annually for 5 years for FAA Facility & Equipment Program
 - At least \$200 million reserved for Contract Towers

- November 19 we completed our first NDOT – Legislative Air Tour. John Selmer, NDOT Director; Shannon Ankeny, NDOT Communications Director; Erich Strack, NDOT Government Affairs Manager, and I took Sen. Friesen and Sen. Geist, Chair and Vice Chair of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on a day-long trip visiting some of Nebraska’s airports to become more familiar with how these airports serve our citizens. We visited Lexington, where Nathan Masten gave a great description of the people and businesses who use Lexington. He also spoke of NAAO’s legislative priorities and encouraged the Senators to move the bill that would move the receipts from aircraft fuel taxes to the Aeronautics Cash Fund. Next we visited O’Neill where they had the grills fired up cooking Nebraska beef steaks for lunch. O’Neill had several members of the local business community present, including the Chief of Police and the President of the Chamber of Commerce. Finally, we stopped at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport where Mike Olson provided an in-depth tour of the airport facilities and spoke about the history of development and growth at GRI. The entire event was very well received by the Senators and also by NDOT HQ staff. We are now planning follow-up air tours with other important members of our Legislature.

Report of State Funds Available

Andre Aman presented a written report of state funds available.

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available September 30, 2021	\$785,158.94
Commission Actions (10/22/2021 meeting)	
Allocation - Wahoo remove licensing violations	-\$14,400.00
Allocation - Bloomfield runway rehabilitation	-\$752,400.00
Subtotal	-\$766,800.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2021

\$18,358.94*Funds available at December 2020 meeting: \$1,058.94***STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND**

Funds available September 30, 2021

\$0.00

Commission Actions (10/22/2021 meeting)

None

Funds available November 30, 2021

\$0.00*Funds available at December 2020 meeting: \$0***SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)**

Funds available September 30, 2021

\$405,792.18

Commission Actions (10/22/2021 meeting)

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2021

\$405,792.18*Funds available at December 2020 meeting: \$405,792.18*

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HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available September 30, 2021		\$1,876,656.17
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Commission Actions (10/22/2021 meeting)		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Receipts		
October 2021	\$20,275.00	
November 2021 (Posted with December receipts)	\$0.00	
Subtotal		\$20,275.00
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Funds available November 30, 2021		\$1,896,931.17
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<i>Funds available at December 2020 meeting: \$691,767.23</i>		
<i>Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360</i>		

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available September 30, 2021		\$308,530.27
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Commission Actions (10/22/2021 meeting)		
None		
Subtotal		
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Other Actions		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Receipts		
October 2021	\$958.33	
November 2021 (Posted with December receipts)	\$0.00	
Subtotal		\$958.33
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Funds available November 30, 2021		\$309,488.60
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<i>Funds available at December 2020 meeting: \$298,946.97</i>		

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available September 30, 2021	\$936.75
Commission Actions (10/22/21 meeting)	
None	
Funds Disbursed	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Funds available November 30, 2021	\$936.75
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Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the report of State Funds. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Federal Aid Project Requests

Jon Large 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.

Ainsworth B-02

Scope: Construct 1-Bay Storage Hangar Addition

Total Estimated Cost: \$590,000

The airport needs additional space for aircraft storage and is requesting a new 1-Bay Storage Hangar Addition to meet the needs for their aircraft storage requirements.

Fremont A-05

Scope: Apron Expansion

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,820,000

Additional apron space is needed to accommodate future hangar development. The existing taxiway from the T-hangars will also be realigned to serve the future apron.

Omaha

Scope: Improve Terminal Building

Total Estimated Cost: \$50,500,000

The existing terminal access road and curb front drive at Eppley Airfield is under capacity and is highly congested at peak travel times. Project includes design, planning, bidding and construction of an additional 4th lane at the curb front for passenger pickup/drop-off activities. Project also includes reconstruction of impacted areas such as (a) roadway pavements and sidewalks, and (b) a new full-length canopy over the roadway, crosswalks and sidewalks. The new 4th lane will expand capacity to the passenger pickup/drop-off lanes. The new canopy will replace impacted canopies as well as expand protection for all passenger loading and unloading areas from inclement weather, which is common to Omaha's climate. Existing pavements and canopies are 37 years old. The project is warranted to expand capacity, reduce queuing times for the vehicle traffic and passengers on the front drive, and improve safety for passenger loading and unloading areas. Estimate 65% of all work eligible for federal funding based on split of public versus commercial traffic lanes.

The proposed project is shown on the approved ALP dated June 6, 2016.

Environmental determination (CATEX) covering the project is dated November 15, 2017.

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

Election of Chairperson for 2022

Commissioner Cook nominated Commissioner Tarry for Aeronautics Commission Chairperson for 2022. Commissioner Smith moved to close the nominations. Second by Commissioner Trail. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Projects

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Sidney 06 (Update Airport Layout Plan and Narrative Report)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Totals \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

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

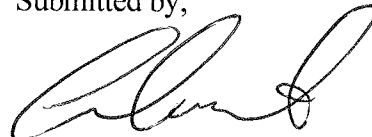
Tentative Commission Meeting Dates for 2022

May 6, August 5, October 21, December 2

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, February 11, 2022 at 1:00 pm CST in Lincoln, Nebraska. Motion by Commissioner Trail to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Submitted by,



Ann B. Richart, AAE
Director

