

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
October 12, 2018

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Dick Trail called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CST. Commissioners Diana Smith, Terri Wachter, and Tom Trumble were in attendance. Also present were Director Ronnie Mitchell, Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin, Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper, and Deputy Director Andre Aman. Commissioner Michael Cook was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2018, meeting as amended. Second by Commissioner Tom Trumble. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Funds Available

Andre Aman presented a written report of state funds available.

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available July 31, 2018	\$4,471.24
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Commission Actions (08/10/18 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
<u>Money transferred from Aeronautics' operating</u>	\$420,000.00
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Funds available September 30, 2018	\$424,471.24

Funds available at October 2017 meeting: \$304,755.85

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available July 31, 2018 \$0.00

Commission Actions (08/10/18 meeting)

None

Funds available September 30, 2018 \$0.00

Funds available at October 2017 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available July 31, 2018 \$155,792.18

Commission Actions (08/10/18 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available September 30, 2018 \$155,792.18

Funds available at October 2017 meeting: \$155,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available July 31, 2018 \$2,245,430.00

Commission Actions (08/10/18 meeting)

Allocation - Harvard State - 6 place standard T -\$600,000.00

Allocation - North Omaha - 10 single unit hangars
or improvements to existing (NSP) hangar -\$249,900.00

Allocation - Seward - 10 place T-Hangar	-\$508,241.00	
Allocation - Wahoo - Hangar door replacement	-\$24,500.00	
Allocation - Wayne - Hangar ramp replacement	-\$182,000.00	
Subtotal		-\$1,564,641.00

Other Actions

None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Receipts

August 2018	(information unavailable)	
September 2018	(information unavailable)	
Subtotal		\$0.00

Funds available September 30, 2018	\$680,789.00
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Funds available at October 2017 meeting: \$1,639,339.00

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available July 31, 2018	\$266,999.57
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Commission Actions 05/04/18 meeting)

None		
Subtotal		

Other Actions

None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Receipts

August 2018	(information unavailable)	
September 2018	(information unavailable)	
Subtotal		\$0.00

Funds available September 30, 2018	\$266,999.57
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Funds available at October 2017 meeting: \$263,924.93

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available July 31, 2018	\$519.25
Funds Disbursed	
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Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available September 31, 2018	\$519.25

Motion by Commissioner Terri Wachter to accept the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Aid Project Requests

Bloomfield SA

Representative: Steven Barney
Scope: Runway Crack Repairs
Total Estimated Cost: \$235,000
State Aid Request: \$211,500

The Airport Authority is requesting state aid for runway 14/32. They are in desperate need of funds for a major crack repair project. They worked with the Division to determine the best approach to repair the cracks in the asphalt pavement and request a grant to work on 5,565 feet of the major cracks. They have 2,450 feet of cross-joints and 3,115 feet of vertical joints.

There is a bid from Blackwoods Company for \$231,750 for the complete project. The Airport Authority has the 10% matching funds for the grant.

Hastings SA

Representative: Dave Wacker (City Engineer) and Eric Johnson (KM)
Scope: Rehabilitate Taxiway/Apron Pavement in Front of Hangar #11
Total Estimated Cost: \$150,000
State Aid Request: \$135,000

This hangar is utilized for medical helicopters and corporate aircraft such as King 90, Cessna Citation and Pilatus PC-12. An AIP project is currently underway to replace the hangar door and siding on the front portions of the building. The project would rehabilitate the pavement in front of the hangar.

Hebron SA

Representative: Eric Johnson (KM)

Scope: Replace Beacon
 Total Estimated Cost: \$80,000
 State Aid Request: \$72,000

The current beacon has exceeded its expected useful life, has become very unreliable, and needs to be replaced. The Airport Authority has made several major improvements over the past several years to better serve the aviation activity they have at the airport. This includes obstruction removals and fencing, new fuel system and taxiway improvements. The airport has 3 full time aerial applicators and is experiencing an increase in corporate and medical operations that play a vital role to the community.

North Omaha SA

Representative: Keith Edquist (owner) and Diane Hofer (Olsson)
 Scope: Construct Apron & Taxilane
 Total Estimated Cost: \$135,000
 State Aid Request: \$121,500

Ten (10) new hangars will be constructed with a NDOT Aeronautics Hangar Loan, which the Aeronautics Commission approved in August 2018. The new apron will provide access to these hangars and match the existing apron on the east side of the airport.

The connecting taxiway will improve access to the east side hangar area and relieve congestion. There are already 16 hangars on the east side and adding 10 more will cause congestion. Adding a second taxiway entrance/exit to this area will greatly improve traffic flow. The connecting taxiway will also allow aircraft to exit the runway quicker, which will improve safety.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Trumble to approve state funds in the amount of \$422,500 to be distributed as shown in the below table. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

	AIRPORT	PROJECT SCOPE	STATE GRANT	LOCAL FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	PROJECT COSTS
1	Bloomfield	Runway Crack Repairs	\$211,500	\$23,500	\$0	\$235,000
2	Hastings	Rehabilitate Taxilane/Apron	\$111,000	\$39,000	\$0	\$150,000
3	Hebron	Replace Beacon	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
4	North Omaha	Construct Apron and Taxilane	\$100,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$135,000
GRAND TOTALS			\$422,500			\$600,000

Hangar Loan Modification Request

Keith Edquist (owner of the North Omaha Airport) requested that the Commission reconsider the terms of the loan allocated during the August meeting:

- Adjust the loan repayment from 10 years to 15 years.

The Division has the following comments:

- The Hangar Loan Program sets the 10-year repayment period.
- Changes to the Divisions Programs are considered during the December Commission meeting.
- Any airport sponsor desiring a modification to the Hangar Loan Program should have made that appeal as part of his/her loan request at the August 2018 meeting.
- Conditions have not changed at the North Omaha Airport to warrant a modification after the allocation.
- Any modification to the Hangar Loan Program would need to apply to all allocations made at the August 2018 Commission meeting.

Therefore, the Division does not recommend any changes to the terms of the Commission’s August 2018 allocations.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Trumble to move Hangar Loan Modification Request to the December meeting. Second by Commissioner Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Projects

**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>
Broken Bow 08 (Land-Tracts 24 & 25)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Lexington 14 (MIRL; REIL’s; MITL; beacon)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ogallala 11 (Hangar rehab)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to approve the closed projects. Second by Commissioner

Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Department Report

Today marks an important event in the history of our division as we will embark on a year journey conducting an Aviation Economic Impact Study. The last study of this nature was completed in 2003 and I believe aviation has grown dramatically since then. The “Kick Off” meeting for the study will be later this afternoon at Duncan Aviation’s hangar B, just north of Silverhawk Aviation. George Brown Associates (GBA) from Lenexa, KS, will be conducting the study with Ed Young as the manager. Assisting with the study will be Kimley-Horn, Olsson Associates, Univ. of NE at Omaha—Dr. Christopher Decker, and Marr-Arnold Planning. This will not be a “snap shot” of aviation’s impact on Nebraska’s economy but a living document which we will be able to update as changes occur. Cost of the study will run between \$380,000 to \$400,000 with 90% funding from the FAA. Myself, Andre Aman and Anna Lannin will be heavily involved during the course of the study.

Andre and I recently returned from NASAO’s annual convention which was held in Oklahoma City, OK this year and hosted by Director Vic Bird and his team. During the convention I completed my tenure as Chairman of the Board for NASAO and passed leadership to Cassandra Isaacson of Minnesota. It has been a terrific year for NASAO as we have the most state members in its history and a bit over \$1M in reserve for operating costs. Unfortunately, the President and CEO of NASAO, Mark Kimberling, submitted his resignation shortly after the convention and the search for a new President and CEO is underway. Mark did a wonderful job as chief executive officer during his tenure and has left the organization in great shape.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, December 7, 2018 at 1:00 pm CST in the Lincoln office. Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director