

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
May 5, 2017

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

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Michael Cook to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2017 meeting, as published. Second by Commissioner Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Funds Available

A written report of state funds available was presented by Robin Edwards.

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available January 31, 2017		\$4,478.77
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Commission Actions (2/10/17 meeting)		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
Closed Aurora SA-7	\$277.08	
Subtotal		\$277.08

Funds available April 30, 2017	<u>\$4,755.85</u>
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Funds available at May 2016 meeting: \$21,384.77

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available January 31, 2017	\$0.00
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Commission Actions (2/10/17 meeting)

None

Funds available April 30, 2017	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Funds available at May 2016 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available January 31, 2017	\$155,792.18
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Commission Actions (2/10/17 meeting)

None

Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions

None

Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available April 30, 2017	<u>\$155,792.18</u>
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Funds available at May 2016 meeting: \$155,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available January 31, 2017	\$708,394.00
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Commission Actions (2/10/17 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

Return of Allocation - Kearney HLEAR13	\$400,000.00	
Return of unused Allocation - Norfolk	\$61,825.43	
Subtotal		\$461,825.43

Receipts

February 2017	\$22,332.00	
March 2017	\$24,986.00	
April 2017	\$21,034.00	
Subtotal		\$68,352.00

Funds available April 30, 2017 \$1,238,571.43

Funds available at May 2016 meeting: \$783,418.36

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available January 31, 2017 \$249,303.29

Commission Actions (2/10/17 meeting)

None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Other Actions

None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Receipts

February 2017	\$2,593.33	
March 2017	\$1,718.33	
April 2017	\$1,718.33	
Subtotal		\$6,029.99

Funds available April 30, 2017 \$255,333.28

Funds available at May 2016 meeting: \$225,963.32

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available January 31, 2017 \$956.25

Funds Disbursed

Subtotal	\$0.00
Funds available April 30, 2017	<hr/> \$956.25

Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to accept the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson. 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.

Stuart-Atkinson (G-02)

Scope: Install PAPI's

Total Estimated Cost: \$150,000

Install PAPI's on Runway 11/29 to provide guidance to pilots on the final approach and to have improved safety at the airport.

Hastings B-02

Scope: Hangar Door Replacement

Total Estimated Cost: \$212,500

This project will consist of removing the existing hangar door, and replacing it with a new bifold. Hangar has expected useful life of 20 years under normal conditions.

Lincoln E-06

Scope: SRE – Front End Loader

Total Estimated Cost: \$400,000

Lincoln's current inventory of snow removal equipment includes 2 loaders (neither of which were purchased with AIP funds), the oldest of which was acquired in 1984. According to the results of the FAA Snow Removal Equipment Calculations spreadsheet, Lincoln is eligible for up to 2 Loaders. Adding a loader as proposed would allow the Lincoln Airport to maintain overall snow removal times and provide continued excellent operational commercial air service during inclement weather.

Lincoln E-07

Scope: Acquire Friction Measurement Equipment

Total Estimated Cost: \$250,000

Lincoln’s current Continuous Friction Measurement Equipment is a KJ Law model from 1994 and is nonfunctional due to a lack of available replacement parts. A new CFME is required as a replacement for the existing unit which is beyond its functional lifespan.

Neligh M-02

Scope: Construct Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) IIIIP

Total Estimated Cost: \$265,000

Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC) requires Air Taxi operators to have weather information to fly an Instrument Approach Procedure to the airport. Without weather information, those operators would have to fly to another airport with AWOS or ASOS and then obtain ground transportation to Neligh. This could take too long for an aero-medical evacuation. Also, dual altimeters from an AWOS would help reduce Instrument Approach minimums. Wind speed and direction is critical information for landing & takeoff performance for VFR & IFR operations.

Superior G-03

Scope: Aviation Fuel System Improvements

Total Estimated Cost: \$295,000

The current Aviation Fuel System has exceeded its expected life. The new system will be an aboveground self contained Aviation Fuel tank and provide 24 hour service with a card reader.

Tekamah B-05

Scope: Construct 8-Place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,010,000

The airport is in need of an additional 8-Place T-Hangar for aircraft storage.

Motion by Commissioner Terri Wachter to approve the CIP data sheets and forward them to the FAA. Second by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Closed Projects

**Closed Projects
May 5, 2017**

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Beatrice 15 (Rehab RW 18/36 asphalt)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Gordon 07 (Rehab RW 4/22) (Engineering)	\$ 17,250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Gordon 08 Rehab RW 4/22) (Construction)	\$ 97,750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Hastings 13 (Panel replacement; joint seal/markings)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
NDA 21 (PCI's for 2014/2015)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
North Platte 29 (Sweeper)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Scottsbluff 40 (SRE building addition)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Valentine 10 (6-Place T-Hangar) (Construction)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

Motion by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson to approve the closed projects. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Department Report

On April 27, 2017, Governor Ricketts signed LB339 establishing a Nebraska Department of Transportation. On July 1, 2017, our department will be absorbed by the Dept. of Roads officially creating the DOT. On January 1, 2018, the Director of the Division of Aeronautics will be appointed by and report directly to the Director-State Engineer, subject to confirmation by the legislature. The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission will still be appointed by the Governor and serve five year terms. Their duties will remain the same as now with the following exceptions: they will then advise the Director-State Engineer relative to the appointment of the Director of Aeronautics, and the commission shall report to the Director-State Engineer whenever the

commission feels the Director is not properly fulfilling his or her duties. The commission shall also advise the Governor on the general status and state of aviation in Nebraska.

On April 29th, Director of Roads Kyle Schneweis along with Aeronautics Planning Engineer, Anna Lannin and pilot David Morris, went to the airports of Alma, Red Cloud, David City and Seward. Purpose of the trip was to acquaint Director Schneweis with a variety of NE airports from those needing work to those in excellent condition. Director Mitchell was not available due to a Governor trip he was needed to pilot.

On June 8th, Alma will be having a dedication of their new terminal building. Lt. Governor Foley, Director Mitchell and Planning Engineer, Anna Lannin will be attending and giving brief remarks during the ceremony.

We have only received six pilot applications to fill a position vacant since September 2016. Pilot hiring at the regional and major airlines is having a major impact on us as available qualified pilots are seeking airline employment.

Utilization of our 1977 Piper Navajo has decreased as we no longer are doing aerial photography work with the aircraft. It is still considered a backup aircraft for Governor travel but will require considerable funding to update the interior and rebuild engines. We are in the process of determining cost benefit versus amount of hours flown as a backup aircraft and will be making a decision within the next several months as to the future of the aircraft.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, August 11, 2017 at 1:00 pm CST in the Lincoln office. Motion by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director