

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
August 12, 2016

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

**Public Comment**

Mr. Dave Wacker of the City of Hastings, NE, stated that he appreciated the survey of the department's performance sent out by Russ Gasper.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Wachter to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2016 meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**State Funds Available**

A written report of state funds available was presented by Andre Aman.

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**PROJECT GRANT FUND**

Funds available April 30, 2016	\$21,384.77
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Commission Actions (5/6/16 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available July 31, 2016	\$21,384.77

*Funds available at August 2015 meeting: \$106,390.17*

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

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Funds available April 30, 2016 \$0.00

Commission Actions (5/6/16 meeting)

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None

Funds available July 31, 2016 \$0.00

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*Funds available at August 2015 meeting: \$0***SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)**

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Funds available April 30, 2016 \$155,792.18

Commission Actions (5/6/16 meeting)

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available July 31, 2016 \$155,792.18

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*Funds available at August 2015 meeting: \$130,792.18***HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

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Funds available April 30, 2016 \$783,418.36

Commission Actions (5/6/16 meeting)

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None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

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Expired Allocation - Hartington \$350,000.00

Expired Allocation - Hastings \$245,000.00

Returned via AIP grant - Valentine HO4 (VTN10) \$483,000.00

Subtotal \$1,078,000.00

Receipts

May 20116 \$21,829.00

June 2016 \$25,329.00

July 2016 \$23,922.00

Subtotal \$71,080.00

Funds available July 31, 2016 \$1,932,498.36

*Funds available at August 2015 meeting: \$1,058,699.85*

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

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

Funds available April 30, 2016 \$225,963.32

Commission Actions (5/6/16 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

May 2016 \$2,593.33

June 2016 \$2,593.33

July 2016 \$2,593.33

Subtotal \$7,779.99

Funds available July 31, 2016 \$233,743.31

*Funds available at August 2015 meeting: \$190,623.35*

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

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available April 30, 2016 \$1,523.75

Funds Disbursed

Curtis -100

Hebron Airport Authority -37.5

Stuart-Atkinson Airport Authority -100

Subtotal	-\$237.50
Funds available July 31, 2016	\$1,286.25

Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Cook. 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.

**Millard G-02**

Scope: Sealcoat Runway 12/30  
Total Estimated Cost: \$250,000

Runway 12/30 had an asphalt overlay constructed in 2014. A joint seal and sealcoat project will maintain the integrity of the pavement and extend the useful life of the runway.

**Scottsbluff D-01**

Scope: Rehabilitation of Bituminous Access Road  
Total Estimated Cost: \$660,000

The existing bituminous access road to the airport is over 25 years old and the surface is oxidized and beginning to laminate. The project scope includes a mill and overlay to existing bituminous surface in order to provide safe access to the airport facilities.

**Wayne X-05**

Scope: Reconstruct Hangar Taxilanes  
Total Estimated Cost: \$180,000

The existing taxilane pavement is more than 20 years old, has deteriorated and has reached the end of its useful life. Reconstruction of the taxilanes will reduce FOD on the taxilanes and provide new pavement for the hangar tenants. All existing taxilanes are 20' wide. The new taxilanes will be reconstructed to a 20' width.

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

**Hangar Loan Requests**

Anna Lannin presented the following projects.

### Chadron

Representatives: Wayne Anderson and Curt Christiansen

Scope: 80' x 80' Shop Hangar

Loan Request: \$160,384

The airport proposes building a storage hangar to meet current hangar demand for aircraft storage. The City has made numerous improvements to the airport recently including pavement rehabilitation on the runway, taxiways, and parking lot. The proposed hangar will be funded with a combination of an AIP grant, NDA loan, and local funds.

### Crete

Representatives: Howard Nitzel, Tom Trumbel

Scope: 8-Place T-Hangar

Loan Request: \$145,268

The hangars at the airport have been full for several years. There is a waiting list. The airport wishes to construct an 8 place T-hangar to meet the current and future demand. The existing hangar is in poor condition and is in need of replacement. The adjacent taxilane and grass areas for the hangar have drainage problems and will need to be repaved and regraded along with the new hangar construction. The proposed hangar will be funded with a combination of an AIP grant, NDA loan, and local funds.

### Hartington

Representatives: V. E. Rossiter, Jr, Gayle Hochstein, Tom Trumble

Scope: 6 Place T-Hangar (44'-6" wide by 14' doors) & Taxilanes

Loan Request: \$297,156

The hangars at the airport have been full for several years. There is a waiting list. The airport wishes to construct a 6 Place T-Hangar to meet the current and future demand. The project is designed and ready for bid. Due to the grading needed for the site, the project costs are higher than originally anticipated. The project will be funded with a combination of an AIP grant, NDA loan, and local funds.

### Hastings

Representatives: Eric Johnson & Mike Olson of Kirkham Michael, Jack Newlun, David Wacker

Scope: 6 Place T-Hangar

Loan Request: \$376,424

This project will replace an older T-Hangar that was severely damaged in a wind storm and has been removed. It is critical to the airport to provide a new hangar to maintain the current based aircraft and to attract future airport tenants.

### Holdrege

Representatives: Curt Christiansen

Scope: 3 Place Box-Hangar

Loan Request: \$68,707

A 3-Place Box Hangar with 60' bi-fold doors is proposed to meet current demand for aircraft storage. The airport has a waiting list for hangars which is included in the application. The project includes constructing a ramp to provide access to each of the box hangar bi-fold doors. The design of this project is almost complete. The project will be funded with a combination of an AIP grant, NDA loan, and local funds.

Kearney

Representatives: Jim Lynaugh

Scope: Storage Hangar

Loan Request: \$400,000

The City originally requested a loan to construct 150' x 150' storage/maintenance hangar to accommodate the new airline service. The airline's plans have changed so the City modified their request to rehabilitating an existing hangar. The rehabilitation will include a new door.

Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve the hangar loan requests. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All vote aye. Motion carried.

**AUGUST 2016 HANGAR LOAN ALLOCATIONS**

	AIRPORT	SCOPE	COST ESTIMATE	LOAN REQUEST
1	Chadron	80' x' 80' Shop Hangar	\$720,000	\$160,384
2	Crete	8 Place T-Hangar	\$870,000	\$145,268
3	Hartington	6 Place T-Hangar & Taxilanes	\$1,053,100	\$297,156
4	Hastings	6 Place T-Hangar	\$537,749	\$376,424
5	Holdrege	3 Place Box-Hangar	\$760,000	\$68,707
6	Kearney	Hangar Rehabilitation	\$1,300,000	\$400,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,447,939</b>

**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>Ainsworth 09</b> (Update ALP)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

<b>Alliance 16</b> (Rehab RW 12/30 - Engineering)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Alliance 17</b> (Rehab RW 12/30 - Construction)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Kimball 07</b> (6-Place T-Hangar)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Neligh 05</b> (Rehab RW 12/30 – Engineering)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Neligh 06</b> (Rehab RW 12/30 – Construction)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Scottsbluff 38</b> (Electrical Room)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Scottsbluff 39</b> (SRE)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Sidney 05</b> (Terminal Building)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Tecumseh 10</b> (6-Place T-Hangar)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
<b>Wahoo 11</b> (Replace RW 2/20 lighting)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Totals	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the closed projects. Second by Commissioner Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **Department Report**

I wish to tell you some of the things we've been involved in while working with our partners at the FAA Central Region.

Four years ago the city of Alma had a turf runway with little air traffic but a desire for a concrete runway which would accommodate twin engine aircraft. Alma is located on the west bank of Harlan County Reservoir and is a prime hunting & fishing area. As a direct result of the AIP and through coordination with the FAA Central Region, Non Primary Entitlement (NPE) monies from 13 other airports which did not have projects in planning, were transferred to Alma in FY2012 resulting in them being able to build a 3,280' long, 60' wide concrete runway. Growth at the airport has accelerated as a result of the new runway with hangars being built and this year a new airport terminal building. Medical flights which previously landed at Holdrege now land at Alma, aerial applicators are operating from the field and the inflow of tourists by air has also increased.

Another success story is the Auburn Airport Authority. Farington Field has long had two turf runways. Currently under construction at Farington Field is a new 3,750' long concrete runway which can be used by both propeller and jet aircraft. Already a new 60 X 80 hangar has been built and when the runway is complete this late fall, it will become an economic boon for Auburn.

A third success story concerns getting current weather for medical outreach to the city of Gordon. Current weather is required for all medical flights under Instrument Flight Rules and other than visual meteorological conditions. Gordon was not eligible for an FAA grant to acquire an Automated Weather Operating System (AWOS) but the local community and other providers came up with the roughly \$100,000 to acquire an AWOS. The FAA ground commissioning occurred early this month and it is now disseminating current weather information for incoming aircraft and anyone who wishes to dial the AWOS phone number (Frequency 118.200, Phone 308-282-0127).

Governor Ricketts promotes running state government like a business and we are complying with this through ongoing analysis of our programs. We recently completed a Value Chain Analysis of our FAA AIP Grant close out process and a second analysis of reviewing FAA Aeronautical studies for local zoning violations affecting airports.

During our analysis of the FAA AIP Grant close out process we discovered it was often taking nearly a year for a grant to be closed out. We set a goal of grant close out within a maximum of 230 days and during the most recent close outs, we are now averaging 186 days through the end of July, a significant improvement.

During our analysis of reviewing FAA Aeronautical studies for local zoning violations affecting airports we discovered we were applying the same intensive review to all aeronautical studies, when only a fraction warranted it. We were also maintaining a database of information which, in ten years, had only been consulted once. Time savings



made to the review process and abandoning the database is significant and is being redirected to the agency's zoning efforts.

We are promoting aviation in Nebraska through working with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) which has over 384,000 members in 75 countries. There is now a "Nebraska Air Trail" which is designed to bring flying and tourism together. The idea is to give pilots another reason to fly and give their passengers another reason to get in the airplane. A circular route has been developed with 20 airport stops and information on what to see and do at each stop. This is now an AOPA blog. ([blog.aopa.org/aopa/2016/07/11the-nebraska-air-trail](http://blog.aopa.org/aopa/2016/07/11the-nebraska-air-trail)) This past week a survey was sent to over 135 of our customers to determine if we are providing the services they need, if it is effective, and what we may need to improve. Results of the survey will be given to attendees at the Nebraska Aviation Council's Aviation Symposium in January and used by our agency to verify or modify what we do to assist our airports to provide improved services.

Governor Ricketts is championing rebranding state government with a brand of "Good Life, Great Opportunity." Each department will be developing their individual brand to tie in with the Good Life, Great Opportunity. Our departments brand is "Good Life, Great Destinations" which ties in with air travel to and from airports.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, October 14, 2016 at 1:00 pm CDT in the Lincoln office.

Motion by Commissioner Commissioner Diana Smith to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Mike Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell  
Director