

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
February 13, 2015

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. Commissioner Diana Smith called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Michael Cook, Terri Wachter, Doug Vap and Dorothy Anderson 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**

NONE

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2014, meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Vap. 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 October 31, 2014		\$106,429.25
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Commission Actions (12/05/14 meeting)		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
Burwell 05	\$8,330.92	
Subtotal		<u>\$8,330.92</u>
Funds available January 31, 2015		\$114,760.17

*Funds available February 2014: \$88,652.79*

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

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Funds available October 31, 2014 \$0.00

Commission Actions (12/05/14 meeting)

None

Funds available January 31, 2014 \$0.00

*Funds available February 2014: \$0*

**SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)**

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Funds available October 31, 2014 \$130,792.18

Commission Actions (12/05/14 meeting)

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available January 31, 2015 \$130,792.18

*Funds available February 2014: \$179,843.18*

**HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

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Funds available October 31, 2014 \$262,252.86

Commission Actions (12/05/14 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

Subtotal		\$0.00
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Receipts		
December 2014	\$26,449.00	
January 2015	\$25,494.00	
Subtotal		\$51,943.00
Funds available January 31, 2015		<hr/> \$314,195.86

*Funds available February 2014: \$605,795.25*  
*Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360*

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

Funds available October 31, 2014		\$163,661.82
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Commission Actions (12/05/14 meeting)		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
None		
Subtotal		
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Receipts		
December 2014	\$2,593.33	
January 2015	\$2,593.33	
Subtotal		\$5,186.66
Funds available January 31, 2015		<hr/> \$168,848.48

*Funds available February 2014: \$147,886.42*  
*Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500*

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available October 31, 2014		\$2,023.75
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Funds Disbursed		
Stuart-Atkinson Airport Authority	-100	
Subtotal		-\$100.00

Funds available January 31, 2015

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\$1,923.75

Motion by Commissioner Anderson 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.

Alma B-02

Scope: Construct Terminal Building

Total Estimated Cost: \$449,500

The airport is in need of a terminal building. Pilot facilities currently do not exist on the airport.

Cozad B-02

Scope: Replace Hangar Doors

Total Estimated Cost: \$305,000

The existing sliding doors do not work properly and are difficult to open. New bi-fold electric doors will extend the life of the existing t-hangars and make access easier.

Cozad G-02

Scope: Install REILs on Runway 13/31

Total Estimated Cost: \$97,000

The REILs will improve safety by providing additional guidance to pilots.

Grand Island R-03

Scope: Airfield Pavements Joint Resealing

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,099,200

All airfield pavements at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport are concrete. Runway 17/35, Runway 13/31, and all associated parallel and connector taxiways require joint resealing. This project assumes routing, cleaning and resealing of all concrete joints.

### Lexington G-01

Scope: Replace Runway Lights and Beacon, Install REILs

Total Estimated Cost: \$400,000

The existing runway lights are stake-mounted and were installed in 1992. The beacon was likely installed in the 1960's. Both are at the end of their useful lives and need to be replaced to maintain lighting on the airfield. REILs will improve airport safety by improving pilots' ability to detect the runway ends.

### Ogallala M-02

Scope: Rehabilitate Airport Access Road; Pave Parking Lot

Total Estimated Cost: \$830,000

The current access road is asphalt pavement and in poor condition. It is in need of replacement. The terminal area parking lot is not paved and an all-weather surface is needed. Drainage improvements will be made as part of the paving project.

### Ogallala B-02

Scope: Rehabilitate Existing 8-place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$580,000

The airport has completed all airside pavement improvements. The existing 8-place hangar is in poor condition and in need of major repairs to maintain current aircraft storage.

### O'Neill X-03

Scope: Pave and Light Parallel Taxiway with Mid-Field Connector

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,360,000

Runway 13/31 currently has a partial parallel taxiway. This project would complete the entire parallel taxiway paving thus improving airport safety by keeping taxiing airplanes off the active runways. Lighting this taxiway will allow for safe and orderly traffic movements around the airport regardless of the time of day or weather conditions.

### Pawnee City M-01

Scope: Pave Access Road and Parking Lot

Total Estimated Cost: \$430,000

The existing access road is currently a mixture of gravel and compacted earth. If the road is paved, it will provide for an all-weather, more consistent, and cleaner surface for accessing the airport.

### Superior G-02

Scope: REILs, PAPIs, Beacon

Total Estimated Cost: \$357,000

The current beacon lighting system is approximately 30 years old and has exceeded its expected life cycle. The addition of new REILs and PAPIs will significantly expand the existing outdated Nav-Aid system and greatly improve the overall operating safety at the airport.

Wahoo R-01

Scope: Rehabilitate Runway 2/20 and its Parallel & Connecting Taxiways

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,035,000

Portions of runway 2/20 and parallel taxiway are in poor condition and in need of repair; repairing these areas and sealing all the joints will extend the life of the pavement.

Wallace P-01

Scope: Airport Layout Plan

Total Estimated Cost: \$160,000

The airport was recently added to the NPIAS and needs to prepare a plan to improve and develop the airport to meet FAA standards.

NDA PCI 2016 Inspections

Scope: PCI Inspections

Total Estimated Cost: \$75,000

The Department of Aeronautics proposes to inspect airports to determine the pavement conditions in 2016. These airports were last inspected in 2013 and it is recommended that Pavement Condition Index (PCI) inspections be conducted every three years. The results of the pavement inspections will be incorporated into the Department's Capital Improvement Plan and will provide recommendations for federal funding of future rehabilitation projects.

NDA M-09

Scope: Mobile Inspection Data Collection Application Update

Total Estimated Cost: \$50,000

Current application designed to work with Windows XP, which is no longer supported, and which increasingly has compatibility issues with updated releases of MicroPAVER.

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

## Closed Projects

### **Closed Projects February 13, 2015**

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
<b>Ogallala 09</b> (ALP)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Scottsbluff 33</b> (Update Master Plan)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

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

## Department Report

We met with Governor Ricketts' COO, Felix Davidson, on Thursday, February 5 and gave him our presentation concerning operation and statutory obligations of the department. The meeting was scheduled for one hour but lasted two hours. I had a very positive feeling about the meeting and felt Felix will be a great addition to the Governor's staff.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> I will be providing testimony to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee for confirmation of my reappointment as Director. On March 18<sup>th</sup> I will be going before the Appropriations Committee providing testimony concerning our budget and responding to questions the committee has concerning the State Owned Airfields, demolishing the house at Scribner and asking for authority for matching funds of \$64,350 for the LB309 project at Fairmont totaling \$360,000. That project would reinforce the sidewalls of a remaining WWII hangar and replace its roof.

I have also gone forward with a request to Governor Ricketts for approval to add Raisbeck wing lockers to the King Air C90GTx. After several months of operating the aircraft with a full complement of passenger we have discovered the storage space is very limited. The wing lockers will cost \$71,522 if done at the Beechcraft modification center in Wichita. Money to do

this project is from the remaining appropriation the Senate gave us for purchase of the aircraft and there is \$91,593 remaining.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, May 8, 2015 at 1:00 pm CDT in the Lincoln office.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell  
Director