

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
December 6, 2013

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. Commissioner Michael Cook called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Doug Vap, Terri Wachter, Diana Smith and Dorothy Anderson were in attendance. Also present were Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper, Deputy Director Andre Aman, Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin, and Director Ronnie Mitchell.

Public Comment

NONE

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2013 as published. Second by Commissioner Vap. 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 September 30, 2013	\$253,652.79
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Commission Actions (10/18/13 meeting)

Allocation to Gordon: rehab runway 4/22	-\$115,000.00	
Allocation to Seal Coat Fund	-\$50,000.00	
Subtotal		-\$165,000.00

Other Actions

None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$88,652.79

Funds available December 2012: \$4074.66

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available September 30, 2013 \$0.00

Commission Actions (10/18/13 meeting)

None

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$0.00

Funds available December 2012: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available September 30, 2013 \$129,843.18

Commission Actions (10/18/13 meeting)

Allocation from Project Grant Fund \$50,000.00
Subtotal \$50,000.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$179,843.18

Funds available December 2012: \$129,843.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available September 30, 2013 \$520,383.25

Commission Actions (10/18/13 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

October 2013 \$30,674.00

November 2013 \$28,244.00

Subtotal \$58,918.00

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$579,301.25

*Funds available December 2012: \$401,954.25**Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360***FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

Funds available September 30, 2013 \$153,014.43

Commission Actions (10/18/13 meeting)

Gothenburg - credit card system purchase -\$12,308.00

Subtotal -\$12,308.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

Receipts

October 2013 \$2,393.33

November 2013 \$2,393.33

Subtotal \$4,786.66

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$145,493.09

*Funds available December 2012: \$128,702.69**Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500***NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available September 30, 2013 \$2,123.75

Funds Disbursed

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2013

\$2,123.75

Motion by Commissioner Vap to approve the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Smith. All voted aye. Motion passes.

Federal Projects

Anna Lannin presented the following project. The airport sponsor is requesting Commission approval for the CIP data sheet 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.

Norfolk B-01

Scope: 8-Place Nested T-Hangar
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,050,000

A 8-place T-hangar is proposed to meet current and future demand for aircraft storage. Taxilane construction is included to provide paved access to all doors.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the CIP data sheet and forward it to the FAA. Second by Commissioner Vap. Roll call vote. Commissioner Wachter abstained from voting. Four voted aye. Motion passes.

State Programs

Russ Gasper presented the following programs that are administered by Project Management Division for review:

1. Seal Coat Fund (Pavement Preservation Program)
2. State Aid Program
3. Revolving Hangar Loan Program
4. Fuel Storage Loan Program

The programs were provided for information proposes. It was noted that the Revolving Hangar Program and Fuel Storage Loan Programs are marked as "TRANSITION COPIES". The transition copies are provided due to requested changes to the programs. The changes are related to loan requests being provided in conjunction with other project funding (i.e. federal funding). The proposed changes (See page 2 of both program in tab 3 and 4) indicate that when the project is being funded in conjunction with federal and/or other funding; the eligible loans will be 70% of the unfunded portion.

Motion by Commissioner Vap to approve the requested changes to the Hangar Loan and Fuel Loan Programs. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion passes.

State Funding Priority System

During the October meeting, the Commissioners expressed interested in a priority system for ranking the state grant requests. The Department had a priority systems but its use was discontinued several years ago at the request of the Commission. The Commissioners were provided with the following documents: the discontinued Nebraska Project Priority Evaluation criteria, the Iowa Airport System Funding instructions, The Kansas Airport Improvement Program, the Missouri Programming and Funding Policy, and the Wyoming Priority Rating Model. Commissioner Cook had identified parts of each of the examples that could be used in a new priority system for Nebraska.

Commissioner Wachter favored the idea of a priority system but desired to retain flexibility. She suggested creating a recommendation system that would allow the commission flexibility to account for unique circumstances. The other Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Cook volunteered to create a draft system to be discussed at the May 2nd Commission meeting.

Closed Projects

Closed Projects December 6, 2013

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Beatrice 13 (ALP)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Broken Bow 05 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Broken Bow 07 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
McCook 13 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Pawnee City 02 (Land)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Wahoo 10 (Fuel System)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Totals	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
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Net Decrease - \$0.00

Election of Chairperson for 2014

Commissioner Vap nominated Teri Wachter for the position of Aeronautics Commission Chairperson. Commissioner Anderson moved that nominations be closed; Commissioner Smith seconded that motion. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Commissioner Anderson moved that the election be by acclamation; seconded by Commissioner Vap. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Terri Wachter is the new Chairperson for the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission having been elected by acclamation.

Department Report

Our former Director, Stuart MacTaggart, is in Bergan-Mercy Hospital with pneumonia and appears to be improving.

On December 17th, we will be hosting a public meeting on the rules and regulations for LB140 which redefines the Airport Hazard Area and requires zoning boards to protect approaches to their instrument runways out to 10 nautical miles.

One of our long time employees, Bob Richter, will be retiring December 31 culminating a distinguished career of over 23 years in our engineering department.

The next legislative session begins January 8th and I suspect this will be a most interesting one as it is the final session of Governor Heineman's ten years in office. Tax relief (and for our department specifically, a new or used aircraft to replace the 1982 Piper Cheyenne IIXL) will be two of the issues of this session.

Shell Oil recently announced it has developed an unleaded 100-octane piston-engine fuel to replace 100LL and hopes to achieve certification of the product within two to three years. Shell predicts its new product will be comparable in price to 100LL.

President Barack Obama signed into law the Small Aircraft Revitalization Act of 2013 on November 27th. This legislation will enhance the certification process for new light general aviation (GA) aircraft, avionics and other equipment for aircraft under 12,500 pounds. The FAA has until Dec. 31, 2015, to develop relaxed consensus-based, design-specific standards allowing these aircraft not to be certified the same as jet aircraft.

Commissioner Smith noted her disappointment in the lack of available state funding for airports in Nebraska. The Commission discussed their role in this issue. Commissioner Cook noted that

the Department's mission, and Nebraska airports, will suffer should Department personnel drop below a certain level and that it is the Commission's job to see that does not happen.

Tentative Commission Meeting Dates for 2014

May 2

August 8

October 17

December 5

The next meeting was tentatively set for Friday, February 7, 2014 at 1:00 pm CDT in the Lincoln office.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director

