

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
August 10, 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, Michael Cook and Tom Trumble were in attendance. Also present were Director Ronnie Mitchell, Deputy Director Andre Aman, and Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin. Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper was absent.

Public Comment

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Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Terri Wachter to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2018, meeting, as amended. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. 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 April 30, 2018	\$4,471.24
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Commission Actions (05/04/18 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available July 31, 2018	\$4,471.24

Funds available at August 2017 meeting: \$4,755.85

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available April 30, 2018 \$0.00

Commission Actions (05/04/18 meeting)

None

Funds available July 31, 2018 \$0.00

Funds available at May 2017 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available April 30, 2018 \$155,792.18

Commission Actions (05/04/18 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available July 31, 2018 \$155,792.18

Funds available at August 2018 meeting: \$155,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available April 30, 2018 \$1,794,033.00

Commission Actions (05/04/18 meeting)

None

Subtotal

Other Actions

Chadron - return allocation	\$66,118.00	
Theford - return allocation	\$263,643.00	
Pender - return allocation	\$100,000.00	
Subtotal		\$429,761.00

Receipts

May 2018	\$20,116.00	
June 2018	\$760.00	
July 2018	\$760.00	
Subtotal		\$21,636.00

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

Funds available at August 2017 meeting: \$1,987,571.43

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available April 30, 2018 \$265,281.24

Commission Actions 05/04/18 meeting)

None
Subtotal

Other Actions

None
Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

May 2018	\$1,718.33	
June 2018	\$0.00	
July 2018	\$0.00	
Subtotal		\$1,718.33

Funds available July 31, 2018 \$266,999.57

Funds available at August 2017 meeting: \$260,488.27

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available April 30, 2018		\$619.25
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Funds Disbursed		
Red Cloud	-\$100.00	
Subtotal		-\$100.00
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Funds available July 31, 2018		\$519.25

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

Federal Aid Project Requests

Anna Lannin presented the following projects for Commission approval to forward to the FAA with a request for funding, as required by state statutes. The FAA considers the request for future federal funding as funds become available. No state funds are requested at this time.

Ainsworth R-03

Scope: Runway 17/35 Rehabilitation

Total Estimated Cost: \$4,913,696

The Ainsworth Airport Authority submitted a project to mill and overlay the existing asphalt pavement on runway 17/35. The existing asphalt in this location is deteriorated and in need of replacement. It is 19 years old which is well beyond the useful life listed in the current FAA order. Also, the FAA Pavement Engineer visited the airport and identified the runway as in need of rehabilitation.

David City M-01

Scope: New Fuel System with Card Reader

Total Estimated Cost: \$325,000

This project will install a new fuel system for the airport. It will be an approximately 2,000 gallon above ground 100LL tank with card reader. The current system is not meeting the demand of the based aircraft, and has exceeded its expected life.

North Platte M-08

Scope: Guidance Sign Replacement on Runway 12/30 & Taxiway B

Total Estimated Cost: \$265,000

Runway 12/30 Guidance Signs are in poor condition and in need of replacement. Taxiway B Guidance Signs are in poor condition and in need of replacement.

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

Hangar Loan Requests

Harvard

Scope: 6 Place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$980,000

Loan Request: \$600,000

Representative: Andre Aman

The NDOT Aeronautics Division intends to remove one 4-place nested T hangar (Hangar B) and replace it with a 6-place standard hangar. Hangars B and C were partially destroyed many years ago. Only the two south facing stalls on each hangar are extant. Aeronautics will remove Hangar C with its own employees as time allows. The three aircraft in Hangars B and C would need accommodation. One of the Hangar D tenants is interested in moving to this new hangar as well. Hangar D will be used exclusively by an aerial applicator at a much higher rental rate than Aeronautics is currently receiving on this space.

North Omaha

Scope: 10 Single Unit Hangars

Total Estimated Cost: \$357,000

Loan Request: \$249,900

Representatives: Keith Edquist and Diane Hofer

There are 57 aircraft based at the airport and all hangars are full. The airport receives frequent inquiries about hangars for rent and can easily fill another 10 stalls. With a runway length of only 3,173', this airport caters to the small general aviation market in the Omaha metro area. These hangars provide an inexpensive alternative to meet the needs of the small aircraft owner.

During the project presentation, Mr. Edquist requested a modification to the scope of the project. He is currently in negotiations with the Omaha Police Department on a lease for the helicopter hangar. Mr. Edquist desires to keep the Police Department as a tenant and may need to modify the hangar. He requested that the scope of his hangar loan allow him to access the funds for either new single unit hangars or improvement to an existing hangar.

Seward

Scope: 10 Place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,392,725

Loan Request: \$508,241

Representative: Eric Helge and Chris Corr

The Seward Airport Authority proposes building a 10-place nested T-Hangar to meet current hangar demand for aircraft storage. There is a waiting list of 10 people. The Airport Authority has banked their AIP non-primary entitlement to fund a portion of the project.

Wahoo

Scope: Hangar Door Replacement

Total Estimated Cost: \$35,000

Loan Request: \$24,500

Representative: Jake Vasa

The current hangar door is leaning and not sufficiently supported. With this hangar loan, the door will be replaced allowing the airport to rent this hangar out to a potential tenant to house an airplane or two. The airport has also set aside funds to repair the roof on the hangar to make this space adequate for renting.

Wayne

Scope: Hangar Ramp Replacement

Total Estimated Cost: \$260,000

Loan Request: \$182,000

Representative: Curt Christianson

The airport wishes to replace the existing hangar ramps to the east side of the 4-Place T-Hangar, and to both sides of the 6-Place and 10-Place T-Hangars and pave full width between hangars and individual hangar approaches. The hangars are in excellent shape, as all hangars in this area have either been reconstructed or re-sheeted after the tornado in October of 2013. The paving of hangar approaches is not FAA eligible unless funded with the hangar themselves. A majority of the existing taxiway pavement is original pavement from the original construction of the hangars and is in poor condition. This pavement is also experiencing some significant heaving and/or settlement issues making it difficult in getting aircraft into the hangars. By replacing the pavement, as requested, it will provide better drainage and significantly easier snow removal within these areas. The taxiways in between each of these hangars is currently under contract to be reconstructed in conjunction with their partial parallel taxiways. The requested assistance would only be from the taxiway edge to the face of the buildings.

Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to approve the hangar loan requests for Harvard, Seward, Wahoo, and Wayne. Second by Commissioner Michael Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The commission further discussed the loan request from North Omaha. Topics included the airport's violations of the state licensing standards, the H-40 hangar, and assurances that the loan would be repaid.

Motion by Michael Cook to approve the hangar loan for the North Omaha Airport contingent on the following conditions:

- Change Scope to: 10 Single Unit Hangars or a Combination of Single Unit Hangars and Improvements to the Omaha Police Helicopter Hangar,
- A UCC Filing and a loan clause restricting conveyance of airport property will be included as part of the loan,
- Waive Aeronautics Hangar Specification H-40,
- Waive the requirement for the airport sponsor to meet the department's licensing standards, Title 17, Chapter 1 of the Nebraska Administrative Code.

Second by Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AUGUST 2018 HANGAR LOAN ALLOCATIONS

	AIRPORT	SCOPE	COST ESTIMATE	LOAN REQUEST
1	Harvard	6 Place T-Hangar	\$980,000	\$600,000
2	North Omaha	10 Single Unit Hangars or a	\$357,000	\$249,900

		combination of new single unit hangars and improvement to the helicopter hangar		
3	Seward	10 Place T-Hangar	\$1,392,725	\$508,241
4	Wahoo	Hangar Door Replacement	\$35,000	\$24,500
5	Wayne	Hangar Ramp Replacement	\$260,000	\$182,000
TOTAL REQUESTS				\$1,564,641

Closed Projects

**Closed Projects
August 10, 2018**

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Alma 07 (Terminal Building)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
David City 10 (T-Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
North Platte 32 (Boarding Ramp)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Rushville 06 (SRE)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tekamah 08 (Rehab taxiway & apron)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

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

Department Report

Our personnel vacancies have improved somewhat with the hiring of Thomas Jacobson (started August 6) who is taking over Kandi Bremer's position in engineering. Russ Gasper will be interviewing candidates the week of August 20th for the second vacancy in engineering. Our NavAids Division has had one applicant refuse the technician position while the second interviewed two weeks ago and refused the job due to the salary offered. We're now re-advertising the position. Fortunately, we've been able to hire Dianne Nuttelmann to fill in part time in our accounting department and she has been a tremendous asset as she knows our accounting system from her previous employment with us. We've also been advised we will not be using the Kronos accounting system which means we will continue to do our payroll as we have done in the past. This will necessitate continuing with a part time accounting person well past December 31 of this year.

This was the first commission meeting for newly appointed Commissioner Tom Trumble. Tom was appointed by Governor Ricketts and begins his tenure July 27, 2018 continuing until March 1, 2023. Tom replaces Commissioner Arlene Steier who along with her husband David, was killed in an aircraft crash at Millard Airport on May 27, 2018.

Russ Gasper has made significant progress in fulfilling the requirements of LB901 and now has an interactive map tab on our website which is very helpful in identifying tower intrusion in low level training areas for the Army National Guard. Entities requesting a building permit from our engineering department must now include a Military Low-Level Flight Area Determination which can be accessed at <http://maps.nebraska.gov/ndot/tfta>

Today we received the FAA grant (\$360,000) for the Aviation Economic Impact Study. GBA, headquartered in Lenexa, Kansas has been selected as the Consultant to do the work with Kimley-Horn, Olsson Assoc., Marr-Arnold Planning and Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha participating as well. We are planning a "Kick Off" meeting possibly in conjunction with the scheduled commission meeting on October 12th. The study will take approximately 1 ½ to two years to complete and will give a thorough understanding of the economic impact that aviation has on our great state.

On June 11th, I sent a letter to our airports detailing the information about the Aviation Economic Impact Study and that federal lawmakers extended the AIP authorization and appropriation through Sept. 30. They also created a **Supplemental Discretionary Fund which includes an additional \$1B for airport grants outside of the AIP**. These funds will be available through 2020 and 48 of our public use airports are currently identified as priority airports. Projects funded through the Supplemental Appropriation will be done entirely by the grant, no matching funds will be required from the airport sponsor. Several of our airports are in either a Metropolitan Statistical Area or a Micropolitan Statistical Area which places restrictions on them obtaining these funds.

We have been extremely busy these past several weeks as we've been preparing our budget submission for the next biennium. Normally we would do this during September but as we are now part of the NDOT the process has been moved to an earlier date.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, October 12, 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 2:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director