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Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
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The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the Hastings Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 3300 West 12th Street, Hastings, Nebraska. The legal ad was published in the October 14 editions of the Lincoln Journal Star and Hastings Tribune newspapers and is posted in <https://dot.nebraska.gov/aeronautics>. The Commission Book and Public Meetings Act were also posted on the website.

Chairperson Scott Tarry called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. CDT.

Commissioners Jon Large, Edward Dunn, and Tom Trumble attended in person. Also present were Director Jeremy Borrell; Engineering Division Manager Anna Lannin; Jamie Mikkleson, Tiffany Thompson, Davey Jones, and Ahmed El-Ashwah with the Engineering Division; and NDOT Director Vicki Kramer. Commissioner Michael Cook was absent. Deputy Director/Legal Counsel Andre Aman attended via Webex.

Public Comment

George Lapaseotes, Airport Manager of Sidney Municipal Airport/Lloyd W. Carr Field, addressed the Commission regarding Sidney's access road and parking lot project, which is currently ineligible for funding through the State Aid Grant Program. Mr. Lapaseotes requested that the Commission reconsider the project's eligibility, emphasizing the importance of the access road and parking lot improvements in supporting college operations, military activities, and access to and from the airport. He noted that the parking lot is essential for airport operations and community access, serving WNCC aviation students and staff, as well as freight, military, medical, and agricultural aviation users. The lot also accommodates transit customers, courtesy cars, rentals, and hospital-provided vehicles. With WNCC's growing student enrollment, Mr. Lapaseotes stated that expanding this high-traffic area would enhance safety, reduce congestion, and increase accessibility.

Andy Beil, with Benesch, spoke on behalf of Kearney Regional Airport regarding the airport's 2% match project. Mr. Beil reported that the scope and scale of the project have increased, bringing the total cost to over \$6 million. The revised plan includes additional areas of apron to be overlaid, which will provide more aircraft parking capacity. As a result, the airport is submitting a reviewed request for \$100,000.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Edward Dunn to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2025, meeting. Second by Commissioner Tom Trumble. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Aeronautics Director's Report

Director, Jeremy Borrell thanked Matt Kuhr, the staff at the Hastings Municipal Airport, and the City of Hastings for hosting the October allocation meeting of the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission.

Staff Update: Director Borrell reported that the Division is currently 100% staffed, though a few employees are expected to retire in the near future.

Grant Management Software Update: Director Borrell reported that the Division has begun the onboarding process for BlackCat Grant Management Software.

Aeronautics staff recently met with counterparts at the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), who provided a full-day overview of their BlackCat processes. The new system will allow airport sponsors, consultants, and federal partners to access information directly, improving transparency and operational efficiency.

Federal Shutdown Impact: Director Borrell reported that partners at the FAA Central Region continue to work during the ongoing federal shutdown. He reported that, to date, the shutdown has had minimal short-term impact on operations but could create more significant challenges if it continues or if multiple short-term continuing resolutions occur. The Division will continue to monitor the situation closely.

NASAO Airport Partner Membership Program: Director Borrell reported a 24% participation rate in the NASAO Airport Partner Membership Program. Logins are active for those who have submitted information to Davey Jones, and anyone who has not yet received access is encouraged to contact staff.

Pavement Preservation Pilot Program: The Division is working to identify a few candidate airports to participate in a pilot pavement preservation program during the next construction season, with the goal of expanding the program in future years.

Hangar Study: Planning is underway to conduct a statewide hangar inventory and gap analysis. Data from the study will be used to inform future hangar funding decisions and improve understanding of facility needs across the state.

LB660: Director Borrell stated that the Division has begun collaborating with agency partners and will be reaching out to a couple of external partners to finalize the initial list ahead of the December 31 deadline.

Director Borrell concluded by expressing appreciation for the Commission's continued engagement and stated that he looks forward to the upcoming grant application discussions and ongoing investment in Nebraska's aviation system.

Report of State Funds Available

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available July 31, 2025	\$1,190.94
Commission Actions (8/08/2025 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Funds transferred from Aeronautics' Operating	\$1,630,000.00
Funds available September 30, 2025	\$1,631,190.94
<i>Funds available at October 2024 meeting: \$1,208,458.94</i>	

AERONAUTICS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-703)

Funds Available July 31, 2025	\$2,028,419.09
Commission Actions (8/08/2025 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Receipts	
August	\$0.00
August (interest)	\$11,471.56

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September	\$144,179.08	
September (interest)	\$11,598.11	
Subtotal		\$167,248.75
Funds available September 30, 2025		\$2,195,667.84

Funds available at October 2024 meeting: \$3,395,312.59

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available July 31, 2025	\$0.00
Commission Actions (8/08/2025 meeting)	
None	
Funds available September 30, 2025	\$0.00

Funds available at October 2024 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available July 31, 2025	\$405,792.18
Commission Actions (8/08/2025 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Funds available September 30, 2025	\$405,792.18

Funds available at October 2024 meeting: \$405,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available July 31, 2025	\$884,673.17
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<u>Commission Actions (8/08/2025 meeting)</u>		
Allocation - Alma: Construct 97'X100' Box Hangar	(479,200.00)	
Allocation - Crete: Install heating system in new Box Hangar	(40,000.00)	
Allocation - Thedford: Construct 2-Bay Box Hangar	(226,400.00)	
Subtotal		-\$745,600.00
<u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
<u>Receipts</u>		
August	\$13,033.00	
September	\$13,033.00	
Subtotal		\$26,066.00
Funds available September 30, 2025		\$165,139.17
<i>Funds available at October 2024 meeting: \$635,579.17</i>		
<i>Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360</i>		

<u>FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND</u>		
Funds available July 31, 2025		\$36,059.91
<u>Commission Actions (8/08/2025 meeting)</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
<u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
<u>Receipts</u>		
August	\$240.00	
September	\$240.00	
Subtotal		\$480.00
Funds available September 30, 2025		\$36,539.91

Funds available at October 2024 meeting: \$33,659.91
Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM	
Funds available July 31, 2025	\$636.75
Commission Actions (8/08/2025 meeting)	
None	\$0.00
Funds Disbursed	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Funds available September 30, 2025	\$636.75

Motion by Commissioner Trumble to accept the report of State Funds. Second by Commissioner Large. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Aid Project Requests (Primary Airport)
Grand Island B-04
Scope: SRE Building
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$5,544,336.74 State Funding Request: \$250,000
Representative: Mike Olsson, Executive Director

The airport’s snow removal equipment is currently stored in their maintenance building along with other field maintenance equipment. A new SRE building will allow the airport to store, maintain, and repair their snow removal equipment safely and effectively. The project bid in early 2025 and is currently under construction. The state grant requested will cover 90% of the federally ineligible section of the project.

Lincoln R-06
Scope: Reconstruction of Runway 18/36
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$85,000,000 State Funding Request: \$250,000

Runway 18/36 will be reconstructed beginning in 2026. The project received favorable bids, and the airport is preparing for the start of the construction phase. The runway reconstruction project will reconstruct the runway to its existing length of 12,901 feet while reducing its width from 200

feet to 150 feet. Working with the FAA and the National Guard Bureau, funding was split 51%/49%. The state grant will cover 2% of the project costs.

Omaha X-04

Scope: Replace GA Hangar Approaches and Taxilanes

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$11,061,068 State Funding Request: \$250,000

Representatives: Dan Owens and Jimmy Harding, Omaha Airport Authority

The project scope includes replacement of approach pavement and taxilane panels as part of the T-Hangar replacement project. The T-Hangars were destroyed by the April 26, 2024 tornado. The existing approach asphalt pavement is deteriorated and is being replaced. The state grant will cover 90% of projects costs.

State Aid Project Requests (State Grant Only)

Albion G-05

Scope: Replace Beacon with New Beacon and Tip-Down Pole

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$90,000 State Funding Request: \$81,000

Representatives: Tony Levander, Chairman of the Albion Airport Authority, and Diane Hofer of Olsson.

The airport's existing beacon and tower have deteriorated due to age, weather exposure, and technological obsolescence. Frequent maintenance is now required, posing a safety risk to personnel who must climb the aging structure. The project will remove the existing rotating beacon and tower and replace them with a new LED beacon mounted on a tip-down pole.

Tony Levander provided background on the airport's beacon and tower, noting that the beacon was given to the airport in the 1970s by Aeronautics and that the tower was originally a repurposed light tower from the local football field. He also informed the Commission that he received a state grant last year for tree removal, used only half of the awarded funds, and returned the remaining balance.

Additional discussions included the need for beacons, light pollution concerns, and anticipation of the new Airport Layout Plan.

Albion G-06 – Request withdrawn

Scope: Extension of Wind Sensor Tower - AWOS

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$27,000 State Funding Request: \$24,300

Representatives: Tony Levander, Chairman of the Albion Airport Authority, and Diane Hofer of Olsson.

Because a proposed hangar was planned near the existing AWOS, the size and proximity of the proposed hangar could interfere with wind measurements by obstructing airflow and altering natural wind patterns. To prevent this, the wind sensor was proposed to be raised to ensure unobstructed and accurate operation.

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During the presentation, Mr. Levander explained that they were able to reduce the scope of the hangar project and do not need to raise the wind sensor at this time. He also explained that they replaced the AWOS sensors not too long ago after they were damaged in a hailstorm. Diane Hofer of Olsson requested that the project application be withdrawn.

Blair X-06

Scope: Corporate Hangar Area Expansion – Taxilane Paving
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$820,000 State Funding Request: \$250,000
Representatives: Phil Green, City Administrator of Blair, and Diane Hofer of Olsson

The corporate hangar area expansion overall project includes site grading, storm drain installation, taxilane pavement extension, sanitary and water main construction. Construction of this project is being completed in phases due to funding limitations. Phases 1-3 have been completed. Site grading and storm drain construction (Phase 4) is in progress and will be completed in 2025. Sanitary sewer construction (Phase 7) is anticipated to being in 2025, following the completion of the site grading. The water main (Phase 8) will be constructed in the future. This application focuses on Phases 5 and 6 – Pave taxilanes to access four corporate hangar lots.

The project details and phasing were discussed, including the current runway extension and road relocation project. Ms. Hofer explained that the bids for the taxilane paving should be competitive with a contractor already on site for the runway project. Commissioners also asked questions about hangar ownership, leasing, and waiting lists.

Chappell G-01

Scope: Remove and Replace Runway 12/30 MIRL
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$405,000 State Funding Request: \$211,500
Representatives: Chris Ray, Airport Manager at the Chappell Municipal Airport, and Diane Hofer of Olsson

Runway 12/30 is currently being constructed under State Aid Grant Project SA-06. Due to funding constraints, the current runway and taxiway lights were not included in the project. The runway will be narrowed from 55 feet to 50 feet. As a result, the existing lights will be 12.5 feet from the pavement edge, which exceeds the standard of 10 feet. The old lights will be removed, and new lighting will be installed. The project will also include replacement of the connecting taxiway lights, new regulator, removal of the existing tetrahedron, construction of a new wind cone, and replacement of the old beacon and tower with a new LED beacon on a new tip-down pole.

The Commissioners ask questions in regard to this project, the airports goals, and future improvements. Mr. Ray discussed the airports operations and growth, including a waiting list, upcoming pilots-in-training, the State Patrol and Western Community College's use of the runway.

Columbus G-07

Scope: Remove and Replace PAPI; Replace Beacon with New Beacon & Tip-Down Pole
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$413,300 State Funding Request: \$250,000

Representatives: Ross Niedbalski, Airport Manager at Columbus Municipal Airport, and Cory Gaston of Kirkham Michael

The airport was notified that the FAA will be decommissioning the existing VASI on Runway 32. This project will consist of replacing the VASI with a new PAPI on Runway 32. The project will also include replacing the existing beacon and tower with a new beacon and tip-down pole.

The commissioners asked questions about the FAA's plan to decommission the VASIs, how the decommissioning will affect the PAPI installation, and condition of the beacon and beacon tower.

Crete G-02

Scope: Replace Beacon with New Beacon

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$25,000 State Funding Request: \$22,500

Representatives: Chris Corr of Olsson (in person) and Tom Ourada, City Administrator of Crete (via WebEx)

The airport's existing beacon and tower have deteriorated due to age, weather exposure, and technological obsolescence. Frequent maintenance is now required, posing a safety risk to personnel who must climb the aging structure. The project will remove the existing rotating beacon and replace it with a new LED beacon.

Commissioners asked questions about the project details including equipment to be replaced, long term access to city owned bucket trucks, and maintenance requirements of the new LED beacon.

Valentine G-04

Scope: Remove and Replace PAPI

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$201,000 State Funding Request: \$180,900

Representatives: Chris Corr of Olsson

This project will replace the aged PAPI systems on both runways with a modern, FAA-approved LED PAPI system. The new PAPI will use the existing conduit and foundations.

Commissioners inquired further about the project and potential future runway extension plans. Anna Lannin explained that a runway extension project is not anticipated for several years

Wahoo X-05

Scope: Taxiway Rehab Project

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$270,000 State Funding Request: \$243,000

Representatives: Brian Homes, Chairman of the Wahoo Airport Authority, and Alexa Hazelton of Kirkham Michael

Runway 2/20 was recently reconstructed, and a new hangar is currently being designed. The proposed hangar, along with existing hangars, will be accessed via a taxiway currently in poor condition. According to the 2023 NDOT PCI report, the taxiway sections proposed for

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reconstruction received ratings in the poor and serious categories, supporting the need for reconstruction.

Commissioners and representatives from Aeronautics clarified that these areas are not considered part of the taxiway, but were classified as apron pavement in the PCI report to facilitate ongoing inspections of that section. They also discussed the in-pavement taxiway lights and the project’s potential impacts.

Wayne G-06
Scope: Remove & Replace Runway 18/36 MIRL
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$156,000 State Funding Request: \$140,400
Representatives: Mayor Jill Brodersen of Wayne, Scott Hammer, Chairman of the Wayne Airport Authority, Travis Meyer, Director of Operations at Wayne Municipal Airport, and Chris Corr of Olsson

Runway 18/36’s incandescent runway lights, installed in 2011, have exceeded their useful life. As a result, replacement with a modern LED lighting system is justified.

Commissioners and representatives discussed revised project costs and the airport’s efforts to keep costs down by utilizing removed fixtures and equipment that are in good condition on the crosswind runway.

State Aid Project Requests (FY26 Matching Funds)

Ainsworth C-03
Scope: Runway 17-35, Runway 13-31, Taxiways & Apron Surface Treatment Including Marking Replacement & Crack Repair
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,602,000 State Funding Request: \$32,040

Regular pavement maintenance consisting of surface treatment, crack repair, and new pavement markings will provide years of maintenance-free use for the airport.

Beatrice G-04/G-05
Scope: NAVAID Upgrades: PAPI-2L (RW: 18, 36, 14, 32); REIL (RW 18)
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$808,000 State Funding Request: \$16,160

This project includes replacing the existing PAPIs on Runway End 36 with new LED PAPIs and installing LED PAPIs on Runway End 18 and Runway14/32. This project also includes installing REILs on Runway End 18.

Blair R-02/R-03/R-04
Scope: Runway 13 Extension and County Roads 35/38 Relocations
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$8,628,500 State Funding Request: \$100,000

Runway 13/31 will be extended to 5,000 feet to meet operational requirements for the critical aircraft. The project includes new runway lighting, PAPIs and REILs on Runway End 13, and an extension of the parallel taxiway. County Roads 35 and 38 will be realigned outside the new RPZ to meet FAA standards.

Burwell R-04

Scope: Rehabilitation of Rwy 15/32, Connecting Taxiway, Apron & Hangar Taxilanes

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$670,000 State Funding Request: \$13,400

This pavement rehabilitation project will consist of panel replacement, crack and joint sealing, and new pavement markings for Runway 15/32, connecting taxiway, apron and hangar taxilanes.

Central City A-01

Scope: Apron Expansion

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$910,000 State Funding Request: \$18,200

The airport currently does not have any dedicated aircraft parking areas. This project will provide approximately 4,800 SY of paving with a 1,600 SY tie down area and 5 proposed tie downs.

Chadron B-05

Scope: Construction of Dedicated Snow Removal Equipment Building at Airport

Total Estimated Cost: \$750,000 State Funding Request: \$15,000

The airport requires a facility to store its snow removal equipment. The SRE building project will include a 25-foot wide paved driveway and a 50-foot paved approach for maneuvering equipment.

David City R-05

Scope: Runway Rehabilitation

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$629,000 State Funding Request: \$12,580

This project consists of crack repair, full depth asphalt patching, and slurry seal for the asphalt runway, taxiway, and apron pavements.

Fremont X-03

Scope: Reconstruct Portion of Parallel Taxiway & Rwy 14 Connecting Taxiway

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$3,120,000 State Funding Request: \$62,400

Portions of the parallel and connecting taxiways to Runway 14 are experiencing severe ASR/D-cracking and require reconstruction. Reconstruction will include full-depth removal and replacement of concrete pavement, subgrade, base course, new pavement markings, removal and replacement of RCP drainage pipe and edge drains.

Gordon R-03

Scope: Runway 4/22 Rehabilitation (Crack Seal, Seal Coat & New Pavement Markings)

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$280,296 State Funding Request: \$5,606

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Runway 4/22 was seal coated in 2020 and the surface is showing signs of wear. This pavement rehabilitation project consists of crack seal, seal coat, and new pavement markings.

Hastings G-05
Scope: Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$4,649,250 State Funding Request: \$92,985

The existing airfield lighting systems have exceeded their useful life and are experiencing regular operational failures. The project will include replacing all Runway 14/32 and Runway 4/22 edge lighting, all taxiway edge lighting, airfield signs, REILs, and electrical vault equipment.

Kearney A-03
Scope: Apron & Taxilane Upgrade
Total Estimated Cost: \$2,310,000 State Funding Request: \$46,200

The existing asphalt overlay, placed over underlying concrete pavements from when the airport was a military base, has reached the end of its useful life. Sections of the overlay, not part of the FY25 Ramp Reconstruction project, will undergo a mill and overlay rehabilitation to restore pavement integrity and performance.

Kearney requested additional funding from \$46,200 to \$100,000.

Kimball A-01
Scope: Apron & Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$750,000 State Funding Request: \$15,000

The existing apron, connector taxiway and parallel taxiway pavements have some select concrete panels that have cracked/raveled to the point that they are creating a FOD issue on the operations surface. The rehabilitation portion of the project will include removal and replacement of select concrete panels, joint and crack seal, and new pavement markings placed on the apron and taxiway.

The center connector taxiway pavement from the Runway 10/28 holdline north to the closed runway needs to be removed and replaced due to excessive ASR cracking and lamination. The project will reconstruct this portion of the taxiway with PCC pavement over a new aggregate base course.

Loup City R-04
Scope: Rehabilitate Runway 16/34, Taxiway, and Apron Pavement
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$490,000 State Funding Request: \$9,800

The pavement for Runway 16/34, connecting taxiway, apron, and taxilane is at least 10 years old

and requires rehabilitation. This project consists of joint reseal, crack repair, spall repair, selective panel replacement and marking removal and replacement on Runway 16/34, taxiway, and apron pavement.

North Platte R-04

Scope: Rehabilitate Runway 12/30

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,824,800 State Funding Request: \$36,496

The most recent Runway 12/30 pavement maintenance project was completed in FY2013. A recent high water event stripped joint sealant on a portion of the runway, and minor surface deterioration and build-up of paint layers has led to frequent repainting. New joint/crack sealant and pavement marking removal/replacement is needed to maintain Part 139 compliance.

Ogallala R-01

Scope: Reconstruct Runway 8/26

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$8,110,000 State Funding Request: \$100,000

Runway 8/26 pavement is at least 20 years old and showing signs of failure. The runway reconstruction project will include pavement removal, new PCC pavement with subgrade and aggregate basecourse, pavement markings, edge drains, RCP drainage pipe replacement, and new runway and taxiway lighting.

Pender G-03

Scope: Remove & Replace Runway 15/33 Lighting & PAPIs, & Replace Beacon Fixture

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$540,000 State Funding Request: \$10,800

An ALP update is underway to address the recent identification of Highway 16 as an obstruction to Runway End 15. To mitigate this obstruction, the runway threshold will be displaced. The displaced threshold will require new pavement markings, adjusted spacing for runway threshold and edge lighting, and relocation of the PAPIs. REILs will also be installed at both runway ends. Because the existing runway lighting and PAPIs have reached the end of their useful life, all new equipment will be installed.

This project will not begin until the ALP is completed and related AGIS aeronautical survey data is reviewed by the FAA.

Plattsmouth B-05

Scope: Construct Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$710,000 State Funding Request: \$14,200

The airport requires a facility to store their snow removal equipment. A 60' x 50' SRE building will be constructed with a paved approach for access to the building.

Rushville G-03

Scope: Airfield Lighting and Infrastructure Enhancement Project- Replacement of

Runway/Taxiway Lights, PAPIs, Beacon and Construction of Electrical Vault
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,090,000 State Funding Request: \$21,800

The existing stake-mounted runway and taxiway lights frequently fail, are subject to inconsistent illumination, and increased energy consumption. The electrical regulators, currently housed in an aging hangar, lack adequate protection, jeopardizing airfield operations during inclement weather or technical emergencies. The PAPIs and rotating beacon have reached the end of their useful life and are failing. These items create the urgency for a systemic upgrade to ensure safe and efficient airport operations.

The airfield lighting project will include removal and replacement of Runway 14/32 lighting and PAPIs, replacement of taxiway lighting, construction of a new electrical vault building, removal and replacement of the existing beacon and tower with a new LED beacon on a tip-down pole, and installation of new circuitry and regulators.

Scottsbluff C05/X04
Scope: Seal Coat Runway 5/23, Taxiways & Restripe
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$917,500 State Funding Request: \$37,700

As part of the pavement maintenance program, Runway 5/23 and Taxiways A, B, D, E, F, and G will undergo crack sealing, seal coating, and pavement remarking.

Tekamah G-05
Scope: Replace Beacon Fixture
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$69,190 State Funding Request: \$1,383

The airport's existing beacon and tower have deteriorated due to age, weather exposure, and technological obsolescence. Frequent maintenance is now required, posing a safety risk to personnel who must climb the aging structure. The project will remove the existing rotating beacon and tower and replace them with a new LED beacon mounted on a tip-down pole.

Wayne R-02
Scope: Rehabilitate Runway 18/36, Runway 5/23, Taxiway A & Apron Pavement
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$810,000 State Funding Request: \$16,200

Runway 18/36 and Runway 5/23, Taxiway A and apron pavement have experienced wear and deterioration over the 15 years of use. This project consists of crack and joint repair, panel replacement, and new pavement markings.

State Aid Project Requests (Ineligible Projects)

Norfolk B-05
Scope: Construct Hangar
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,178,053 State Funding Request: \$23,561

Construct a 112' x 62', two-bay Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) hangar with two 55.5' x 18' hangar doors, electric service, electric heat, ventilation, floor drains, lighting, and hangar approach slab.

North Platte B-04

Scope: Construct Hangar

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$4,997,955 State Funding Request: \$99,960

Construct a 28,000 SF, two-bay Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) hangar with two 100'x28' hangar doors, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems, fire protection, and site improvements. Site improvements include paving, water, sewer, gas, and electrical utilities.

Sidney M-02

Scope: Airport Terminal Access Road & Parking Area

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$807,000 State Funding Request: \$807,000

This project will reconstruct the access road and parking lot, replace curbs and sidewalks, and expand the parking lot to accommodate the demand for additional parking.

Deliberations

The Commission deliberated the State Aid Project Requests (State Grant Only) and FY26 Matching Fund Requests, as well as broader issues relating to coordination and efficiency among statewide airport improvement projects. Commissioners noted that several seal coat projects are planned across Nebraska and agreed that coordinating these efforts could improve cost efficiency, particularly since most contractors performing this work are based out of state.

The Commission also discussed the large number of beacon and tower replacement projects appearing on both the state and federal funding lists. Members considered whether a more coordinated, statewide approach to beacon replacement could improve long-term efficiency. It was observed that many airports have replaced their original WWII-era towers with modern tip-down poles, yet some are now requesting replacement of those newer poles. Commissioners agreed that this trend raises questions about long-term cost-effectiveness and maintenance practices and determined that a broader discussion on beacon and tower strategies should be scheduled for a future meeting.

Deliberations then turned to the allocation of state funds for current airport project requests. After reviewing the updated funding spreadsheet prepared by Director Jeremy Borrell, it was determined that, after removing Albion's AWOS project request, sufficient state funds were available to fully fund all eligible requests under the State Grant Only, FY26 Matching Funds, and Primary Airport with Scheduled, Non-Subsidized Commercial Service categories, leaving an excess balance.

Debate followed regarding the best use of the remaining funds. The consensus of the Commission was to invest all available funds in eligible infrastructure projects during the current

year. It was agreed that ineligible projects would not receive funding and that hangar projects should utilize the Hangar Loan Program. Commissioners acknowledged the merit and community value of Sidney’s access road project, but confirmed that it remains ineligible under current program guidelines. The Commission encouraged Sidney representatives to explore alternative funding opportunities through NDOT and other local entities.

Commissioners expressed strong support for all eligible projects presented, recognizing their importance to the statewide airport system. Discussion also highlighted the need to revisit program eligibility criteria in future years.

At the conclusion of deliberations, consensus was reached to approve the revised project allocations as presented in the updated spreadsheet, including authorized overages to the \$100,000 and \$250,000 program caps.

Motion made by Commissioner Dunn to approve the project proposals and authorize exceptions for the 2% match cap of \$100,000 and the cap on the state grants at \$250,000, specifically the following project requests: Kearney increasing to \$112,000, Blair increasing to \$172,570, and Ogallala increasing to \$162,200 on the federal side. And on the State Aid Grant side increasing the project in Columbus to \$371,970 and the project in Blair to \$738,000.
Second by Commissioner Large.
Chairman Terry opened the motion for discussion.
After further discussion, Commissioner Dunn requested to withdraw his motion. Chairman Terry acknowledge and granted the withdraw.
Subsequent Motion by Commissioner Dunn to accept the changes presented as identified in the following table with the overages in the \$100,000 cap and the \$250,000 cap.
Second by Commissioner Large. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Final allocations are outlined in the table below. The State Aid Only and Federal Match Projects are organized in order of priority score.

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October 24, 2025, Grant Allocations			
Primary Airports w/ Scheduled, Non-Subsidized Commercial Service Grants			
Airport	Project Description	Project Grant Fund	Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund
Grand Island	(B04) SRE Building		\$250,000.00
Lincoln	(R06) Reconstruction of Runway 18/36		\$250,000.00
Omaha	(X04) Replace GA Hangar Approaches and Taxilanes		\$250,000.00
State Aid Only Grants			

Airport	Project Description	Project Grant Fund	Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund
Wayne	(G06) Remove and Replace Runway 18/36 MIRL	\$165,600.00	
Columbus	(G07) Remove and Replace PAPI; Replace Beacon w/ New Beacon and Tip-Down Pole		\$371,970.00
Chappell	(G01) Remove and Replace Runway 12/30 MIRL	\$211,500.00	
Wahoo	(X05) Taxiway Rehab Project	\$243,000.00	
Valentine	(G04) Remove and Replace PAPI	\$180,900.00	
Blair	(X06) Corporate Hangar Area Expansion - Taxilane Paving	\$738,000.00	
Albion	(G05) Replace Beacon with New Beacon and Tip-Down Pole		\$81,000.00
Albion	(G06) Extension of Wind Sensor Tower - AWOS		
Crete	(G02) Replace Beacon with New Beacon		\$22,500.00

Federal Match Projects			
Airport	Project Description	Project Grant Fund	Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund
Beatrice	(G04/G05) NAVAID Upgrades: PAPI-2L (RW: 18, 36, 14, 32); REIL (RW 18)		\$16,160.00
Burwell	(R04) Rehabilitation of Runway 15/32; Connecting Taxiway, Apron, and Hangar Taxilanes		\$13,400.00
Loup City	(R04) Rehabilitate Runway 16/34, Taxiway, and Apron Pavement		\$9,800.00
Kearney	(A03) Apron and Taxilane Upgrade		\$112,000.00
Wayne	(R02) Rehabilitate Runway 18/36, Runway 5/23, Taxiway A, and Apron Pavement		\$16,200.00
Hastings	(G05) Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation		\$92,985.00
Scottsbluff	(C05/X04) Seal Coat Runway 5/23, Taxiways and Restripe		\$37,700.00
North Platte	(R04) Rehabilitate Runway 12/30		\$36,496.00
Pender	(G03) Remove and Replace Runway 15/33 Lighting and PAPI's, and Replace Beacon Fixture		\$10,800.00
Rushville	(G03) Airfield Lighting and Infrastructure Enhancement Project - Replacement of Runway/Taxiway Lights, PAPI's, Beacon, and Construction of Electrical Vault		\$21,800.00

Ainsworth	(C03) Runway 17/35, Runway 13/31, Taxiways and Apron Surface Treatment Including Marking Replacement and Crack Repair		\$32,040.00
Blair	(R02/R03/R04) Runway 13 Extension and County Roads 35/38 Relocation		\$172,570.00
David City	(R05) Runway Rehabilitation		\$12,580.00
Ogallala	(R01) Reconstruct Runway 8/26		\$162,200.00
Central City	(A01) Apron Expansion		\$18,200.00
Kimball	(A01) Apron and Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation		\$15,000.00
Gordon	(R03) Runway 4/22 Rehabilitation (Crack Seal, Seal Coat, and New Pavement Markings)		\$5,606.00
Chadron	(B05) Construction of Dedicated Snow Removal Equipment Building at Chadron Municipal Airport		\$15,000.00
Fremont	(X03) Reconstruct Portion of Parallel Taxiway and Runway 14 Connecting Taxiway	\$62,400.00	
Tekamah	(G05) Replace Beacon Fixture		\$1,383.00
Plattsmouth	(B05) Construct Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building		\$14,200.00

Federal Project Requests

The following projects were provided to the Commission for their review and approval for funding.

Alliance G-06

Scope: Taxiway Lighting & Shoulder Rehabilitation
Total Estimated Cost: \$6,200,000

The airport has experienced numerous power problems and lighting malfunctions over the past several years with the taxiway lights. The airport needs to install new MITL, conduit, power cable, regulator, and grounding systems for Taxiways A, B, C, and D.

The shoulders of the taxiways consist of abandoned pavement from the original pavement constructed in 1943 and are creating considerable FOD. The paved shoulders of Taxiways A, B, C, and D will be removed and replaced with soil, seed and mulch.

Alliance G-07

Scope: Taxiway Guidance Sign Rehabilitation
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,100,000

The airport has experienced numerous power problems and lighting malfunctions over the past several years with the taxiway guidance signs. New taxiway guidance signs, conduit, power cable, and grounding systems will be installed for Taxiways A, B, C, and D.

Alliance G-08

Scope: Runway 30 MALSR Rehabilitation

Total Estimated Cost: \$4,100,000

The airport has experienced numerous power problems and lighting malfunctions over the past several years with the Runway 30 MALSR. The airport has not been able to obtain light bulbs and parts for the system for the last several years. The Runway 30 MALSR system will be replaced with current FAA approved lighting components.

Loup City B-03

Scope: Construct 6-Place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,531,000

The airport needs additional hangar space to store aircraft. A 6-Place T-hangar will be constructed with approaches.

Loup City X-03

Scope: Construct North Partial Parallel Taxiway

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,664,000

Construct a partial parallel taxiway from the connector taxiway to Runway End 16. The project will also include taxiway lighting.

Omaha Eppley M-03

Scope: Rehabilitate Locust Street Pump Station

Total Estimated Cost: \$22,000,000

Eppley Airfield has three pump stations as part of the airfield's stormwater drainage system. The Locust Street Pump Station is capable of pumping over 200,000 gallons per minute to provide flood control for the entire west side of the airfield and prevents the inundation of the airfield, terminal building, ATCT, cargo area, bulk fuel storage, ARFF station and Field Maintenance facilities during rain events. The five diesel engines are original to the building and are at the end of their useful life. The engines need to be replaced due to reliability issues, age, and the increased difficulty of maintenance and finding parts.

Omaha Eppley M-04

Scope: Terminal Building Project

Total Estimated Cost: \$22,000,000

The Terminal Modernization Program expands and renovates the existing terminal building. This phase of the project consists of improved access to the second level for ticketing and the checkpoint that will be provided through covered overhead pedestrian walkways. The overhead walkways and vertical circulation provide access from the ground transportation, parking, and rental car areas to

the terminal. A new overhead central walkway and improvement and rehabilitation of the two existing walkways will extend their life, modernize the infrastructure, and enhance safety/capacity.

Scribner X-02
Scope: Reconstruct Connecting Asphalt Taxiways
Total Estimated Cost: \$660,000

The connecting taxiways have experienced significant pavement deterioration in recent years, creating unsafe conditions. Reconstruction is necessary to maintain safe and efficient aircraft and to preserve the existing airside pavement.

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

Closed Project Report

Closed Projects October 2025			
<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in Amount of State Funds Required</u>	<u>State Funds Used</u>
Albion SA-03 (Tree Removal)	\$49,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,386.00
Totals	\$49,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,386.00

State Funds not used - \$25,114.00
Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund

Meeting Adjournment

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, December 5, 2025, at 1:00 pm CDT, at NDOT, Lincoln, Nebraska. Motion by Commissioner Large to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Trumble. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jeremy Borrell
Director

2025 State Aid Grant Program Allocation Tool

Federal Match Projects							Fund Totals		
#	Airport	Project Description	Cost	Prioritization Score	Project Grant Fund Allocation	Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund		Project Grant Fund	Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund
2	Beatrice	(G04/G05) NAVAID Upgrades: PAPI-2L (RW: 18, 36, 14,	\$ 16,160.00	181	\$ -	\$ 16,160.00	Starting	\$ 1,631,190.94	\$ 2,070,035.28
4	Burwell	(R04) Rehabilitation of Runway 15/32; Connecting Taxiway	\$ 13,400.00	178	\$ -	\$ 13,400.00			
13	Loup City	(R04) Rehabilitate Runway 16/34, Taxiway, and Apron	\$ 9,800.00	178	\$ -	\$ 9,800.00			
11	Kearney	(A03) Apron and Taxiway Upgrade	\$ 112,000.00	171	\$ -	\$ 112,000.00	Remaining	\$ 29,790.94	\$ 28,445.28
21	Wayne	(R02) Rehabilitate Runway 18/36, Runway 5/23, Taxiway	\$ 16,200.00	170	\$ -	\$ 16,200.00			
10	Hastings	(G05) Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation	\$ 92,985.00	168	\$ -	\$ 92,985.00			
19	Scottsbluff	(C05/X04) Seal Coat Runway 5/23, Taxiways and Restr	\$ 37,700.00	167	\$ -	\$ 37,700.00			
14	North Platte	(R04) Rehabilitate Runway 12/30	\$ 36,496.00	167	\$ -	\$ 36,496.00	Total Funds Available	\$ 3,701,226.22	
16	Pender	(G03) Remove and Replace Runway 15/33 Lighting and	\$ 10,800.00	166	\$ -	\$ 10,800.00	Total Application Costs	\$ 3,642,990.00	
18	Rushville	(G03) Airfield Lighting and Infrastructure Enhancement	\$ 21,800.00	164	\$ -	\$ 21,800.00			
1	Ainsworth	(C03) Runway 17/35, Runway 13/31, Taxiways and Apr	\$ 32,040.00	160	\$ -	\$ 32,040.00	Excess / Deficiency	\$58,236.22	
3	Blair	(R02/R03/R04) Runway 13 Extension and County Roads	\$ 172,570.00	158	\$ -	\$ 172,570.00			
7	David City	(R05) Runway Rehabilitation	\$ 12,580.00	155	\$ -	\$ 12,580.00			
15	Ogallala	(R01) Reconstruct Runway 8/26	\$ 162,200.00	150	\$ -	\$ 162,200.00			
5	Central City	(A01) Apron Expansion	\$ 18,200.00	149	\$ -	\$ 18,200.00			
12	Kimball	(A01) Apron and Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation	\$ 15,000.00	148	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00			
9	Gordon	(R03) Runway 4/22 Rehabilitation (Crack Seal, Seal Coat	\$ 5,606.00	148	\$ -	\$ 5,606.00			
6	Chadron	(B05) Construction of Dedicated Snow Removal Equipm	\$ 15,000.00	147	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00			
8	Fremont	(X03) Reconstruct Portion of Parallel Taxiway and Runw	\$ 62,400.00	138	\$ 62,400.00	\$ -			
20	Tekamah	(G05) Replace Beacon Fixture	\$ 1,383.00	129	\$ -	\$ 1,383.00			
17	Plattsmouth	(B05) Construct Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Buildin	\$ 14,200.00	122	\$ -	\$ 14,200.00			
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Totals			\$ 878,520.00		\$ 62,400.00	\$ 816,120.00			

2025 State Aid Grant Program Allocation Tool									
State Aid Only Grant Projects									
#	Airport	Project Description	Cost	Prioritization Score	Project Grant Fund Allocation	Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund		Project Grant Fund	Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund
9	Wayne	(G06) Remove and Replace Runway 18/36 MIRL	\$ 165,600.00	170	\$ 165,600.00	\$ -	Starting	\$ 1,631,190.94	\$ 2,070,035.28
5	Columbus	(G07) Remove and Replace PAPI; Replace Beacon w/ N	\$ 371,970.00	163	\$ -	\$ 371,970.00			
4	Chappell	(G01) Remove and Replace Runway 12/30 MIRL	\$ 211,500.00	158	\$ 211,500.00	\$ -			
8	Wahoo	(X05) Taxiway Rehab Project	\$ 243,000.00	158	\$ 243,000.00	\$ -	Remaining	\$ 29,790.94	\$ 28,445.28
7	Valentine	(G04) Remove and Replace PAPI	\$ 180,900.00	156	\$ 180,900.00	\$ -			
3	Blair	(X06) Corporate Hangar Area Expansion - Taxilane Pavi	\$ 738,000.00	155	\$ 738,000.00	\$ -			
1	Albion	(G05) Replace Beacon with New Beacon and Tip-Down	\$ 81,000.00	147	\$ -	\$ 81,000.00	Total Funds Available	\$ 3,701,226.22	
2	Albion	(G06) Extention of Wind Sensor Tower - AWOS		144	\$ -	\$ -			
6	Crete	(G02) Replace Beacon with New Beacon	\$ 22,500.00	114	\$ -	\$ -			
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Primary Airports w/ Scheduled, Non-Subsidized Commercial Service Allocation (OMA/LNK/GRI)									
1	Grand Island	(B04) SRE Building	\$ 250,000.00		\$ -	\$ 250,000.00			
2	Lincoln	(R06) Reconstruction of Runway 18/36	\$ 250,000.00		\$ -	\$ 250,000.00			
3	Omaha	(X04) Replace GA Hangar Approaches and Taxilanes	\$ 250,000.00		\$ -	\$ 250,000.00			
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Totals			\$ 2,764,470.00		\$ 1,539,000.00	\$ 1,225,470.00			

