

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
August 11, 2017

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2017 meeting, as published. Second by Commissioner Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commission Approval for New State Pilot

Motion by Commissioner Dick Trail to approve the employment of David Moll as state pilot. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. 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, 2017 \$4,755.85

Commission Actions (5/05/17 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available July 31, 2017 \$4,755.85

Funds available at August 2016 meeting: \$21,384.77

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available April 30, 2017 \$0.00

Commission Actions (5/05/17 meeting)

None

Funds available July 31, 2017 \$0.00

Funds available at August 2016 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available April 30, 2017 \$155,792.18

Commission Actions (5/05/17 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available July 31, 2017 \$155,792.18

Funds available at August 2016 meeting: \$155,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available April 30, 2017		\$1,238,571.43
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Commission Actions (5/05/17 meeting)

None

Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions

Expiring Allocation - Chadron	\$160,384.00	
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Expiring Allocation - Crete (fully federally funded)	\$145,268.00	
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Expiring Allocation - Hartington (fully federally funded)	\$297,156.00	
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Expiring Allocation - Holdrege	\$68,707.00	
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Subtotal		\$671,515.00
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Receipts

May 2017	\$24,678.57	
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June 2017	\$28,656.00	
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July 2017	\$23,950.00	
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Subtotal		\$77,284.57
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Funds available July 31, 2017		\$1,987,371.00
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Funds available at August 2016 meeting: \$1,932,498.36

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available April 30, 2017		\$255,333.28
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Commission Actions (5/05/17 meeting)

None

Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions

None

Subtotal		\$0.00
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Receipts

May 2017	\$1,718.33	
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June 2017	\$1,718.33	
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July 2017	\$1,718.33	
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Subtotal		\$5,154.99
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Funds available July 31, 2017	<u>\$260,488.27</u>
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Funds available at August 2016 meeting: \$233,743.31

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available April 30, 2017	<u>\$956.25</u>
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Funds Disbursed

Sargent	-\$100.00	
Wahoo	-\$87.00	
Subtotal		-\$187.00

Funds available August 31, 2017	<u>\$769.25</u>
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Motion by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson to accept the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. 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.

Grant G-04

Scope: Install Rotating Beacon & 50 ft. Beacon Pole

Total Estimated Cost: \$60,000

The existing airport beacon and beacon tower are over 30 years old and the airport is not able to find adequate parts for the beacon. The airport needs to install a new (L-801) rotating beacon for better serviceability. The existing beacon tower does not meet current safety standards and the airport needs to install a new 50 ft “tip-down” style beacon pole for safer access to the beacon during maintenance operations.

Oshkosh A-01

Scope: Install New 6” PCC Apron Pavement Extension

Total Estimated Cost: \$470,000

The airport currently has limited aviation parking on the existing apron pavement. The airport needs to extend the concrete apron pavement to allow for additional aircraft tie-down/parking locations for short/long term storage of transient aircraft.

Oshkosh M-03

Scope: Install New Jet "A" Aviation Fuel System

Total Estimated Cost: \$75,000

The airport currently does not have Jet "A" aviation fuel for sale. The airport has received numerous requests from transient aircraft and transient ag spraying operations to offer Jet "A" self-service fuel sales. The airport proposes installing a new 3,000 gallon Jet "A" aviation self-service fuel system to meet the needs of transient aircraft using the airport.

Sidney G-02

Scope: Install New Rotating Beacon and 50 Tip-Down Beacon Pole

Total Estimated Cost: \$60,000

The existing airport beacon and beacon tower are over 30 years old and the airport is not able to find adequate parts for the beacon. The airport needs to install a new (L-801) rotating beacon for better serviceability. The existing beacon tower does not meet current safety access standards and the airport needs to install a new 50 ft. "tip-down" style beacon pole for a safer access to the beacon during maintenance operations.

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

Hangar Loan Requests

Chadron

Representative: Curt Christianson (Olsson Associates)

Scope: 80' x 80' Shop Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$752,000

Hangar Loan Request: \$66,118

The Chadron Airport proposes building a storage hangar to meet current hangar demand for aircraft storage. The hangar will be located to allow future airport development, as shown on the approved ALP. The project is proposed to be funded with a combination of AIP grant funds, NDOT hangar loan funds, and local funds.

Gordon

Representative: Bill Nickolisen

Scope: Hangar Door Rehabilitation

Total Estimated Cost: \$22,000

Hangar Loan Request: \$22,000

At the present time, the airport's main hangar door is designed in such a manner that those who are not familiar with the operation could be at risk of injury. The hangar was constructed in 1972 and is considered the primary unit since the lobby/office is attached. The door is constructed in three units and the middle one must be opened first then the outside two. A reversal of this order is the only way to have proper closure. This hangar is rented by a local pilot and is also used by transient pilots for temporary overnight storage, especially during inclement weather.

The Authority has obtained bids from four companies and has selected a unit from Higher Power Hydraulic Doors.

The loan request is for 100% of the eligible project costs. Local funds are tight and the Authority is preparing for a pavement rehabilitation project. The rehabilitation of the hangar door is needed to safely serve the aviation community.

Hartington

Representative: Barry Schneinost (NDOT)

Scope: 6-Place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$923,144

Hangar Loan Request: \$38,834

The Airport Authority received a hangar loan in August 2016 for a T-hangar that would be funded with a combination of AIP grant funds, NDA hangar loan funds, and local funds. Due to funding delays at the FAA, the AIP grant was not issued such that the project could be under contract before the hangar loan expired. The Airport Authority is requesting a hangar loan for the sections of the project that are not reimbursable through the AIP program.

Pender

Representative: Mark Kinning, Curt Christianson (OA)

Scope: 4-Place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$673,000

Hangar Loan Request: \$4,433

The current hangars at the airport are full and the airport is looking to provide additional airport storage. They are proposing to build a 4-Place to meet the current demand. There is a waiting list. The hangar is planned to be constructed to allow additional stalls to be added to meet future demand.

Theford

Representatives: Richard Jameson, Jack Johnston, Tim Maseberg, Ron Masten, Curt Christianson

Scope: 4 Place T-Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,043,300

Hangar Loan Request: \$263,643

Thomas County Airport proposes building a storage hangar and a 4-place nested t-hangar combination to meet current hangar demand for aircraft storage. Currently the airport only has a

shop hangar. There is a waiting list of aircraft and demand for temporary storage of itinerant aircraft.

Motion by Commissioner Dick Trail to approve all the hangar loans as requested. Second by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye and the motion carried.

AUGUST 2017 HANGAR LOAN ALLOCATIONS

	AIRPORT	SCOPE	COST ESTIMATE	LOAN REQUEST
1	Chadron	80' x' 80' Shop Hangar	\$752,000	\$66,118
2	Gordon	Hangar Door Replacement	\$22,000	\$22,000
3	Hartington	6 Place T-Hangar & Taxilanes	\$923,114	\$38,834
4	Pender	4 Place T-Hangar	\$673,000	\$4,433
5	Thedford	4 Place T-Hangar	\$1,043,300	\$263,643
TOTAL				\$395,028

Closed Projects

**Closed Projects
August 11, 2017**

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Bassett 10 (Replace runway lights; REIL)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Chadron 14 (Rehab RW 2/20) (Engineering)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Chadron 15 Rehab RW 2/20) (Construction)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
McCook 14 (6-Place Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
North Platte 31			

(Sealcoat Taxiway B)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Stuart-Atkinson 07 (Hangar)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Valentine 09 (6-Place T-Hangar) (Engineering)	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Totals	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to approve the closed projects. Second by Commissioner Dorothy Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Department Report

An information letter was sent to Gov. Ricketts After the commission meeting advising that we plan to sell our 1976 Piper Navajo. The following Tuesday (August 15), Chief of Staff Miltenberger approved the sale process. My plan is to use a brokerage service for sale of the aircraft which is valued between \$65,000 and \$135,000. Engines are 200 hours from FAR part 135 overhaul time but it does have two camera ports which could increase its value to the higher dollar amount. Back up for the King Air would be either a rental or charter aircraft.

Two new employees started with the department, a pilot, David Moll on July 10 and Bryan DeHerder on August 8. Bryan is a recent engineering graduate of Ames, IA and will replace Barry Scheinost who retires on September 8, after 22 years with the department.

Formation of the NDOT became official on July 1, 2017. Thus far we have had approximately 45 meetings with Roads personnel and the assimilation has been seamless. We are able to use some of Roads personnel and equipment making our jobs much easier.

The “4 States Conference” in Kansas City starts on August 29, concluding the afternoon of the 30th. We are looking forward to the interaction with FAA Central Region people and many others who work issues with airports and aviation while at the conference.

Essential Air Service (EAS) carriers have become an issue as Penn Air who provides service to Kearney, North Platte and Scottsbluff recently declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy. They have had a very unreliable flight schedule as well. A new carrier should be selected by the DOT in the near future.

On August 21 a total eclipse will occur across Nebraska, entering the western part of the state near Alliance at 11:46MDLT and exiting near Beatrice at 1:16:58 CDLT. Thus far we have indications of 264 aircraft wanting to land at Alliance and 175 at Beatrice. I have asked the FAA Central Region Administrator, Joe Miniace to assist in getting mobile towers at those two locations to help with traffic control.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, October 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm CST in the Lincoln office. Motion by Commissioner Dick Trail to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director