

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
October 21, 2022

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the Terminal, 2304 East Highway 35 on the Wayne Municipal Airport, Wayne, Nebraska. The legal ad was published in the October 11, 2022 editions of the Lincoln Journal Star and the Wayne Herald newspapers and is posted on the website <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 1:00 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Tom Trumble, Diana Smith, Michael Cook and Dick Trail attended. Also present were Director Ann B. Richart, Deputy Director/Legal Counsel Andre Aman, and Engineering Division Manager Anna Lannin.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Trail to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2022 meeting. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Aeronautics Director's Report**

Richart reported that Katie Maguire, Aeronautics' Accountant II has recently completed her Doctorate of Business Administration. The entire Aeronautics team is impressed with her determination and proud of her accomplishment!

**Omaha Airport Authority Presentation on Eppley Airfield Terminal Construction**

Steve McCoy, Chief Information & Development Officer, and Dan Owens, Director of Planning & Engineering at the Omaha Airport Authority presented the Eppley Airfield Terminal Modernization Program. The Commission thanked them for coming to Wayne to share their plans.

**Presentation on Wayne STOL Drag Race Event**

Collin Caneva, one of Nebraska's first STOL drag racers, updated the Commission on the development and future plans of STOL Drag Race events at the Wayne Airport. The annual event started as May Day STOL Drag in 2021. Beginning in 2023 it will be renamed the WayneAmerica Fly-in event.

**Presentation on Ballot Initiative for Air Service Development**

Nick Cusick of the Lincoln Airport Authority Board of Directors spoke to the Commission about Nebraska Constitutional Amendment #1 which will appear on the November general election ballot. This initiative was placed on the ballot by the 2022 Legislature to give Nebraska airports an additional tool to incentivize commercial air service development.

**Presentation on NDOT Legislative Concepts**

Erich Strack, Legislative Coordinator for NDOT began by introducing Ryan Balluck, the new Administrative Programs Officer who is working for him. Erick distributed a Nebraska Department of Transportation Fact Sheet on a Bill Proposal entitled, *Pay Aeronautics Division Employee Salaries and Benefits from the Highway Cash Fund*. The proposal would merge salaries, benefits, and administrative costs of the Aeronautics Division with those of the Road Division of the Department of Transportation allowing these expenditures to be funded by the Roads Operations Cash Fund. While the Roads Operations Cash Fund would still not be available to pay for aviation infrastructure or planning projects, it would free up an anticipated over \$2 million in Aeronautics Cash Fund resources to fund programs to benefit Nebraska's airports.

**Report of State Funds Available**

Andre Aman presented a written report of state funds available.

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**PROJECT GRANT FUND**

Funds available July 31, 2022		\$18,358.94
<u>Commission Actions (8/5/2022 meeting)</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
<u>Other Actions</u>		
Expired 2021 Bloomfield Allocation	\$752,400.00	
Expired 2019, 2020 & 2021 Wahoo Allocation	\$14,400.00	
Subtotal		\$766,800.00
<u>Funds transferred from Aeronautics' operating</u>		\$145,000.00
Funds available September 30, 2022		\$930,158.94

*Funds available at October 2021 meeting: \$785,158.94*

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

Funds available July 31, 2022 \$0.00

Commission Actions (5/5/2022 meeting)

None

Funds available September 30, 2022 \$0.00

*Funds available at October 2021 meeting: \$0*

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

Funds available July 31, 2022 \$405,792.18

Commission Actions (8/5/2022 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available September 30, 2022 \$405,792.18

*Funds available at October 2021 meeting: \$405,792.18*

**HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Funds available July 31, 2022 \$2,330,866.17

Commission Actions (8/5/2022 meeting)

Allocation: Burwell - construct 3 - bay corporate hangar -\$764,761.00

Allocation: Hebron - construct addition to existing hangar -\$480,000.00

Allocation: Wayne - construct 2 - bay corporate hangar -\$505,170.00

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Subtotal - \$1,749,931.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

July (includes \$60,000 transfer from 08K) \$79,771.00

August \$0.00

September \$37,667.00

Subtotal \$117,438.00

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Funds available September 30, 2022 \$698,373.17

*Funds available at October 2021 meeting: \$1,876,656.17*

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

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

Funds available July 31, 2022 \$316,396.91

Commission Actions (8/5/2022 meeting)

None

Subtotal

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

July \$200.00

August \$0.00

September \$400.00

Subtotal \$600.00

Funds available September 30, 2022 \$316,996.91

*Funds available at October 2021 meeting: \$308,530.27*

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

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available July 31, 2022	\$836.75
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Commission Actions (8/5/2022 meeting)

None

Funds Disbursed

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Funds available September 30, 2022

\$836.75

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

**Federal Aid Project Requests**

The following projects were provided to the Commission for their review and approval prior to forwarding them to the FAA with requests 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 C-02

Scope: Surface Treatment: Rwy 13/31, Rwy 17/35, Taxiways, Apron (including Marking Replacement and Crack Repair)

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,310,000

Regular pavement maintenance is vital to the longevity of any pavement surface, a surface treatment combined with crack repair and new marking will provide years of maintenance free use for the airport.

Ainsworth G-05

Scope: Remove & Replace Existing Lighting: Runway 17/35, Runway 13/31, Taxiways

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,980,000

The existing lighting is old and in need of replacement, new lighting will provide years of maintenance free use for the airport.

Albion L-01

Scope: Land Acquisition for Access Road

Total Estimated Cost: \$15,500

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The airport needs to acquire this land to gain control of the entrance to the access road. The total acquisition is 0.2 acres. The acquisition area allows for drainage and proper fillet design for the ultimate pavement for the access road.

#### Beatrice B-01

Scope: 6-Place T-Hangar & Taxilane Construction

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,275,000

Since there is an increase in hangar space demand for general aviation aircraft, the Beatrice Municipal Airport wants to build one 6-Unit T-Hangar with 47.5' wide hangar doors on the south side of their existing T-hangar development. The proposed T-hangar would be located outside of the ultimate 35' building restriction line to not conflict with Part 77 surface. In addition to the erection of the new hangar building, new taxilanes and hangar approaches will be constructed. The proposed development will follow the airport's approved ALP.

#### Fairbury B-02

Scope: 80' x 80' Box Hangar (70' Wide Aircraft Doors) With Approach Pavement

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,099,000

Since there's an increase in hangar space demand for general aviation aircraft, Fairbury Municipal Airport wants to build a new 80' x 80' box hangar with 70' wide aircraft doors on both sides of the hangar. New approach pavement will be constructed on each side of the hangar to accommodate the double door layout of the hangar. The existing hangar taxilane will be extended to the east to accommodate the new hangar aircraft movements.

#### Hartington G-03

Scope: Remove & Replace Runway 13/31 PAPI's

Total Estimated Cost: \$110,000

The existing runway PAPI's are old and at the end of their usable life. Replacing them with new LED PAPI's will provide years of maintenance free use.

#### Kearney B-06

Scope: 150' x 120' Box Hangar (100' Wide Aircraft Door) With Lean To (2-Bay Garage)

Total Estimated Cost: \$4,840,000

Since there is an increase in hangar space demand for large corporate jets and commercial service aircraft, Kearney Regional Airport desires to construct a 150' wide x 120' deep box hangar with 100' aircraft door opening. The hangar will include a lean to that includes a 2-Bay Garage for the airport's GSE Equipment. Both airside and landside pavement improvements will be completed directly exterior of the proposed hangar.

#### North Platte M-09

Scope: Reconstruct Fuel Farm

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,543,700

Construction of a replacement fuel facility including two 20,000 Jet A tanks, one 12,000 gallon AVGAS 100LL tank with self-serve terminal, bulk refueler loading positions and associated site improvements. The project includes reconstruction and widening of an adjacent taxiway to 25' per TDG requirements defined in FAA AC 150/5300-13B. The project will be phased to allow continued operation of the existing fuel facility while the new facility is constructed.

The existing fuel facility was constructed in the late 1990's and has reached the end of its useful life. A replacement fuel facility is recommended to address code compliance and life safety concerns due to diminishing return on investment for routine maintenance activities and heightened risk of incident with outdated equipment and grandfathered code compliance.

#### Omaha B-01

Scope: Terminal Building Modernization

Total Estimated Cost: \$665,000,000

The Terminal Modernization Program expands and renovates the existing terminal building. The project includes a new central utility plant and an expanded and renovated terminal, including development of new check-in, baggage handling, non-secure circulation and concessions areas, outbound baggage makeup, baggage claim, passenger amenities, OAA and tenant office spaces, airport support spaces, and building services functions.

This project consists of a Phase 1 – Central Utility Plant and Phase 2 Terminal Expansion and Renovation.

Phase 1 – The terminal project Phase 1 is a new CUP. This phase is driven by the need to relocate the existing CUP in preparation for future terminal expansion. The existing CUP is at the end of its useful life. This phase enables the existing CUP to be demolished thereby facilitating the expansion of the terminal. The new CUP will include equipment for HVAC, utility terminations and distribution, and emergency power.

Phase 2 – The Terminal Phase 2 project is expansion and renovation of the main terminal building. In this phase, the terminal is expanded to the east and the existing terminal building is renovated and reconfigured to meet the long term needs of the facility. This phase is demand based and is also driven by the need to address existing and anticipated deficiencies of the terminal processing facilities. The existing North Concourse will be demolished as part of this phase of work and the existing South Concourse will be renovated.

The phase will increase the overall terminal processing capacity, consolidate check in, baggage claim and security; provide a checked baggage inspection system; provide new airside concessions, provide a CBP in Federal Inspection facility and provide additional gate capacity to 22 gates.

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

**State Aid Grant Requests**

**Blair SA**

Scope: Construct Taxilane For New Hangars  
 Total Estimated Cost: \$173,700

The Blair Municipal Airport continues to see demand for larger corporate type hangars for larger aircraft benefiting the local greater metropolitan area businesses. We currently have one hangar constructed that does not have taxilane and one that will start construction in the spring if the taxilane can be extended. The Airport does not have the funds to extend the taxilane without the use of state grant funds.

**Bloomfield SA**

Scope: Runway Reconstruction  
 Total Estimated Cost: \$752,400

This project received a 2021 state grant. The project is not completed due to delays at Aeronautics. Both the Airport Authority and their Consultant have done their part to try to move the project forward. Changes have been made to keep the project on schedule. We request the Commission reallocate the 2021 funding.

**South Sioux City SA**

Scope: Obstruction Removal (Trees) & Runway Overlay  
 Total Estimated Cost: \$582,575

The asphalt pavement was constructed in 2001 and is reaching the end of it's useful life.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Trumble to approve the grant requests from Blair and Bloomfield. Second by Commissioner Dick Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye and motion carried.

**STATE AID GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

<b>Airport</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Local Funds</b>	<b>State \$</b>
Blair	Construct Taxilane	\$193,000	\$19,300	\$173,700
Bloomfield	Runway Reconstruction	\$836,000	\$83,600	\$752,400
South Sioux City	Obstruction Removal and Runway Overlay	\$647,305	\$647,305	\$0
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$926,100</b>



**Closed Projects****Closed Projects  
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<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
<b>Hartington 10</b> (Rehab Runway, Taxiway, & Apron)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Hastings 16</b> (Construct SRE building, Design Only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Kearney 32</b> (Rehab Taxiway A & C)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>North Platte 36</b> (Rehab Taxiway C from C1 to C4; Reconstruct Runway 12/30 Distance Remaining Signs)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Sargent 07</b> (Pavement Rehabilitation)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

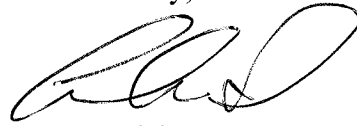
Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to approve the closed projects. Second by Commissioner Michael Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye and motion carried.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, December 2, 2022 at 1:00 pm CDT in Lincoln, Nebraska. Motion by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann B. Richart', written in a cursive style.

Ann B. Richart, AAE  
Director