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Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
August 9, 2024

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the Grant Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 76190 Hwy 61, Grant, Nebraska. The legal ad was published in the July 29 and July 30 editions of the Lincoln Journal Star and Grant Tribune Sentinel 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. MDT. Commissioners Michael Cook, Jon Large and Dick Trail attended. Also present were Director Jeremy Borrell, Deputy Director/Legal Counsel Andre Aman, Engineering Division Davey Jones, and NAVAIDS Division Manager Marcy Meyer. Engineering Division Manager Anna Lannin will participate Webex. Commissioner Tom Trumble was absent.

Public Comment

Carri Hoffart, City of Fremont, presented the hangar loan request for hangar rehabilitation at the Fremont Municipal Airport. Due to a scheduling conflict, she will be unable to present later in the meeting. The requested hangar loan would fund improvements in three separate areas: repair of the exterior of Hangar B, reskin the older T-hangar, and replacement of a section of taxilane to improve drainage. The city engineers reviewed the hangars to ensure they are structurally sound. Carri provided photographs and a cost breakdown.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2024, meeting. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Aeronautics Director's Report

Director Borrell thanked the Grant Municipal Airport and Mr. Edward Dunn for his tour of the airport, informational brief, and for hosting the Aeronautics Commission Meeting. Updates to the current staffing efforts was provided. Division is awaiting responses to the last remaining vacant positions and is optimistic based on the candidates. Neligh AWOS commissioning was completed and attended by Director Borrell and Marcy Meyer. Nebraska System Plan has been accepted by FAA and is pending final corrections before completion prior to October Aeronautics Commission meeting. Recently made significant progress in data entry into the MJ online system through a partnership with Vocational Rehab. Efforts to update the Division's website capabilities are ongoing. Provided a brief overview of the efforts surrounding the State Aid Grant Program and FAA Reimbursable agreement. Closed with discussion surrounding the recent updated timeline from the FAA surrounding Title IV requirements for the Division of Aeronautics and GA airports in Nebraska.

Report of State Funds Available

Andre Aman presented a written report of state funds available.

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available April 30, 2024		\$2,848.94
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Commission Actions (5/03/2024 meeting)		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
Bloomfield SA9 - return excess funds allocated 10/20/23	\$155,610.00	
Subtotal		\$155,610.00
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Funds available July 31, 2024		\$158,458.94
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<i>Funds available at August 2023 meeting: \$4,058.94</i>		

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

Funds Available April 30, 2024		3,068,396.62
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Commission Actions (5/03/2024 meeting)		
Gordon - top trees in runway 04 approach	(\$12,750.00)	
Subtotal		(\$12,750.00)
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Other Actions		
None		
Subtotal		0.00
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Receipts		
May	\$158,138.28	

June	\$122,085.68	
July	\$59,442.01	
Subtotal		339,665.97

Funds available July 31, 2024		3,395,312.59
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Funds available at August 2023 meeting: \$0

***** Consistent with state statute 81-703, allocations from this fund will be made at the discretion of the NDOT Director upon the recommendation of the Commission**

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available April 30, 2024		\$0.00
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Commission Actions (5/03/2024 meeting)		
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None		
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Funds available July 31, 2024		\$0.00
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Funds available at August 2023 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available April 30, 2024		\$405,792.18
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Commission Actions (5/03/2024 meeting)		
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None		
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Subtotal		\$0.00
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Other Actions		
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None		
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Subtotal		\$0.00
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Funds available July 31, 2024		\$405,792.18
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Funds available at August 2023 meeting: \$405,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available March 31, 2024		\$136,714.17
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Commission Actions (5/03/2024 meeting)		
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None		
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Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

Lexington storage hangar - return excess funds	297,626.00	
Seward 10-Place T hangar - return excess funds	281,894.00	
Subtotal		\$579,520.00

Receipts

April	\$16,975.00	
May	\$16,975.00	
June	\$16,975.00	
July (\$60,000 is the Harvard Loan annual repayment)	\$76,975.00	
Subtotal		\$127,900.00

Funds available July 31, 2024	\$844,134.17
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Funds available at August 2023 meeting: \$1,933,260.17

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available March 31, 2024	\$295,199.91
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Commission Actions (5/03/2024 meeting)

Allocation - Nebraska City	(262,500.00)	
Subtotal		\$262,500.00

Other Actions

None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Receipts

April	\$0.00	
May	\$0.00	
June	\$240.00	
July	\$240.00	
Subtotal		\$480.00

Funds available July 31, 2024	\$33,179.91
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Funds available at August 2024 meeting: \$318,996.91

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available April 30, 2024		\$836.75
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Commission Actions (5/03/2024 meeting)		
None		\$0.00
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Funds Disbursed		
Pender Village	-\$100.00	
Subtotal		-\$100.00
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Funds available July 31, 2024		\$736.75

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

Prioritization Methodology Brief

Davey Jones presented.

State Aid Grant Program

Jeremy Borrell presented the State Aid Grant Program.

Motion by Commissioner Cook to accept the State Aid Grant Program. Second by Commissioner Large. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried. Approved subject to editing as required.

Reimbursable Agreement for FAA Flight Check/Fund Allocation

Jeremy Borrell presented.

Motion by Commissioner Large to accept the Reimbursable Agreement for FAA Flight Check/Fund Allocation. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Federal 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.

Beatrice B-03

Scope: 10 Unit T-Hangar, Hangar Approaches & Taxilanes
Total Estimated Cost: \$3,310,000

With an increase in hangar space demand for general aviation aircraft, Beatrice Municipal Airport intends to build a 10-Unit T-Hangar with a 41.5' wide hangar doors on the south side of the existing T-Hangar development. Additionally, various surrounding taxilanes and hangar pavements are experiencing distresses and will be either reconstructed or rehabilitation as part of this project. The proposed development will follow the Airport's approved ALP.

North Platte B-06

Scope: Improve Terminal Building
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,400,000

Project scope includes installation of a passenger boarding bridge. Project costs are based on an actual bid price. The installation of a boarding bridge adds new capabilities, enhances the customer experience and level of service at the airport, and improves accessibility.

Theadford R-04

Scope: Runway 11/29 Widening from 60 Feet to 75 feet
Total Estimated Cost: \$2,730,000

Through the updating of the ALP and Narrative Report for the airport it was determined and approved by the FAA that the current existing critical aircraft was determined to be A/B-II (small). The existing runway does not meet the requirements of the existing critical aircraft.

Theadford X-01

Scope: Construct Rwy 29 Partial Parallel Taxiway
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,380,000

A partial parallel taxiway is recommended for the primary runway to eliminate back taxiing on the runway. A parallel taxiway will improve the overall safety at the airport, allowing for safe and orderly traffic movements around the airport.

Theadford X-02

Scope: Construct Rwy 11 Partial Parallel Taxiway
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,980,000

A partial parallel taxiway is recommended for the primary runway to eliminate back taxiing on the runway. A parallel taxiway will improve the overall safety at the airport, allowing for safe and orderly traffic movements around the airport.

Theadford B-04

Scope: Construct Terminal Building
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,050,000

The existing terminal building is old and in need of updating, a new terminal would provide pilots modern amenities that would improve the overall pilot experience.

NDA M21

Scope: Update of the Pavement Maintenance Program (PCI Inspections)

Total Estimated Cost: \$125,000

The Nebraska Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, proposes to inspect Nebraska public-use airports to determine the pavement condition in 2026. The selected airports were last inspected in 2023 and it is recommended that Pavement Condition Index (PCI) inspections be conducted every three years. The results of the pavement inspection will be incorporated into the Division's Capital Improvement Plan and will provide recommendations for federal funding of future rehabilitation projects.

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

Hangar Loan Requests

Beatrice

Scope: Construct T-hangar With Taxilanes & Approaches

Representative: Dennis Schmitt, Airport Manager

Total Estimated Cost: \$132,400

With an increase in hangar space demand for general aviation aircraft, Beatrice Municipal Airport intends to build a 10-Unit T-Hangar, with 41.5' wide hangar doors on the South side of the existing T-Hangar development. Additionally, various surrounding taxilanes and hangar pavements are experiencing distresses and will be either reconstructed or rehabilitation as part of this project.

Move to recalculate costs into hangar eligible costs for Revolving Hangar Program and other costs and reconsider this project at October meeting for a Revolving Hangar Loan and a State grant to match the Federal Funds. Motion by Commissioner Large. Second by Commissioner Tarry. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Cambridge

Scope: Construct Storage Hangar

Representatives: Eric Eisenhart, Authority Chairman and Wesley Hock, Airport Manager

Total Estimated Cost: \$514,400

The airport needs additional hangar space for aircraft maintenance and storage of large itinerant and based aircraft.

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Move to recalculate costs into hangar eligible costs for Revolving Hangar Program and other costs and reconsider this project at October meeting for a Revolving Hangar Loan and a State grant to match the federal funds. (Taxiways, grading and drainage) Motion by Commissioner Cook. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Fremont

Scope: Hangar Rehabilitation

Total Estimated Cost: \$244,260

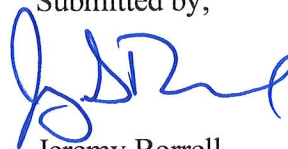
The City of Fremont is working towards repairing our existing assets and look forward to planning for future growth. Fremont has a lot to offer both business and aviation folks alike and we strive to continue to better ourselves and foster a love for aviation and flying in general. We have hangars that are solid in construction, and with a bit of work will be around for many years to come.

Move by Commissioner Cook to approve \$244,260 for all three options presented by Fremont's request. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, October 18, 2024, at 1:00 pm CDT, at Grand Island, Nebraska. Motion by Commissioner Cook to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. MDT.

Submitted by,



Jeremy Borrell
Director