

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
October 14, 2016

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

**Public Comment**

NONE

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Trail to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2016 meeting, as published. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. 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 July 31, 2016	\$21,384.77
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Commission Actions (8/12/16 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
<u>Money Transferred from NDA operating</u>	\$138,000.00

Funds available September 30, 2016	<u>\$159,384.77</u>
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*Funds available at October 2016 meeting: \$184,401.77*

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

Funds available July 31, 2016	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Commission Actions (8/12/16 meeting)

None

Funds available September 30, 2016	<u>\$0.00</u>
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*Funds available at October 2015 meeting: \$0*

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

Funds available July 31, 2016	<u>\$155,792.18</u>
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Commission Actions (8/12/16 meeting)

None

Subtotal	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Other Actions

None

Subtotal	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Funds available September 30, 2016	<u>\$155,792.18</u>
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*Funds available at October 2015 meeting: \$130,792.18*

**HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Funds available July 31, 2016	<u>\$1,932,498.36</u>
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Commission Actions (8/12/16 meeting)

Allocation - Chadron 80'x80' shop hangar	-	\$160,384.00	
Allocation - Crete 8 place t-hangar	-	\$145,268.00	
Allocation - Hartington 6 place t-hangar	-	\$297,156.00	
Allocation - Hastings 6 place t-hangar	-	\$376,424.00	
Allocation - Holdredge 3 place box hangar	-	\$68,707.00	
Allocation - Kearney hangar rehabilitation	-	\$400,000.00	
Subtotal			-\$1,447,939.00

Other Actions

Returned unused allocation: Seward HLSWT07	\$14,098.64		
Subtotal			\$14,098.64

Receipts

August 2016	\$23,236.00		
September 2016	\$22,624.00		
Subtotal			\$45,860.00

Funds available September 30, 2016 \$544,518.00

*Funds available at October 2015 meeting: \$613,172.21*

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

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

Funds available July 31, 2016 \$233,743.31

Commission Actions (8/12/16 meeting)

None			
Subtotal			\$0.00

Other Actions

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

August 2016	\$2,593.33		
September 2016	\$2,593.33		
Subtotal			\$5,186.66

Funds available September 30, 2016

\$238,929.97

*Funds available at October 2015 meeting: \$195,810.01*

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

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available July 31, 2016

\$1,286.25

Funds Disbursed

Grant - \$100.00

Superior - \$55.00

Curtis - \$100.00

Subtotal - \$255.00

Funds available September 30, 2016

\$1,031.25

Commissioner Cook asked about impact on Aeronautics funds if all aircraft sales tax were allocated to the Department. It was indicated that currently Nebraska aircraft sales tax is allocated to the State of the Nebraska General Fund and currently the receipts are approximately \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 each year.

Motion by Commissioner Cook to accept the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Wachter. 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.

Fairbury B-01

Scope: 80' x 80' Box Hangar, Taxilane Expansion & Approach

Total Estimated Cost: \$747,925

The airport has demand for hangar space large enough to accommodate a B-II aircraft. The installation of an 80' x 80' box hangar (pull-through) would allow for storage of B-II aircraft at the airport. The existing taxilane would need to be widened to meet the Design Group II Object Free Area requirements.

North Platte E-05

Scope: Acquire Passenger Boarding Ramp

Total Estimated Cost: \$85,000

To accommodate larger aircraft a Passenger Boarding Ramp is needed to safely load and unload passengers and crew.

#### Pawnee City B-02

Scope: Construct Bulk Hangar

Total Estimated Cost: \$715,000

An 80' x 80' Bulk Hangar with 70' door and concrete ramps is proposed to meet current and future demand for aircraft storage.

#### Wayne X-06

Scope: Pave Partial Parallel Taxiway to Runway 23

Total Estimated Cost: \$560,000

A partial parallel taxiway is recommended for runway 5/23 to eliminate back taxiing on the runway, which can be unsafe. A parallel taxiway will improve the overall safety at the airport, allowing for safe and orderly traffic movements around the airport. The taxiway will meet B-I standards, with a 25' width and 225' separation to runway centerline.

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

#### **State Aid Project Requests**

The state grant requests were presented by Anna Lannin.

#### Aurora SA

Scope: Reconstruct Taxiway

Representative: Ross Beins

State Grant Request: \$38,502

Aircraft propeller damage has occurred to a King-Air hangared in Building A which can be accessed only via a deteriorating asphalt taxiway. Current local funding beyond 10% of this project is unachievable due to upcoming local funding commitment for rehabilitation of runway 16/34 in 2018. This new corporate tenant is a significant economic benefit to our community and this taxiway improvement grant would allow their continued operation from the Aurora airport.

#### Plattsmouth X-03

Scope: Remove Obstructions; Pave Partial Parallel Taxiway

Representatives: Kevin Faris, Roger Johnson, Paul Lucas, Sean Minahan, Diane Hofer

State Grant Request: \$116,404

Relocate a portion of the parallel taxi lane, construct new t-hangar site, relocate 3 t-hangars, replace t-hangar taxiways, related grading, relocate rotating beacon. The work is necessary to make improvements changing the airport's classification from a B-II to a C-II based on aircraft utilizing the airport.

Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve State Aid Project requests. Second by Commissioner Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**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>Gothenburg SA-9</b> (Repair pavement sections)	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Ord 08</b> (T-Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Net Decrease - \$0.00

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

**Department Report**

Great news concerning a new concrete 3,750' X 60' runway and new 60' X 60' hangar at Auburn's Farington Field. Ribbon cutting for the new runway will be October 21 with Lt. Gov. Foley speaking and our own engineer Russ Gasper.

NASAO has a new President and CEO, Mark Kimberling who is the former Legislative Specialist for NASAO. Former President Greg Principato will be President and CEO of the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) effective October 20. I was also selected to be the Vice Chairman of NASAO's Board of Directors at the September NASAO Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX.

The FAA Central Region came to Nebraska on October 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> to provide law enforcement personnel briefings on Unmanned Aerial Systems and what they as enforcers of the law may do with illegal UAVs operations. The briefing on October 11<sup>th</sup> took place in Lincoln at the NE State Patrol Air Wing hangar with 28 people in attendance and on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Kearney's Airport Maintenance Facility, also with 28 people in attendance. Our Navigational Aids Division Manager, Marcy Meyer, coordinated these activities at both locations and did a remarkable job of it. Thanks to FAA Central Region Deputy Administrator John Speekin, UAS Specialist Eric Parker, Lawyer David Kessler and Administrative Assistant Deb Sanning for performing this LEO outreach briefing in Nebraska.

Fuel tax revenue for the first three months of the fiscal year are approximately 10% above the previous three year average. Hopefully this trend will continue. Department flying of state personnel has been on the increase these past few months and as Rod deZafra, one of our pilots, took a new job with JetLynx in Omaha, I have been flying more. We will hire another pilot but not until the spring as our flying schedule traditionally slows during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Congress comes back from vacation November 14 right after the elections. They will have some work to do for the FAA's AIP as the present Continuing Resolution for funding expires on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, December 9, 2016 at 1:00 pm CDT in the Lincoln office. Motion by Commissioner Cook to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell  
Director