

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
December 7, 2018

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2018, meeting as amended. Second by Commissioner Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Funds Available

Andre Aman presented a written report of state funds available.

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available September 30, 2018		\$424,471.24
 <u>Commission Actions (10/12/18 meeting)</u>		
Allocation - Bloomfield rwy crack repair	-\$211,500	
Allocation - Hastings - Rehab taxi/apron	-\$111,000	
Allocation - N. Omaha - Construct apron & Taxilane	-\$100,000	
Subtotal	-\$422,500.00	-\$422,500.00
 <u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

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Funds available November 30, 2018 \$1,971.24

Funds available at December 2017 meeting: \$325.85

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available September 30, 2018 \$0.00

Commission Actions (10/12/18 meeting)

None

Funds available November 30, 2018 \$0.00

Funds available at December 2017 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available September 30, 2018 \$155,792.18

Commission Actions (10/12/18 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2018 \$155,792.18

Funds available at December 2017 meeting: \$155,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available September 30, 2018 \$680,789.00

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Commission Actions (10/12/18 meeting)

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Receipts

August 2018

\$85,004.00

September 2018

\$23,626.00

October 2018

\$23,626.00

November 2018

\$23,882.90

Subtotal

\$132,256.00

Funds available November 30, 2018

\$813,045.00

Funds available at December 2017 meeting: \$1,661,087

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

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available September 30, 2018

\$266,999.57

Commission Actions 10/12/18 meeting)

None

Subtotal

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Receipts

August 2018

\$4,633.32

September 2018

\$1,158.33

October 2018

\$1,158.33

November 2018

\$1,158.33

Subtotal

\$8,108.31

Funds available November 30, 2018

\$275,107.88

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Funds available at December 2017 meeting: \$254,971.26
Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available September 30, 2018	\$519.25
Funds Disbursed	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Funds available November 30, 2018	\$519.25

Motion by Commissioner Terri Wachter to accept the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Federal Aid Project Requests

Anna Lannin presented the following projects for Commission approval to forward to the FAA with a request 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.

Grand Island E-07

Scope: New 1,500 Gallon ARFF Vehicle
Total Estimated Cost: \$925,000

The Sponsor currently has two ARFF vehicles. Their primary vehicle is a 1995 E-1, Class 4, 1,500 gallon truck with 500# dry powder capacity. Their second, backup vehicle is a 1982 Oshkosh Class 4, 1,500 gallon truck without any dry powder capacity. With the primary E-1 vehicle being 13 years old and increasingly unreliable, and the 1982 Oshkosh unreliable and lacking required dry powder capacity, the Sponsor proposes to take the Oshkosh ARFF out of service and acquire a new Class 4, 1,500 gallon meeting all current ARFF requirements to serve as their new primary ARFF vehicle.

Grand Island B-02

Scope: Construct New ARFF Fire Station

Total Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000

Operators of Part 139 Airports are required to provide Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Services during air carriers operations that require a Part 139 Certificate. The airport plans to build an ARFF facility to meet the requirements and house their ARFF vehicles. The new facility will be strategically located on the airfield to meet ARFF response times.

North Platte E-06

Scope: Acquire ARFF Equipment

Total Estimated Cost: \$200,000

The current PPE, SCBA, and ARFF equipment is beyond its suggested useful life per the AC. The airport needs this new equipment to meet FAR Part 139 requirements.

Theford R-03

Scope: Reconstruct Runway 11/29, Connecting Taxiway & Apron; Remove and Replace Runway and Taxiway Lighting

Total Estimated Cost: \$4,365,000

The airport pavement (asphalt) is in poor condition and in need of replacement. The new pavement is planned to be concrete and will provide years of maintenance free use. When the runway and taxiway pavement is reconstructed, the lighting systems should also be replaced. New lighting will provide visibility to pilots at night and in low light conditions, thus increasing safety.

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

Discussion and Possible Revisions to State Programs:

Motion by Commissioner Terri Wachter to keep the Revolving Hangar Program, State Aid Program and the Fuel Storage Loan Program the same. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Election of Chairperson for 2019

Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith for Tom Trumble to be the Chairperson for 2019. Second by Commissioner Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Department Report

The ongoing Aviation Economic Impact Study is approximately 50% complete on the research portion but there is some reluctance on the part of Eppley Airport to complete the survey information due to several ongoing contract negotiations. Dave Roth indicated they are in the middle of a terminal program and in the process of beginning Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) for the airlines. Their personnel are maxed out with all the airport improvements that are

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ongoing; however, Millard Airport will be compiling with the information requests from GBA, Ed Young, to assist with the study.

FAA Central Region has told us applications for the Airport Improvement Projects Supplemental Appropriation has become very political as they have received letters from various airports Senators and Congressmen supporting their requests as well as other local entities. Nebraska received \$2.5M in the first round for runway reconstruction and we have submitted 34 projects at 33 airports for this second round of requests. NDOT Communications Director Vicky Kramer has been working with us to request Congressional letters of support for our projects and have received letters of support from Senator Fischer and Congressmen Bacon and Smith. We are requesting Governor Ricketts sign a letter with an attachment of the congressional letters, to DOT Secretary Chao.

This will be my last commission meeting as I am retiring from state government effective January 2, 2019. There will be an open house here at our office on December 18 from 2-4pm and my last day in the office will be December 21, 2018. It has been a distinct honor to be associated with such a great group of fellow employees and commissioners and I wish all the best for the future.


Tentative Commission Meeting Dates for 2019

February 8
May 3
August 9
October 11
December 6

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, February 8, 2019 at 1:00 pm CST in the Lincoln office. Motion by Commissioner Diana Smith to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Terri Wachter. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Submitted by,


Andre Aman
Interim Director