

**SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2018 – 1:00 P.M.
BECKER-HANSEN BUILDING – 700 EAST BROADWAY
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Eric Odenbach, Chairman
Robert Huggins, Member
Christopher Funk, Member
Dave Luers, Member
Travis Lantis, Member (joined meeting at 1:25 p.m.)

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Jennifer Boehm, Jon Becker, Patricia Saukel, and Katherine Anderson

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Dustin DeBoer, Becky Janssen

**OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Steve Hamilton, South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA); Bob Mercer, Aberdeen American News

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the "Commission") to order at 1:04 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

Odenbach opened the floor to Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3-23.

No conflicts of interest were disclosed and no waivers were requested.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018. A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Luers. Deputy Secretary Jundt interjected before the roll call vote for Saukel. Saukel informed the Commission that she received an email from Steve Hamilton of the South Dakota Pilots Association that Kyle Lewis was identified with the wrong organization in the minutes.

Adding to the first motion, that the minutes would be amended, A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Luers to approve the amended minutes to show Kyle Lewis' affiliation as the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Odenbach presented discussion on the possible institution of tuition reimbursements modeled after other organizations such as the South Dakota Bar Association. His suggestion was that to be qualified for the tuition reimbursement, the student must attend school in South Dakota, stay (reside) in South Dakota, and be employed in an aviation field. His question was who would administer the program and where to receive funding. Odenbach thought this would be a positive thing to bring before the legislators because of the funding that they took from the Aeronautics Commission that has not been repaid.

Odenbach also mentioned that grade point average (GPA) should be a factor and possibly employment in the State for one year before reimbursement eligibility. He said that it should be a legally-binding contract and that he did some research that the Internal Revenue Service would allow such a tuition reimbursement for up to \$5,250 per year tax-free. Odenbach said his goal is to foster aviation and aviation education in the State.

After a discussion with other Commission members, it was agreed upon by those present that it sounded like a promising idea to pursue. Deputy Secretary Jundt added after their discussion that there would have to be legislation passed to incorporate this. Jundt noted that giving the fact that a new gubernatorial administration will be coming in and the uncertainty of support there, it does not leave a large enough window for action. Jundt suggested that the Commissioners contact their legislators as it would need to be sponsored in the House and the Senate to carry the project forward. Odenbach agreed that he would pursue avenues to see what could be done.

Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt of the Department of Transportation (the "Department") presented the Secretary's report which included a handout to Commission members (emailed) with the possible organizations and members suggested for the ad hoc committee for Title 50 review. Jon Becker of the Office of Aeronautics compiled the list

for the Commission members. Members of the Commission agreed to the list, but Odenbach suggested keeping the committee small, i.e., 5-6 people.

Becker suggested that one way to minimize the group is to choose members who can represent several organizations. The Commission and Becker engaged in discussion regarding the list.

Travis Lantis joined the meeting.

Jundt added that it was crucial to begin moving forward on finalizing the committee. Jundt asked the Commission if the Department could name a five-person committee that they would come back to the Commission for approval at the next meeting and the Commission agreed.

Jon Becker of the Office of Aeronautics presented the consideration of the Eureka 2018 Grant Application. Becker said that this is the first application of the year. The Office of Aeronautics is requesting funding from the State Aeronautics Fund for:

Eureka 3-46-0079-009-2018

Design and construction of a new tilt-down beacon pole.

Federal Share	\$ 64,800.00
State Share	\$ 3,600.00
Local Share	\$ 3,600.00
Total	\$ 72,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of \$3,600.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to approve the state assistance for the Eureka new tilt-down pole for \$3,600.00. All present voted aye, except for Odenbach, who abstained. The motion carried.

Jennifer Boehm of the Office of Air, Rail & Transit presented as an informational item the results of the 2018 International Art Contest winners. The office received 149 pieces of artwork from two private schools, six public schools, and two homeschools. The winners received an award certificate, a laminated copy of their submission, and a prize paid for by the Office of Aeronautics and the South Dakota Pilots Association. The winners in each age group were:

Group I (Ages 6-9)

First place – Anna Hericks (age 8) of St. Michael Elementary in Sioux Falls

Second place – Draeton Delozier (age 9) of Beadle School in Yankton

Third place – Brooklyn Gale (age 8) of St. Michael Elementary in Sioux Falls

Group II (Ages 10-13)

First place – Faith Nelson (age 13) of Wolsey-Wessington School in Wolsey

Second place – Sarah Fuerst (age 13) of Wolsey-Wessington School in Wolsey

Third place – Lydia Main (age 11) of Belle Fourche Middle School in Belle Fourche

Group III (Ages 14-17)

First place – Elita Eastman (age 16) of Bon Homme High School in Tyndall

Second place – Katelyn Sternhagen (age 16) of Bon Homme High School in Tyndall

Third place – Jayde Denton (age 16) of Bon Homme High School in Tyndall

Boehm stated that South Dakota did not place nationally in the contest.

Boehm presented as an informational item the 2018 Airports Conference Summary. The following statistics were shared with the Commission:

- Actual Cost = \$9,615.31
 - Less deposit made in 2017
 - Less NBAA sponsorship of the Wednesday afternoon break
 - Balance Due = \$6,655.87
- Total Revenue = \$9,058.00
- Deposit on 2019 Site = difference between Cost & Revenue \$2,402.13
- Total Attendees = 137
 - Sponsor Representatives = 59
 - Consultants = 13
 - Staff & Commission = 10
 - Speakers = 26
 - Vendors = 15 (29 people)

Proposals for the location of the 2019 Airports Conference are due on June 15, 2018.

Odenbach stated that during the conference that he met with the representative from the AOPA and he wanted to coordinate a safety training at the next conference. He said if they could have it in Sioux Falls or Brookings that it would maximize attendance.

The Commissioners agreed that it was a good conference and thanks Boehm for her work.

Odenbach said that Governor Daugaard declared June as General Aviation Appreciation Month.

Becker added that the Civil Air Patrol in conjunction with the SD Discovery Center are conducting an aerospace outreach with elementary and middle school students this summer called, "Forces of Flight-Science Takes Wings." The Civil Air Patrol will fly out to various airports for the students to see the plane, touch it, go inside, etc., and it will be in the form of a classroom scenario.

Jundt informed the Commission that he would check with the Governor's Office regarding Commissioner Arnie Hauge's resignation. Jundt said that the Department had not received official word that he did resign. Odenbach said that he had resigned in March of 2018.

Jundt informed the Commission that Katherine Anderson would be recording the minutes for future meetings as Saukel is leaving the Department and moving on to another position in a different Department.

Funk also mentioned that the simulator was on KELO and it generated a lot of interest with the senior students at Eagle Butte. Funk said there were four opening for medivac pilots on the reservation and said he thought this would help.

With no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.