

**AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 2017 – 1:00 P.M.  
BECKER-HANSEN BUILDING – 700 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Eric Odenbach, Chairman  
Arnie Hauge, Vice Chairman  
Dave Luers, Member  
Robert Huggins, Member  
Christopher Funk, Member (via conference call)

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Joel Jundt, Dustin DeBoer, Bonnie Olson, Jack  
Dokken, Jennifer Boehm, Jon Becker, Colton Stahl,  
Kellie Beck, and Patricia Saukel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Hamilton – SD Pilots Association; Sheri Lares,  
Andy Peek, Dave Anderson, Brian Schuck, Sandy  
DePottey – FAA; Rod Senn – FLS; Mike Isaacs –  
KPIR; Matt Whitelock, Toni Broom, Patrick Dame –  
RAP; Bob Mercer - press

Chairman Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Robert “Bob” Huggins, the newest commission member, was welcomed and provided a brief introduction.

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Chairman 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.

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Dustin DeBoer, Office of Legal Counsel, requested that a roll call be taken. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

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Chairman Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2017.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Hauge to approve the September 26, 2017, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt of the Department of Transportation (the “Department”) introduced Patricia Saukel to the Commission. Saukel is the new recording secretary for the Aeronautics Commission.

Jundt presented an update on the State’s Aeronautics Fund balance by providing a handout to the Commission members. Jundt reminded the Commission that at the September Commission meeting, Secretary Bergquist informed them that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) bill was set to expire in September of 2017. Since the last meeting, the bill has been extended until March 31, 2018. The appropriations bill is set to expire December 8, 2017. It is anticipated a continuing resolution will be passed to extend funding. This includes all federal funding and not just funding for aviation.

Jundt mentioned that in the minutes from the Commission’s last meeting Hauge had a question about US Senate Bill 1320 which was filed by Senator James Inhofe, titled “Forward Looking Investment in General Aviation, Hangars, and Tarmacs Act of 2017” or the “Flight Act of 2017”. The bill was filed but hasn’t been scheduled to come to the floor with any committee at this time.

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Odenbach introduced Andy Peek, Manager of the FAA Dakota-Minnesota Airport District Office (ADO). Peek introduced the FAA ADO staff (Sandy DePottey, Sheri Lares, Dave Anderson, and Brian Schuck) to the Commission. Peek provided the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the FAA program where it’s at and where it’s heading. During Peek’s presentation he discussed the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) process, unclassified airports, and project closeouts. He also identified areas where there were questions and concerns in the past of specific project costs on airports such as fueling systems and wildlife fencing and offered suggestions for cost savings opportunities on the airports facilities.

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Jennifer Boehm of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented to the Commission for its consideration the Sturgis Municipal Airport State Funds amendment as follows:

**Sturgis Municipal Airport AIP #3-46-0054-13-2016 – Rehabilitate Apron.**

The federal grant amount was increased to reflect final as-built measured quantities for construction. The state share must increase accordingly.

	<b>Federal (90%)</b>	<b>State (5%)</b>
Final project	\$130,396.77	\$7,244.27
Original grant	\$122,992.00	\$6,832.89

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Change	\$7,404.77	\$411.38
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The Department recommends approval of a state grant amendment in the amount of \$411.38.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Hauge and seconded by Luers to approve a state grant amendment for the Sturgis Municipal Airport AIP #3-46-0054-13-2016 in the amount of \$411.38. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Boehm presented the consideration for approval for the City of Mitchell Airport to use its fuel tax funds to cover the City's portion of the cost to purchase 2017 Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Plow Truck in the amount of \$6,226.50.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to approve the city portion of the 2017 SRE Plow Truck Acquisition of \$6,226.50 to be matched by the Department. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Boehm presented a general overview of the 2018 Airports Conference. The conference will be located at the Lodge at Deadwood Gaming Resort in Deadwood, SD from April 10, 2018, through April 12, 2018. After soliciting cost proposals from various venues between Pierre, Rapid City, and Deadwood, the Department determined it was more cost effective to hold the conference in Deadwood. The conference is alternated between West River and East River venues

Boehm requested any Commissioners wishing to add to the agenda topics are encouraged to submit them to Boehm before January 1, 2018.

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Jon Becker of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented to the Commission the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Proposed Airport Projects. Becker provided Commission members with a handout of the proposed projects for 2018. Becker requested that Commission members review the list of projects and let the Department know if there are any projects for which they would like additional information.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Hauge and seconded by Luers to defer approval of the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) plan until the next Commission meeting. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Becker provided a presentation to the Commission of the 2018 State Aviation System Plan. The FAA prefers an update of the system plan every ten years because it is a

road map about how the Department improves its airports and utilizes its funding in a systematic manner. The system plan is available on the website. Becker asked the Commissioners for input to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP).

The Commission members agreed to solidify the scope for the 2018 State Aviation System Plan RFP at the next Commission meeting in January.

No action was taken.

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Colton Stahl of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented to the Commission for its consideration the following tall structure applications:

**Permit # 2017-11125, Kimball, SD**

FAA Aeronautical Study 2017-AGL-11125-OE

Verizon Wireless is proposing construction of a 120 foot steel antenna tower approximately 0.84 miles east southeast of the Kimball airport. The FAA has determined this proposal does not exceed FAA obstruction standards, would not be a hazard to air navigation, and is not required to be marked or lit.

The Department is recommending Commission approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Hauge to approve the Permit #2017-11125, Kimball, SD with Verizon Wireless. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**SDDOT Permit #2017-19686, Presho, SD**

FAA Aeronautical Studies 2017-AGL-19686-OE & 2017-19700-OE

Dakota Mill & Grain, Inc., is proposing to construct a grain facility approximately 0.85 miles northeast of the Presho airport. This request is for approval of a structure with alternative potential heights, with the final height of the structure being dependent on FAA approval. First, applicant is requesting approval for a 173 foot structure contingent upon an FAA "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation." In the event FAA determines the 173 foot structure is an aeronautical hazard, applicant alternatively requests approval for the 153 foot structure contingent upon an FAA "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation."

The Department recommends approval of both options conditional upon receipt of FAA's "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation."

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Huggins to approve the SDDOT Permit #2017-19686, Presho to Dakota Mill & Grain, Inc., based on two separate options:

Option 1: approval of the permit for location of an aeronautical hazard for a 173 feet in height structure to be placed approximately 0.85 miles northeast of the Presho Municipal Airport contingent on FAA issuance of a "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation."

Option 2: approval of the permit for location of an aeronautical hazard for 153 feet in height structure to be placed approximately 0.85 miles northeast of the Presho Municipal Airport contingent on FAA issuance of a "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation."

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION WAS MADE by Hauge to defer voting until after FAA has made their ruling as to whether or not the proposed structure has been determined to be "No Hazard to Air Navigation." Hauge withdrew his substitute motion.

The Commission members voted on the original motion. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Stahl presented the 2018 Airport License Approval list for consideration by the Commission. These airports meet the standard minimum requirements for public use approval. The Department recommends the approval with the restrictions as noted.

Chairman Odenbach requested to vote on the Pierre Municipal Airport, Tea Marv Skie/Great Planes Airport, Brookings Municipal Airport, and Eureka Municipal Airport license approval requests separate from the remaining airports.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Hauge to approve the Pierre Regional Airport license for 2018 with the restriction as noted. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Luers who abstained from the Commission discussion and vote. The motion carried.

<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>RESTRICTION</u>
Pierre Regional Airport	None

A MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Luers to approve the Tea-Marv Skie/Great Planes Airport with the restriction as noted. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Hauge who abstained from the Commission discussion and vote. The motion carried.

<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>RESTRICTION</u>
Tea-Marv Skie/Great Planes Airport	None

A MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Luers to approve the Brookings Municipal Airport license for 2018 with the restriction as noted. All present voted aye by

roll call vote, except Funk who abstained from the Commission discussion and vote. The motion carried.

<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>RESTRICTION</u>
Brookings Municipal Airport	None

Chairman Odenbach turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Hauge.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Hauge and seconded by Luers to approve the Eureka Municipal Airport license for 2018 with the restriction as noted. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Odenbach who abstained from the Commission discussion and vote. The motion carried.

<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>RESTRICTION</u>
Eureka Municipal Airport	None

Vice Chairman Hauge turned the meeting back over to Chairman Odenbach.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Hauge to approve the remainder of the airport license requests for 2018 for the airports listed below with the restriction listed for each airport. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>RESTRICTION</u>
Aberdeen Regional Airport	None
Arlington Municipal Airport	None
Belle Fourche Municipal Airport	None
Bison Municipal Airport	None
Britton Municipal Airport	None
Buffalo - Harding County Airport	None
Canton Municipal Airport	None
Chamberlain Municipal Airport	None
Clark County Airport	None
Clear Lake Municipal Airport	None
Corsica Municipal Airport	None
Custer County Airport	None
Custer State Park - Fairburn	None
DeSmet - Wilder Field	None
Cheyenne Eagle Butte Airport	None
Edgemont Municipal Airport	None
Faith Municipal Airport	None
Faulkton Municipal Airport	None
Flandreau Municipal Airport	None
Gettysburg Municipal Airport	None
Gregory Municipal Airport (Flynn Field)	None
Groton Municipal Airport	Daylight Use Only
Herreid Municipal Airport	Daylight Use Only

Highmore Municipal Airport	None
Hot Springs Municipal Airport	None
Hoven Municipal Airport	None
Howard Municipal Airport	None
Huron Regional Airport	None
Isabel Municipal Airport	Daylight Use Only
Kadoka Municipal Airport	None
Kimball Municipal Airport	Daylight Use Only
Lake Andes Municipal Airport	Daylight Use Only
Lake Cochrane Seaplane Port	Daylight Use Only
Lake Preston Municipal Airport	None
Lemmon Municipal Airport	None
Madison Municipal Airport	None
Martin Municipal Airport	None
McLaughlin Municipal Airport	None
Milbank Municipal Airport	None
Miller Municipal Airport	None
Mitchell Municipal Airport	None
Mobridge Municipal Airport	None
Murdo Municipal Airport	None
Onida Municipal Airport	None
Parkston Municipal Airport	None
Philip Municipal Airport	None
Pine Ridge - Oglala Sioux Airport	None
Platte Municipal Airport	None
Presho Municipal Airport	None
Rapid City Regional Airport	None
Redfield Municipal Airport	None
Rosebud Sioux Tribal Airport	None
Sioux Falls - Joe Foss Field	None
Sisseton Municipal Airport	None
Spearfish - Black Hills/Clyde Ice Field	None
Springfield Municipal Airport	None
Sturgis Municipal Airport	None
Timber Lake Municipal Airport	Daylight Use Only
Vermillion - Harold Davidson Field	None
Wagner Municipal Airport	None
Wall Municipal Airport	None
Watertown Municipal Airport	None
Webster - Sigurd Anderson Airport	None
Wessington Springs Municipal Airport	None
White River Municipal Airport	None
Winner - Bob Wiley Field	None
Yankton - Chan Gurney Municipal A/P	None

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Jack Dokken, Program Manager of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented to the Commission the consideration of modified state standards. Dokken informed the Commission that the Department would like to pursue pre-approved state modified standards. The Department is expecting a total cost of no more than \$50,000.00. Dokken requested the Commission approve \$50,000.00 in funds from the Aeronautics Trust Fund to move forward with an RFP to solicit bids for a project to develop pre-approved state modified standards for FAA projects.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Luers to approve the use of up to \$50,000.00 of the Aeronautics Trust Fund to move forward with an RFP to solicit bids for a project to develop pre-approved state modified standards. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Dokken presented to the Commission the draft Governor's Report for FY 2017 of the activities for the calendar year. Because the report is a draft, the Department has asked the Commission to provide the Department with any additional information they would like included prior to submitting the report to the Governor and posting to the Aeronautics web page. The Commission instructed the Department to include the current balance of the Aeronautics Trust Fund as well as the outstanding loan balance, and trust fund projections.

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With no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.