

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. CT

Becker-Hansen Building/ Commission Room – 700 E. Broadway Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Bob Huggins, Chairman
Dustin Coleman
David Howard
Court Ecklund
Ivan Venner

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Kellie Beck, Jon Becker, Nancy Hiller, and Kari Kroll

OTHERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Brooke Edgar – Helms and Associates

Chairman Huggins called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:00 p.m. CDT. Roll call was taken. A quorum was determined.

Huggins opened the floor to the Commission to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waiver pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) Chapter 3 – 23.

No members of the Commission disclosed a conflict or requested a waiver.

Huggins asked for a motion to approve the March 19, 2026, Commission meeting minutes.

It was observed that “Attachment” was misspelled and should be corrected. Commissioner Dustin Coleman noted an error on page three at the end of the 7th line of the paragraph regarding SB205. He requested the minutes be edited to add a period after the words “AIP program” and before the word “The.”

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ecklund and seconded by Howard to approve the Commission meeting minutes from March 19, 2026 with the edits noted above. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Huggins requested the Commission submit comments on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aeronautical Study 2026-WTE-651-OE. He presented draft comments for Commission consideration as Attachment 2 to the Commission’s meeting packet.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Coleman and seconded by Ecklund to authorize Chairman Bob Huggins to submit the draft comments on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aeronautical Study 2026-WTE-651-OE on behalf of the Commission. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Huggins opened the floor to public comment.

No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

Secretary Jundt presented the Secretary's Report. He shared the following items:

- **Federal:** The House Appropriations Committee released Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bill for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027 on May 20, 2026. The subcommittee also had its hearing this morning on the bill, where input and possible amendments were discussed. Chairman Tom Cole stated that the bill focuses on modernized infrastructure, reliable travel, and stronger neighborhoods. The bill proposes a total discretionary allocation of \$92.224 billion, which is \$10.659 billion (10.4%) below the FFY 2026 enacted level.

Some Key Takeaways as pointed out by the Committee:

- Funding towards building a world-class air traffic control system by providing \$22.7 billion for the FAA.
- Providing the FAA with resources to hire 2,300 new air traffic controllers and replace dated telecommunication infrastructure.
- Redirecting \$7.9 billion from past priorities of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and instead investing those funds in safety, stronger freight movement, and more reliable travel for the traveling public.

Jon Becker from the Office of Air, Rail and Transit presented to the Commission the following Airport Improvement Program (AIP)/IIJA grant projects:

Rapid City 3-46-0048-070-2026

AIP: Construct terminal remote parking apron; construct glycol containment facility; Terminal apron expansion

Federal Share	\$ 3,129,000.00
State Share	\$ 82,342.00
Local Share	\$ 82,342.00
Total	\$ 3,293,684.00

A MOTION WAS MADE by Venner and seconded by Howard to approve the Rapid City AIP grant application as presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Coleman who recused himself. The motion carried.

Tea 3-46-0078-025-2026

AIP: Construct Hangar taxilane (1,800' x 25')

Federal Share	\$ 560,500.00
State Share	\$ 14,750.00
Local Share	\$ 14,750.00
Total	\$ 590,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE by Coleman and seconded by Venner to approve the Tea AIP grant application as presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Ecklund who recused himself. The motion carried.

Vermillion 3-46-0056-024-2026

IJA: Pavement rehab of taxilanes, taxiways and apron

Federal Share	\$ 147,250.00
State Share	\$ 3,875.00
Local Share	\$ 3,875.00
Total	\$ 155,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ecklund and seconded by Venner to approve the Vermillion IJA grant application as presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Howard who recused himself due to his hangar lease with the Vermillion airport. The motion carried.

Belle Fourche 3-46-0072-023-2026

IJA: Engineering and design AWOS-III installation

Federal Share	\$ 95,000.00
State Share	\$ 2,500.00
Local Share	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 100,000.00

Bison 3-46-0003-018-2026

AIP: Construction of 3-unit revenue-producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 928,350.00
State Share	\$ 24,430.00
Local Share	\$ 24,430.00
Total	\$ 977,210.00

Bison 3-46-0003-019-2026

IJA: Construction of 3-unit revenue-producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 317,400.00
State Share	\$ 8,353.00
Local Share	\$ 8,353.00
Total	\$ 334,106.00

Clark 3-46-0009-019-2026

AIP: Engineering and Construction for AWOS-III

Federal Share	\$ 366,700.00
State Share	\$ 9,650.00
Local Share	\$ 9,650.00
Total	\$ 386,000.00

DeSmet 3-46-0063-021-2026

AIP: Design GA apron & connector taxiway; remove direct access

Federal Share	\$ 109,250.00
State Share	\$ 2,875.00
Local Share	\$ 2,875.00
Total	\$ 115,000.00

Eureka 3-46-0079-011-2026

AIP: Engineering and Construction for AWOS-III

Federal Share	\$ 156,750.00
State Share	\$ 4,125.00
Local Share	\$ 4,125.00
Total	\$ 165,000.00

Eureka 3-46-0079-012-2026

IJA: Engineering and Construction for AWOS-III

Federal Share	\$ 275,500.00
State Share	\$ 7,250.00
Local Share	\$ 7,250.00
Total	\$ 290,000.00

Faulkton 3-46-0016-018-2026

AIP: Land acquisition for runway 13/31 construction

Federal Share	\$ 575,000.00
State Share	\$ 15,131.00
Local Share	\$ 15,132.00
Total	\$ 605,263.00

Faulkton 3-46-0016-016-2026

IIJA: Design runway 13/31 construction

Federal Share	\$ 386,000.00
State Share	\$ 10,158.00
Local Share	\$ 10,158.00
Total	\$ 406,316.00

Gettysburg 3-46-0017-020-2026

AIP: Phase 2 construction 3 unit revenue producing T hangar

Federal Share	\$ 503,500.00
State Share	\$ 13,250.00
Local Share	\$ 13,250.00
Total	\$ 530,000.00

Gettysburg 3-46-0017-019-2026

IIJA: Phase 3 construction 3 unit revenue producing T hangar

Federal Share	\$ 256,500.00
State Share	\$ 6,750.00
Local Share	\$ 6,750.00
Total	\$ 270,000.00

Harding County 3-46-0006-012-2026

IIJA: Land acquisition 2.3294 acres for airport wildlife fence

Federal Share	\$ 201,400.00
State Share	\$ 5,300.00
Local Share	\$ 5,300.00
Total	\$ 212,000.00

Highmore 3-46-0019-015-2026

AIP: Construction of aircraft parking apron (358 SY)

Federal Share	\$ 83,347.00
State Share	\$ 2,193.00
Local Share	\$ 2,194.00
Total	\$ 87,734.00

Highmore 3-46-0019-016-2026

IIJA: Construction of aircraft parking apron (1858 SY)

Federal Share	\$ 432,569.00
State Share	\$ 11,383.00
Local Share	\$ 11,384.00
Total	\$ 455,336.00

Hoven 3-46-0021-020-2026

AIP: Construction of 3200 ft² revenue producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 368,600.00
State Share	\$ 9,700.00
Local Share	\$ 9,700.00
Total	\$ 388,000.00

Hoven 3-46-0021-019-2026

IIJA: Engineering and construction of 1360 ft² revenue producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 395,675.00
State Share	\$ 10,413.00
Local Share	\$ 10,413.00
Total	\$ 416,500.00

Madison 3-46-0029-029-2026

AIP: Master plan with AGIS, obstruction survey, runway profile survey, RSA inventory

Federal Share	\$ 148,200.00
State Share	\$ 3,900.00
Local Share	\$ 3,900.00
Total	\$ 156,000.00

Madison 3-46-0029-030-2026

IIJA: Produce ALP drawing set, narrative report and exhibit A property map

Federal Share	\$ 202,052.00
State Share	\$ 5,317.00
Local Share	\$ 5,317.00
Total	\$ 212,686.00

Martin 3-46-0030-022-2026

AIP: Reconstruct hangar taxilane, taxiway, apron – archeology & tribal monitoring

Federal Share	\$ 795,666.00
State Share	\$ 20,939.00
Local Share	\$ 20,939.00
Total	\$ 837,543.00

Martin 3-46-0030-023-2026

IIJA: Reconstruct apron (1790 SY)

Federal Share	\$ 324,338.00
State Share	\$ 8,535.00
Local Share	\$ 8,535.00
Total	\$ 341,408.00

Milbank 3-46-0034-025-2026

AIP: Master plan with ALP, exhibit A and surveys

Federal Share	\$ 185,250.00
State Share	\$ 4,875.00
Local Share	\$ 4,875.00
Total	\$ 195,000.00

Milbank 3-46-0034-024-2026

IJA: Master plan with ALP, exhibit A and surveys

Federal Share	\$ 140,315.00
State Share	\$ 3,693.00
Local Share	\$ 3,692.00
Total	\$ 147,700.00

Miller 3-46-0035-018-2026

IJA: Construct AWOS-IIIP

Federal Share	\$ 318,250.00
State Share	\$ 8,375.00
Local Share	\$ 8,375.00
Total	\$ 335,000.00

Mitchell 3-46-0037-035-2026

IJA: Phase 3 construct hangar (216' x 50')

Federal Share	\$ 223,250.00
State Share	\$ 5,875.00
Local Share	\$ 5,875.00
Total	\$ 235,000.00

Murdo 3-46-0039-018-2026

AIP: Replace electrical vault main and supplemental wind cones, beacon

Federal Share	\$ 660,250.00
State Share	\$ 17,375.00
Local Share	\$ 17,375.00
Total	\$ 695,000.00

Onida 3-46-0041-018-2026

AIP: Design revenue-producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 95,000.00
State Share	\$ 2,500.00
Local Share	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 100,000.00

Parkston 3-46-0042-022-2026

AIP: Engineering and construction for apron and taxiway improvements; bid schedule B

Federal Share	\$ 384,750.00
State Share	\$ 10,125.00
Local Share	\$ 10,125.00
Total	\$ 405,000.00

Parkston 3-46-0042-021-2026

IIJA: Engineering and construction for apron and taxiway; bid schedule A

Federal Share	\$ 434,600.00
State Share	\$ 11,437.00
Local Share	\$ 11,437.00
Total	\$ 457,474.00

Presho 3-46-0047-005-2026

IIJA: Environmental work for site selection

Federal Share	\$ 199,500.00
State Share	\$ 5,250.00
Local Share	\$ 5,250.00
Total	\$ 210,000.00

Redfield 3-46-0049-019-2026

AIP: Design and construct GA apron and taxiway pavement rehab and material testing

Federal Share	\$ 327,750.00
State Share	\$ 8,625.00
Local Share	\$ 8,625.00
Total	\$ 345,000.00

Redfield 3-46-0049-020-2026

IIJA: Engineering and material testing for apron and taxiway pavement rehab

Federal Share	\$ 427,500.00
State Share	\$ 11,250.00
Local Share	\$ 11,250.00
Total	\$ 450,000.00

Rosebud 3-46-0082-022-2026

IIJA: Design revenue-producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 123,500.00
State Share	\$ 3,250.00
Local Share	\$ 3,250.00
Total	\$ 130,000.00

Wagner 3-46-0057-023-2026

AIP: Develop new airport master plan

Federal Share	\$ 323,000.00
State Share	\$ 8,500.00
Local Share	\$ 8,500.00
Total	\$ 340,000.00

Wall 3-46-0069-018-2026

AIP: GA apron expansion and extend taxilane 450' to hangar development area

Federal Share	\$ 302,863.00
State Share	\$ 7,970.00
Local Share	\$ 7,970.00
Total	\$ 318,803.00

Wall 3-46-0069-017-2026

IIJA: Construct 6,750 SY GA apron and extend taxilane 450' to hangar development area

Federal Share	\$ 385,002.00
State Share	\$ 10,131.00
Local Share	\$ 10,132.00
Total	\$ 405,265.00

Watertown 3-46-0058-048-2026

AIP: Reconstruction of taxiway A

Federal Share	\$ 475,000.00
State Share	\$ 12,500.00
Local Share	\$ 12,500.00
Total	\$ 500,000.00

Watertown 3-46-0058-049-2026

IIJA: Reconstruct taxiway A (2400'x50') engineering, replace taxiway lighting and signage

Federal Share	\$ 2,816,750.00
State Share	\$ 74,125.00
Local Share	\$ 74,125.00
Total	\$ 2,965,000.00

Webster 3-46-0059-020-2026

AIP: Engineering and construction for AWOS-IIIIP

Federal Share	\$ 230,850.00
State Share	\$ 6,075.00
Local Share	\$ 6,075.00
Total	\$ 243,000.00

Webster 3-46-0059-021-2026

IIJA: Exhibit A update and construction for AWOS III-P.

Federal Share	\$ 227,050.00
State Share	\$ 5,975.00
Local Share	\$ 5,975.00
Total	\$ 239,000.00

Wessington Springs 3-46-0080-019-2026

AIP Reconstruct GA apron (24,800 SqFt)

Federal Share	\$ 406,600.00
State Share	\$ 10,700.00
Local Share	\$ 10,700.00
Total	\$ 428,000.00

Wessington Springs 3-46-0080-020-2026

IIJA: Reconstruct GA apron (1,700 SqFt), engineering, asphalt testing, IFE

Federal Share	\$ 239,400.00
State Share	\$ 6,300.00
Local Share	\$ 6,300.00
Total	\$ 252,000.00

Yankton 3-46-0062-041-2026

AIP: Reconstruct apron and taxiway A

Federal Share	\$ 1,218,850.00
State Share	\$ 32,075.00
Local Share	\$ 32,075.00
Total	\$ 1,283,000.00

Yankton 3-46-0062-040-2026

IIJA: Engineering and construction - schedule 3 of apron and taxiway A

Federal Share	\$ 304,000.00
State Share	\$ 8,000.00
Local Share	\$ 8,000.00
Total	\$ 320,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE by Coleman and seconded by Howard to approve the remaining AIP/IIJA grant applications as presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Becker presented a request from the Watertown Regional Airport for the use of \$24,930.65 of its fuel tax funds for pavement maintenance in the hangar area. The current balance in the airport's fuel tax account is \$92,136.39.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Venner and seconded by Coleman to approve the request of \$24,930.65 of fuel tax funds to the Watertown Regional Airport for pavement maintenance in the hangar area. All present voted aye by roll call vote.

The Commission asked for the following items to be added to the next Commission agenda:

- Consideration of scholarships through the Technical Education Board
- Consideration of adding guidance for funding weather cameras to the Commission's standard funding memo
- Consideration of changing the \$200,000 terminal funding cap
- An informational item regarding accountability of airports for issuing notices containing information essential to personnel concerned with flight operations (NOTAM).

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Huggins declared the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m. CT.