

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. CST

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Robert Huggins, Vice-chairman
Rolf Johnson
Jerry Rieber
Dave Luers
Christopher Funk (joined at 2:04 p.m.)

DOT STAFF PRESENT:

Joel Jundt, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Jon Becker, Tom Koch,
Nancy Hiller, Jenny Boehm, and Kari Kroll

DOT STAFF PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Dustin DeBoer

OTHERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA); Patrick
Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport; Dan Letellier – Sioux Falls
Regional Airport; Cameron Howard – Pierre Airport; Brooke
Edgars – Helms & Associates; Corey Helms – Helms &
Associates; and Janet Huggins

Vice-chairman Huggins called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:00 p.m. CST. A roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

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

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

Huggins asked for a motion to approve the January 20, 2022 Commission meeting minutes.

Dustin DeBoer, Office of Legal Counsel, shared with the Commissioner two edits to be made to the January 20, 2022 minutes – add Robert Huggins to those “present” and remove Dave Luers to those “present.”

Commissioner Chris Funk joined the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Luers to approve the January 20, 2022 Commission meeting minutes with noted edits. All present voted aye by roll call vote except Funk who abstained. The motion carried.

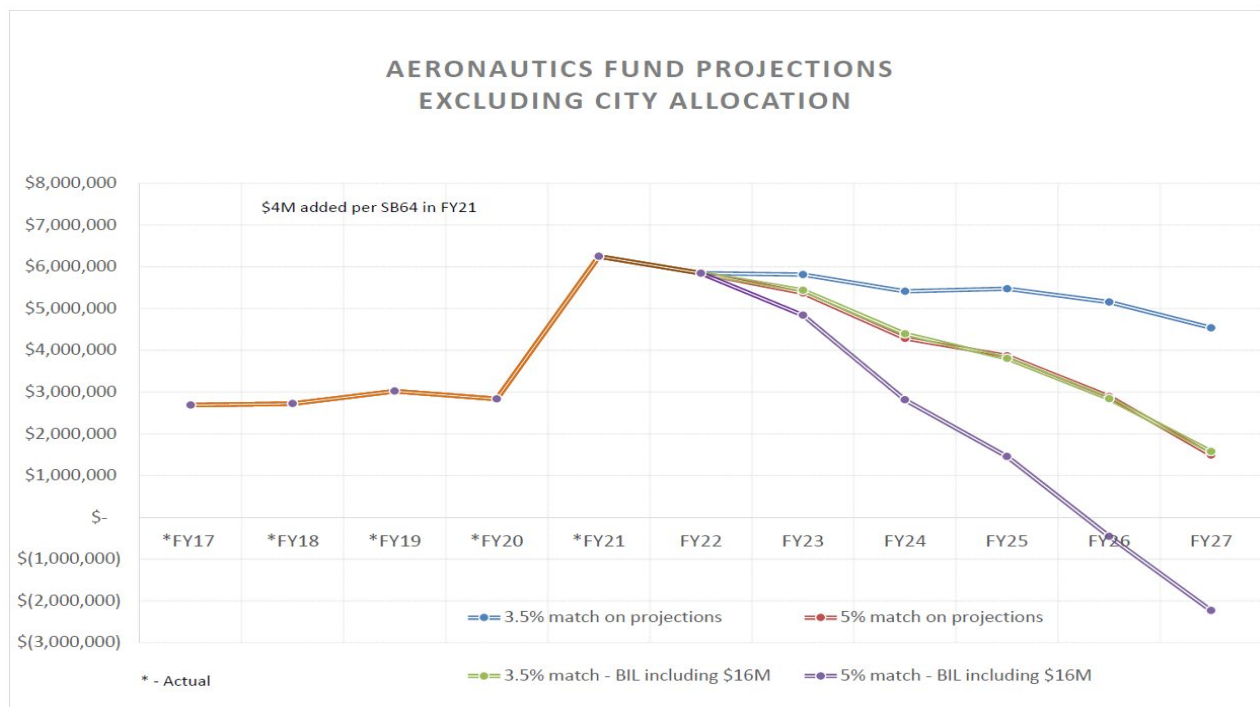
Huggins opened the floor to public input.

Dan Letellier from the Sioux Falls Regional Airport encouraged the Commission to change the state match back to 5% on Airport Improvement Program (AIP) projects in light of the additional funding expected from the Federal government as part of the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Patrick Dame of the Rapid City Regional Airport seconded Letellier's comments.

Secretary Joel Jundt presented the following items for the Secretary's Report:

- The House recently passed a continuing resolution that will expire on March 11, 2022, and needs Senate concurrence prior to Feb 18. Congress will then need to pass a full year appropriation bill prior to the end of the federal fiscal year that sets the Federal appropriations for FY2022. As a reminder, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has given notice that SD will receive \$16.4 million as a part of the BIL which is an increase in funds. In discussions with FAA, they have indicated that these funds will be administered similar to the regular AIP program; however, the final rules and guidelines will still need to be establish.



- Jundt asked the Commission to discuss and take action on the Commission's match for AIP projects. He referenced the funding graph that was distributed to the Commission and is noted in the minutes from the January 20, 2022 Commission meeting. There were four areas to consider the match:
 - AIP projects with current state Aeronautic Funding
 - BIL funded projects
 - Construction change order (CCO) projects – these are projects that were covered at 100% federal in FY2021 but had additional construction changes that will not be covered at the federal match of 100%
 - Essential Air Service (EAS) Airports – Aberdeen, Pierre, and Watertown Airports have met the requirements for the Special Rule for Economically Distressed Communities. With this designation, they qualify for an exception to the 90 percent federal share for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants for FY2022 and any project they have for FY2022 will now be funded by the FAA at 95%

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Johnson to do a 3.5% state match on all CCO's for projects that were originally covered at 100% federal. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to do a 2.5% state match on the three EAS Airports that met the requirements for the Special Rule for any non-revenue producing AIP FY2022 projects. All present voted aye by roll call vote except Rieber who abstained due to previously disclosed conflict of interest. The motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Funk to do a 5% state match on FY2022 non-EAS and non-revenue producing AIP projects. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Johnson to do a 5% state match on FY2022 non-EAS and non-revenue producing AIP projects funded by BIL funds. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Jack Dokken, Program Manager for the Office of Air, Rail, & Transit, introduced Nancy Hiller and shared that she has filled the vacancy left when Earl Holben left.

Jon Becker, Office of Air, Rail, & Transit, presented to the Commission the current list of projected FY2022 AIP projects. He shared that that application are due April 11, 2022 indicating that the list could change depending on the preparation of construction projects.

There was no action needed.

Jon Becker also presented the projected Capital Investment Projects (CIP) for FY2023 – FY2025 for the Commission's information. He shared the funding timeline from the FAA.

With no other business to come before the Commission, Huggins adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m. CST.