

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. CST via conference call
Becker-Hansen Building/ Commission Room – 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD 57501

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Eric Odenbach, Chairman
Rolf Johnson
Jerry Rieber
Bob Huggins
Christopher Funk (joined at 2:12 p.m.)

DOT STAFF PRESENT:

Joel Jundt, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Jon Becker, Tom Koch, Earl Holben, and Kari Kroll

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Dustin DeBoer and Brad Remmich

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stephen Jones – Graham Airfield

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA); Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport; Todd Syhre – Watertown Airport; and Dan Letellier – Sioux Falls Regional Airport

Chairman Eric Odenbach 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.

Odenbach 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.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the December 16, 2021 Commission meeting minutes.

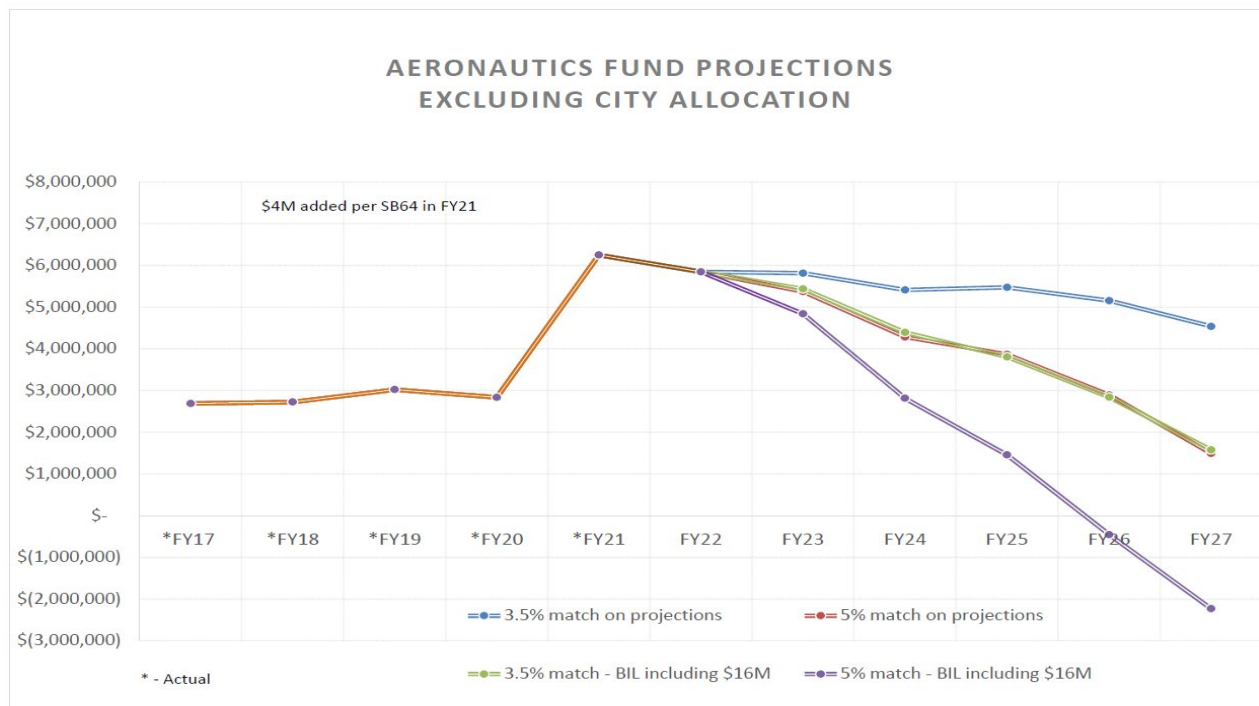
A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Johnson to approve the December 16, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Odenbach opened the floor to public input. No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

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

- The Secretary updated the Commission with current state legislative session events. He shared that the Department of Transportation (the “Department”) had presented to the House and Senate Transportation Committee on January 13th and 14th, respectively, about the SDDOT strategic plan, performance measures, revenue and funding, what the Department does, enhancements and innovations, and challenges for the Department.
- The Secretary shared that SB29 was an agency bill brought forth by the Department. The bill asks to authorize highway maintenance vehicle to operate less than the posted minimum speed on interstate highways. The Secretary noted the bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee last Friday. The Senate will consider the bill on Tuesday, and if approved, the bill moves forward to the House Transportation Committee for review and approval.
- The Secretary informed the Commission that the Department will participate in a Budget Hearing with the Joint Committee on Appropriations on Wednesday, January 26.
- The Secretary stated the Department is still needed for Congress to pass a full year appropriation bill prior to the end of the federal fiscal year which sets the Federal appropriations for everyone receiving federal funds. . As a reminder, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has given notice that SD will receive \$16 million as a part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which is an increase in funds; however, the rules and guidelines for how the funds can be administered has yet to be determined .

Jundt presented to the Commission for consideration the Aeronautics Fund balance and projections using the following graph.



Commissioner Chris Funk joined the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

The Commission chose to defer action until the February or March meetings with the anticipation that the rules and guidelines will be received by then from FAA.

It was noted that Watertown Airport, Pierre Airport, and Aberdeen Airport are to receive a 95/5% match for one year based on meeting criteria for the Essential Air Service (EAS) located in Economically Distressed Areas (EDA). It was requested that they be invited to participate at the February meeting to discussed match rates for their airports.

Jundt presented to the Commission for consideration the Powers of the Aeronautics Commission document last updated July 1, 2022. The Commission discussed the document line by line. It was decided no action would be taken on the document at this time.

From the discussion of the document, a request was made by Chairman Odenbach to consider inclusion of a zoning topic at the 2022 Airport Conference.

Tom Koch, Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented to the Commission for their consideration a request for public use license approval for Graham Field Airport in North Sioux City, South Dakota.

In December 2021, the Department's Office of Aeronautics inspected Graham Field and determined the airport meets State airport requirements for a public use license for day light use only because runway lighting does not currently exist at the airport. In turn, the Department recommends the Commission's approval for a CY2022 public use airport license for day light use only.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Funk to approve a CY2022 public use airport license for day light use only to Graham Field Airport in North Sioux City. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

With no other business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m. CST.