

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, February 18, 2021 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
Bob Huggins, Vice-chairman
Rolf Johnson
Dave Luers
Kassidy Nelson
Jerry Rieber
Christopher Funk (joined at 2:18 p.m.)

DOT STAFF PRESENT:

Joel Jundt, Jennifer Boehm, Tom Koch, and Kari Kroll

DOT STAFF PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Dustin DeBoer Jack Dokken, Brad Remmich, and Jon Becker

OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA),
Todd Syhre – Watertown Regional Airport, and Mike Schmidt –
Helms & Associates

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 requests for waiver pursuant to the 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 January 21, 2021 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Rieber to approve the January 21, 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.

Interim Secretary Joel Jundt presented the Secretary’s Report. Jundt updated the Commission on the status of following three Senate bills in state legislation.

- SB64 – a bill to amend last year’s appropriations bill and it includes an allocation of \$4 million to be placed into the Aeronautics Fund. The Department of Transportation (the “Department”) has not yet testified with regard to this bill. Jundt stated he will let the Commissioners know the bill is being presented , so Commissioners may attend or testify before the committee.
- SB157 – a bill to appropriate \$3 million into the Aeronautics Fund for infrastructure at the Rapid City Regional Airport. The bill was deferred by the Senate Transportation Committee to the Joint Committee on Appropriations. No further action has been taken yet.
- SB162 – a bill (as amended) to appropriate \$3.8 million and an additional \$1.2 million for essential air service airports from the general fund to be used for marketing and business development to help restore air service to airports in the state. The bill was deferred by the Senate Transportation Committee to the Joint Committee on Appropriations. No further action has been taken yet.

Commissioner Christopher Funk joined the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Jon Becker, Office of Aeronautics, presented to the Commission the preliminary 2021 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) application list as an informational item. Huggins questioned several projects in regard to the Aeronautics fund match and the purpose of the project. Becker will revise the list for the March Commission meeting to show updated match dollars based on Commission’s criteria.

Jennifer Boehm, Office of Aeronautics, presented to the Commission an amendment to the state match portion of a 2018 AIP project in Sioux Falls. The federal grant amount was increased for Sioux Falls Regional Airport AIP Project #3-46-0050-52-2018 to reflect final as-built measured quantities for construction. The Department recommended the approval of the amendment to the project for an additional \$9,365.63.

	Federal (90%)	State (5%)
Final project	\$3,175,876.31	\$176,437.57
Original grant	\$3,007,295.00	\$167,071.94
Change	\$168,581.31	\$9,365.63

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Funk to approve the state match amendment to AIP project #3-46-0050-52-2018 at the Sioux Fall Reginal Airport. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Boehm presented to the Commission the consideration of an aircraft dealers license appeal. According to SDCL 50-12-14, to renew a dealer's license, the dealer must sell or broker at least six aircraft in the prior 24 calendar months.

Ryan Good of Ryan Good Aviation was only able to sell three (3) planes in the past two years. In a letter to the Department, he stated, "with COVID and uncertainty that has arisen from the pandemic it was hard to travel and to meet prospective buyers." Good was asking for the Commission to consider an extension of his license based on these factors.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Luers to approve Ryan Good Aviation for another aircraft dealers license for the next two years. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Jack Dokken, Program Manager of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented to the Commission information about the 2021 Annual Airport Conference. This year marks the 36th year of the conference. Due to the COVID pandemic, the conference will be held virtually via Zoom on March 31 – April 1, 2021. A draft agenda for the conference shared in the meeting packet.

With no other business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m. CST.