

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. CDT

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Eric Odenbach, Chair
Bob Huggins, Vice-chair
Chris Funk
Rolf Johnson
Jerry Rieber

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Jon Becker, Tom Koch, Nancy Hiller, Katlyn Wieme, 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; Rod Senn – Mead & Hunt; Karla Nordyke – City of Isabel; Ryan Maher – Town of Isabel/Isabel Airport Manager; 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. CDT. 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 South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) Chapter 3 – 23.

No members of the Commission disclosed any conflicts of interest and no waivers were requested.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the May 25, 2023 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Rieber to approve the May 25, 2023 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Odenbach opened the floor to public comment.

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

Secretary Joel Jundt presented the Secretary's Report to the Commission. He reminded the Commission of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Reauthorization and updated the Commission on the status of the process. Currently, there are two bills in Committee which indicates there could be legislation passed before the September 30, 2023 deadline.

Next, Secretary Jundt asked to discuss the current Commission policy regarding the upcoming request by Rapid City Regional Airport to waive the terminal building funding limitations. He asked the Commission to address the ambiguity noted in the policy under the third condition, asking if the dollar amount is meant to be a one time cap for the terminal or more geared towards a funding cap for major improvements of construction such as terminal remodels/expansions, etc. He also asked the Commission to define "terminal" and whether that includes pavement.

Odenbach answered for the Commission sharing the intent for the funding cap was based on once per total project and could be used again on new construction in future projects. He also shared that pavement is separate from the building, so there would not be a cap on pavement projects.

Jon Becker, Office of Air, Rail & Transit, presented to the Commission for their consideration the following Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant applications.

Canton 3-46-0007-016-2023

AIP: Design hangar taxilane extension

Federal Share	\$ 68,400.00
State Share	\$ 3,800.00
Local Share	\$ 3,800.00
Total	\$ 76,000.00

Hoven 3-46-0021-016-2023

AIP: Construct lighting improvements including MIRL, MITL, PAPI, windcone, and rotating beacon

Federal Share	\$ 81,000.00
State Share	\$ 4,500.00
Local Share	\$ 4,500.00
Total	\$ 90,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Huggins to approve the AIP grants as presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Becker presented to the Commission the consideration of funding request from the Isabel Airport for the installation of solar lights. The Town of Isabel requested a 25% share of the cost in the amount of \$5,400 as this project does not qualify for AIP grant funding. The Town of Isabel also noted in its request that this cost estimate doesn't have an official project quote and that it may be coming back to the Commission for more funds in the future.

Ryan Maher, Town Board Chairman and Isabel Airport Manager, addressed the Commission to share the plan for the lights. He noted that the next closest airport to Isabel with night use is 50-60 miles away.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Huggins to table the funding request until the July 20, 2023 meeting and the Commission asked the Town of Isabel to provide a project quote that includes specific dollar amount. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Patrick Dame of Rapid City Regional Airport addressed the Commission to request a waiver on the \$200,000 airport terminal funding cap pursuant to Commission Policy. He shared the Rapid City Regional Airport is in the process of bidding the first of three major phases of an airline terminal expansion project.

Dan Letellier of Sioux Falls Regional Airport supported Patrick Dame in his request stating that Sioux Falls Regional Airport would also look for a possible waiver in the future.

The Commission looked at what funds are currently available and projected throughout the next couple of years. Kellie Beck, Division of Finance & Management Director, updated the Commission on anticipated balances of the Aeronautics fund based on the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects and future FY2024, FY2025, FY2026, and FY2027 projects. Beck stated that the Aeronautics fund would be projected to be in the red.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. The consideration failed.

Becker presented the consideration of funding request from Rapid City Regional Airport but noted that without the waiver for terminals funding, the request was no longer needed. The airport had not submitted a respective grant application for consideration by the Commission.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. The consideration failed.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m. CT.