

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. CT

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jerry Rieber, Vice-chairman
Bob Huggins
Dustin Coleman
Chris Funk

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Jack Dokken, Karla Engle, Jon Becker, Tom Koch, Nancy Hiller, Brock Antijunti and Kari Kroll

OTHERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Scott Costo – Mayor of Springfield; Brooke Edgar – Helms and Associates; and Charlie Baker - KLJ

Vice-chairman Jerry Rieber called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:04 p.m. CDT. Roll call was taken. A quorum was determined.

Rieber 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.

Rieber asked for a motion to approve the March 20, 2025 Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Bob Huggins asked to add an s to the word “Commissioner” in the last sentence on page 4 of the minutes.

Commissioner Dustin Coleman asked to add an s to correct the name “Sioux Fall” in the fourth motion on page 2 of the minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Funk to approve the March 20, 2025 Commission meeting minutes with the suggested edits from Commissioners Huggins and Coleman. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Rieber opened the floor to public comment.

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

Karla Engle, Office of Legal Counsel, requested the Commission set a hearing date of June 12, 2025 to consider amendments to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Chapter 70:02:04 – airport licensing. She briefly explained the rule promulgation process.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Funk to set the administrative hearing date for changes to ARSD Chapter 70:02:04 for the next meeting of the Commission on June 12, 2025. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 5.1 was adopted.

There was no Secretary Report.

Jon Becker from the Office of Air, Rail and Transit presented to the Commission for its consideration the following Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant applications:

Bison 3-46-0003-017-2025

AIP: Design and bidding services for 6-unit revenue-producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 235,600.00
State Share	\$ 0
Local Share	\$ 12,400.00
Total	\$ 248,000.00

Brookings 3-46-0005-040-2025

IIJA: Design and bid 140' x35' hangar taxiway extension

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

Eagle Butte 3-46-0068-018-2025**AIP:** Construct AWOS III system

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

Flandreau 3-46-0077-016-2025**AIP:** Land acquisition for runway 10/28 shift

Federal Share	\$ 1,295,000.00
State Share	\$ 34,079.00
Local Share	\$ 34,079.00
Total	\$ 1,363,158.00

Flandreau 3-46-0077-017-2025**IIJA:** AGIS survey for runway 10/28 shift

Federal Share	\$ 57,000.00
State Share	\$ 1,500.00
Local Share	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 60,000.00

Gettysburg 3-46-0017-017-2025**AIP:** Design revenue-producing hangar; aquatic and cultural resource survey

Federal Share	\$ 142,500.00
State Share	\$ 0.00
Local Share	\$ 7,500.00
Total	\$ 150,000.00

Gregory 3-46-0018-023-2025**IIJA:** Bid schedule A, 35% bid schedule B – revenue-producing T-hangar

Federal Share	\$ 444,000.00
State Share	\$ 0.00
Local Share	\$ 23,368.00
Total	\$ 467,368.00

Gregory 3-46-0018-022-2025**AIP:** 65% bid schedule B – revenue-producing hangar

Federal Share	\$ 532,000.00
State Share	\$ 0.00
Local Share	\$ 28,000.00
Total	\$ 560,000.00

Highmore 3-46-0019-014-2025**AIP:** Reconstruct apron (2700 SY); relocate taxiway connector(150'x35')

Federal Share	\$ 831,983.00
State Share	\$ 21,894.00
Local Share	\$ 21,894.00
Total	\$ 875,772.00

Hot Springs 3-46-0020-019-2025**AIP:** Construct AWOS III

Federal Share	\$ 508,250.00
State Share	\$ 13,375.00
Local Share	\$ 13,375.00
Total	\$ 535,000.00

Hoven 3-46-0021-018-2025**IJA:** Design revenue producing hangar; Geotech and environmental surveys

Federal Share	\$ 85,500.00
State Share	\$ 0.00
Local Share	\$ 4,500.00
Total	\$ 90,000.00

Lemmon 3-46-0027-020-2025**AIP:** Design and bid apron and taxiway reconstruction

Federal Share	\$ 204,250.00
State Share	\$ 5,375.00
Local Share	\$ 5,375.00
Total	\$ 215,000.00

Lincoln County 3-46-0078-024-2025**AIP:** Design reconstruction of taxiway

Federal Share	\$ 150,000.00
State Share	\$ 3,947.00
Local Share	\$ 3,947.00
Total	\$ 157,895.00

McLaughlin 3-46-0031-017-2025**IJA:** Reimburse 2024 revenue-producing hangar-fan coil heater

Federal Share	\$ 33,250.00
State Share	\$ 0.00
Local Share	\$ 1,750.00
Total	\$ 35,000.00

Miller 3-46-0035-016-2025**AIP:** Construction of taxiway and access road improvements

Federal Share	\$ 863,550.00
State Share	\$ 22,725.00
Local Share	\$ 22,725.00
Total	\$ 909,000.00

Miller 3-46-0035-017-2025**IIJA:** Design AWOS IIIP weather station

Federal Share	\$ 80,750.00
State Share	\$ 2,125.00
Local Share	\$ 2,125.00
Total	\$ 85,000.00

Murdo 3-46-0039-017-2025**IIJA:** Design reconstruction of runway, MRL, PAPIs, Mill/overlay 14 turnaround, construct 32 turnaround, construct connector taxiway, crack/seal apron

Federal Share	\$ 370,500.00
State Share	\$ 9,750.00
Local Share	\$ 9,750.00
Total	\$ 390,000.00

Platte 3-46-0066-016-2025**AIP:** Construction of AWOS-IIIP

Federal Share	\$ 346,750.00
State Share	\$ 9,125.00
Local Share	\$ 9,125.00
Total	\$ 365,000.00

Sioux Falls 3-46-0050-065-2025**AIP:** Construct east cargo apron expansion

Federal Share	\$ 10,826,248.00
State Share	\$ 601,458.00
Local Share	\$ 601,458.00
Total	\$ 12,029,164.00

Spearfish 3-46-0065-038-2025**IIJA:** Design and construct terminal building

Federal Share	\$ 355,500.00
State Share	\$ SB 144
Local Share	\$ 39,500.00
Total	\$ 395,000.00

Springfield 3-46-0052-016-2025

AIP: Reconstruct and rehab partial apron

Federal Share	\$ 212,882.00
State Share	\$ 5,603.00
Local Share	\$ 5,603.00
Total	\$ 224,088.00

Springfield 3-46-0052-015-2025

IIJA: Reconstruct and rehab partial apron

Federal Share	\$ 108,000.00
State Share	\$ 2,843.00
Local Share	\$ 2,843.00
Total	\$ 213,686.00

Becker noted that the Spearfish application was withdrawn and no action would need to be taken on that application.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Coleman to approval the Brookings IIJA grant application. Huggins, Coleman, and Rieber voted aye by roll call vote and Funk recused himself from the discussion and vote due to a previously disclosed conflict of interest. The motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Funk to approve all other AIP and IIJA grant applications as presented except the Spearfish application, which was withdrawn. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Tom Koch and Jon Becker from the Office of Air, Rail and Transit presented to the Commission a request from the Spearfish Airport for state participation to fund weather cameras for the airport. Koch shared the history and process of purchasing weather cameras as well as what surrounding states are currently doing. Becker explain that in 2024, the Commission funded a portion of the weather camera purchase for the Sturgis Airport.

The Commission asked the Department of Transportation (the "Department") to survey pilots and airports and look at weather patterns to create a map of optimal locations across the state for installation of cameras.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Funk to table any action on the Spearfish Airport request until the June 12, 2025 meeting. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Vice-chairman Rieber adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m. CT.