

# **SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MAY 28, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M. CDT**

Becker-Hansen Building – 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Eric Odenbach, Chair  
Robert Huggins, Vice Chair  
Rolf Johnson, Member

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Christopher Funk, Member  
Kassidy Nelson, Member

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Joel Jundt, Dustin DeBoer, Jack Dokken, Jon Becker, Tom Koch, and Kari Kroll

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Hamilton – SDPA; Andrew Wienk – Lake Preston Mayor/Lake Preston Airport; Brittany Bruce – NextEra Energy; and Mike Isaacs – Pierre Regional Airport

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Representative Dave Johnson; and Jamie Gentile – NextEra Energy

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the "Commission") to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

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Odenbach opened the floor to Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3-23.

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

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Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019, Commission meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Johnson to approve the April 23, 2019, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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

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Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt of the Department of Transportation (the "Department") presented the Secretary's Report. Jundt shared that on May 15, 2019, the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") awarded their Supplemental Grants funding to Pierre Regional Airport with \$2.34 million for taxi-lane and runway construction and Yankton Chan Gurney Municipal Airport with \$2.3 million for runway and lighting construction. These projects may be 100% federally funded but we will need to verify.

Jundt presented to the Commission to start phase three of the SD Codified Law Title 50 review. He suggested creating a committee filled by Department staff, Department legal staff, 2-3 Aeronautic Commissioners, and FAA staff. Robert Huggins, Eric Odenbach, and Cassidy Nelson volunteered to represent the Commission.

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Tom Koch of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented a request to close the Lake Preston Municipal Airport. Andrew Wienk, the Mayor of the city of Lake Preston, answered questions for the Commission regarding the details of why the City of Lake Preston is requesting the closure.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Johnson to approve closure of the Lake Preston Municipal Airport. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Koch presented a request to purchase 450 new plastic airport marker cones for a total cost of \$15,944.75 or \$35.43 each.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase of the airport marker cones.

THE MOTION WAS AMENDED by Huggins with the consent of the second, Johnson, to add that the cones would come at no cost to airports. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Koch presented a Tall Structure application submitted by Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a 45' x 50' addition on the north side of their existing metal sided framed building. The addition will be of the same construction as the existing building, have a height of 19 feet, and is approximately 600 feet west of runway 15 of the Parkston airport.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Huggins to approve to the Tall Structure application submitted by Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the addition with the condition that the application is contingent upon approval from the FAA and its 'Determination of a No Hazard to Air Navigation'. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Koch presented a Tall Structure application submitted by Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC and Crowned Ridge II, LLC proposing to construct a new electric transmission line consisting of 48 galvanized mono pole steel structures in the Milbank area.

Brittany Bruce of NextEra Energy Resources clarified the process and answered questions regarding the proposed construction.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Huggins to approve to the Tall Structure application submitted by Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC and Crowned Ridge II, LLC to construct a new electric transmission line consisting of 48 galvanized mono pole steel structures in the Milbank area. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Jon Becker of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented a State grant amendment to AIP#3-46-0076-09-2018 at Faith Municipal Airport. The federal grant amount was increased to reflect final as-built measured quantities for construction. The state share must increase accordingly.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Huggins to approve the State grant amendment in the amount of \$692.50. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Becker presented a request from the Pierre Regional Airport to use \$45,000.00 out of the State Fuel Tax Fund to assist with paving a taxilane in the general aviation hangar area.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Johnson to approve the request for \$45,000.00 from the State Fuel Tax Fund. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Becker presented a request from the Office of Aeronautics to use funding from the State Aeronautics Fund for the AIP project listed below:

**Canton 3-46-0007-008-2019:** Design hangar taxilane reconstruction.

Federal Share	\$	70,200.00
State Share	\$	3,900.00
Local Share	\$	3,900.00
Total	\$	78,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$3,900.00**

**Faulkton 3-46-0016-011-2019:** Reconstruction of south GA apron.

Federal Share	\$	657,000.00
State Share	\$	36,500.00
Local Share	\$	36,500.00
Total	\$	730,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$36,500.00**

**Miller 3-46-0035-010-2019:** ALP update, archeological survey and wetland delineation; land appraisal and land acquisition assistance reimbursement.

Federal Share	\$	202,500.00
State Share	\$	11,250.00
Local Share	\$	11,250.00
Total	\$	225,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$11,250.00**

**Redfield 3-46-0049-012-2019:** Design of wildlife fence.

Federal Share	\$	31,500.00
State Share	\$	1,750.00
Local Share	\$	1,750.00
Total	\$	35,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$1,750.00**

**Vermillion 3-46-0056-013-2019:** Design hangar taxilane reconstruction

Federal Share	\$	49,500.00
State Share	\$	2,750.00
Local Share	\$	2,750.00
Total	\$	55,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$2,750.00**

**Winner 3-46-0061-016-2019:** Design lower apron expansion – phase 2.

Federal Share	\$	45,000.00
State Share	\$	2,500.00
Local Share	\$	2,500.00
Total	\$	50,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$2,500.00**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Nelson to approve the use of funding from the State Aeronautics Fund for the following AIP projects: Canton 3-46-0007-008-2019, Faulkton 3-46-0016-011-2019, Miller 3-46-0035-010-2019, Redfield 3-46-0049-012-2019, Vermillion 3-46-0056-013-2019, and Winner 3-46-0061-016-2019. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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With no other business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.